

Hartley District Progress Association

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Newsletter Autumn 2015

Next quarterly community meeting will be held in the Hartley School Hall, Mid Hartley Road, at 7.00 pm on **Monday 2nd March**. All residents of the valley are invited to attend.

AGM Decisions

At our AGM held on Monday 2nd December, a new committee was elected as follows: Tom Kent (Pres), Barbara Wheat (Sec), Seamus Casey (V/Pres), Ramsay Moodie (Treasurer), with Diane Green, John Facchina, Ian Campbell and Sharon Howard elected as general committee members. A number of decisions were taken at the meeting aimed to simplify the operations of the Association.

- Quarterly General Meetings for the community will be held - 1st Monday of months December (Summer), March (Autumn), June (Winter), September (Spring).
- Committee meetings will be held as required - routine matters to be dealt to by executive.
- Website to be maintained.
- Quarterly Newsletter to be maintained in shorter format and issued in the month before the scheduled general meetings.
- Business Directory to be maintained.

Residents are invited to use the general meeting of the Association to raise issues that might warrant attention. Likewise the committee will use general meetings to air issues of concern and endeavour to give notice of such in the preceding newsletter. Residents are invited to contact the president or any member of the committee to raise any issues of concern.

Residents are encouraged to use the Hartley Community Website and Facebook page to access all community information and updates.

Contacting the HDPA:

President:	Tom Kent	6355 2393
Vice Pres:	Seamus Casey	6355 2113
Secretary:	Barbara Wheat	6355 2384
Treasurer:	Ramsay Moodie	6355 2259
Hall Hire:	Barb Johnson	6352 5828
Newsletter:	Susie Moodie	6355 2259

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Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 17th February RMS Information

Session 3-7pm

Sunday 1st March Clean up Oz Day

Monday 2nd March Community Meeting 7pm

Friday 20th March Hartley Happy Hour 6pm

Sunday 22nd March Open Garden 10am - 12

Sunday 26th April Macquarie event

GWH Safety Upgrade

On **Tuesday 17th February**, representatives from Roads and Maritime Services and Seymour Whyte Constructions, the contractors for the safety upgrade, will hold an information session at the Hartley Historic School Hall Mid Hartley Road to provide an insight into the final design of the safety upgrade. Residents are invited to attend at any time between 3 pm and 7pm to review details of the final design and to ask any questions relating to the upgrade. Concerns relating to elements of the final design at both the Jenolan Caves Rd, Highway Junction and the exit from the Hartley Historic site should be raised at this event. Any queries call 1800 035 733

Hartley Happy Hour

This is a chance to meet a few of your Hartley neighbours. Come along, bring a friend and join us for a drink and nibbles **Friday 20th March** at 6pm at the Hartley Historic School, Mid Hartley Road.

Australia Day Awards

Congratulations to local volunteers who were recognised in this year's Australia Day Honours Lists. In the National Awards, Margaret Combs was recognised and awarded an OAM for her services to local history as well as to emergency services and local sporting organisations. Locally, David Peters received a Volunteer of the Year award recognising his active membership of eleven community service enterprises. Furthermore it was observed that his involvement in the Agricultural Shows movement at a regional and State level represents a discreet and enduring promotion of Lithgow as an important regional centre. At the same awards ceremony, local transport services provider Lithgow Community Transport, chaired by local resident Barry Funnell, received a Service to the Community award for the outstanding service they provide to Lithgow residents needing transport assistance.

Clean up Oz

Sunday 1st March is Clean up Australia Day. Come and help us tidy up this beautiful valley we call home. The Progress Association will be coordinating efforts and will allocate clean up bags and equipment at 9.30 am till 10 am from the Historic Hartley School site in Mid Hartley Road. You can either target a particular piece of road as your contribution or alternatively join one of the teams dealing to an allocated section of road. Call Tom Kent 6355 2393 for enquiries or to register your interest.

