

What kind of future for the Hartley Valley?

Should the Lithgow Council make all of it a heritage area?

Should the valley be zoned for more subdivision?

Should there be commercial and industrial development?

Should we promote its unique history and landscape?

Come to support or reject these and other options for the future at a

Public Meeting

Saturday 11th September at 2³⁰pm
for all Hartley Valley residents.

This is the second in a series of meetings
and is being convened to enable the community to consider:

- **Hartley Valley: Future Directions**, a report incorporating a vision for the valley resulting from the Community Planning Workshop held on 19th June.
- Supporting or rejecting a number of recommendations to be submitted to the Lithgow City Council, to implement a vision for the future of the valley.

2pm Hartley School Hall

Refreshments from 1.30

Saturday 11th September 2010

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This meeting is to record views on a number of issues.

It will NOT be an attempt to push an agenda, or exclude any opinions.

It is simply an attempt to ascertain the views of Valley residents.

Download **Hartley Valley: Future Directions** off the website
www.hartleyforum.org or ask for a copy from any of

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Planning Workshop progresses to next stage.

If you have a view on the future of the Hartley Valley, then the meeting on 11th September is a must attend.

This meeting has its origins in a discussion earlier in the year with the general manager and Mayor of Lithgow City Council who invited the submission of community views relating to future planning for the valley. In a process that began with a notice issued in the May Newsletter of the Hartley District Progress Association, an initial public workshop to hear the thoughts of interested valley residents was held on 19th June. Some forty community members who attended that planning workshop focused mainly on four issues, the development of the local economy, the need for conservation of natural and cultural heritage, the size of future population and all aspects of transport through and around the valley. The results of that meeting have been summarized into a document called **Hartley Valley: Future Directions**, copies of which are available at www.hartleyforum.org.

The meeting on 11th September will be used to build on the initial views expressed in that document by recording the extent of community support or rejection of the findings of the workshop. So whatever your opinion, it is important that you attend. Perhaps you would like the valley preserved as a tranquil rural landscape embodying a host of heritage assets of significance to all Australians. Alternatively you might like to see the valley developed through subdivision, or the allowance of some industrial development. Whatever your views it would be good to hear them, so that we can be sure that the final document properly reflects the views of the valley, both for and against the various recommendations that flowed from the original workshop.

If you intend coming, please ensure you read **Hartley Valley: Future Directions** and discuss it with your family and friends before the meeting. Also available are the documents generated by the process so far, and a draft agenda for the 11th September meeting.

These documents are as follows:

Document Zero - the bullet points from the scribes who recorded the views of the various tables at the 19th June workshop.

Document One - an expansion of the bullet points to create a readable narrative.

Document Two - a further expanded document including some cut and paste reference material.

Document Three - the '**Hartley Valley: Future Directions**' Document - a distillation of Document Two into a shorter easy read form.

Document Four - a draft outline of suggested process and agenda for the 11th September meeting.

All these documents are available off the website www.hartleyforum.org or by contacting one of the people listed in the meeting notice.

Documents 1 to 3 are the work of Mr Jeremy Dawkins, an occasional resident of Hartley Vale who has an outstanding reputation, as both an academic and a practitioner in the planning field, and who undertook to facilitate this process for the community without charge. Mr Dawkins is a member of the Hartley Highway Action group, from which this process was originally initiated because of planning issues emerging from the impact of the Great Western Highway safety upgrade.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting on 11th September. If you cannot attend please let any one of those people who have undertaken to provide copies of supporting documents know, and they will ensure your views are passed to the 11th September meeting.