Yoga in the Valley

Amanda Durkin from the Blue Mountains is starting Ki Yoga classes in the Hartley Historic School Hall on Fridays 10 to 11.15 am. For info or to register call or text Amanda 0403 243 350

2015 Business Directory

The 2015 Directory will be published in March. Anyone interested in advertising please contact Barbara Johnson 6352 5828 asap.

Open Garden

We are delighted that Sharon and Ross Howard have invited us all to view their autumn garden, 10 am 'til 12 midday **Sunday 22nd March**. The Howards are located at 12 Blaxland Road off Cox's River Road Kanimbla. Please join us for a morning of garden talk and a cup of tea or coffee provided by the Progress Association. Any queries call Barb Johnson on 6352 5828.

Hartley Improvement Plan

At our December General Meeting, we had representatives from Council meeting with us to talk about budget priorities for 2015. Mathew Johnson, the Council's Community Development Officer, was also in attendance and spoke briefly on the Hartley Improvement Plan, introducing the Community Survey through which Council was going to seek the views of residents to feed into the Hartley Valley Improvement Plan. We understand that council has had a huge response from Hartley residents. We are hoping to have Mathew Johnson give us preliminary feedback on the results of the survey at our next Quarterly Community Meeting at the Hartley Historic School on Monday **2nd March** at 7pm.

Gov Macquarie Visit Bicentenary

Late April will see the bicentenary of the Sunday that Governor Macquarie celebrated the first 'church' service west of the Blue Mountains when he camped at the junction of the River Lett and the Cox on his way to Bathurst. A commemoration of this event will be held at 2pm on **Sunday 26th April** on the river flat at Brad and Rosemary Barber's property Glenroy. This event will comprise the delivery of an oration relating to the heritage significance of the day followed by the celebration of a short commemorative service. If you would like to volunteer to help with the planning and execution of this event please call Ramsay Moodie 6355 2259

Caring for Country

Central Tablelands Lands Council currently have some funding available under their 'Blue Mountains Biodiversity Project' for landowners wishing to improve the condition of native vegetation and rivers and creeks on their property. Contact Huw Evans at 6350 3117. If people would like to know what events are coming up in the region they can always contact the CTLC Lithgow office on 6350 3110 or subscribe to their newsletter. Details on how to do this are on their website at <http://centraltablelands.lls.nsw.gov.au/>

'Don't be a Tosser'

As you may have noticed, Lithgow City Council has now actively adopted the NSW Government 'Don't be a Tosser' campaign to reduce the amount of roadside litter. Signs starting to appear on local roads invite those observing littering from vehicles to report the matter for prosecution. To report incidents you observe, go to <http://epa.nsw.gov.au/litter/from-vehicle.htm>. Incidents that you report will result in the automatic issue of a penalty notice to the registered owner of the vehicle.

Thanks to Men's Shed

Interesting artefacts at the historic Hartley School include two old desks and some children's kindergarten chairs. Long in a state of disrepair we are indebted to the Lithgow Men's Shed for resurrecting these items and adding to the collection with a number of newly built chairs.

Hall Hire

A reminder that the Hall and Facilities at the Historic Hartley School site are available to hire for private and corporate use. A great place for kids parties, club events and private social functions. To enquire regarding availability and hire charges call Barbara Johnson 6352 5828

Cooerwull House

A jewel in the Lithgow heritage treasury, Cooerwull House, is a most remarkable series of sandstone buildings, the erection of which commenced in 1824. The builder Andrew Brown, a Scottish immigrant, settled in the Lithgow valley on a grant of 200 acres that today is part of West Lithgow. His original simple cottage, built in the 1820's, remains as the western rooms of Cooerwull House, the home of impressive proportions he created with an extension he undertook in the 1830's.

Following completion of the house Brown went on to build six other stone buildings to complete the cluster of pre 1850 buildings that we see today. A separate kitchen building, a barn, stables, shearing shed, equipment storage shed, all of a consistent architectural style, creates a stunning building cluster.

The remains of a garden bathhouse, fed by a continuous flow of water channeled from nearby Farmers Creek and a Victorian heated glasshouse add further interest to the site. The buildings' original shingles, over-laid with corrugated iron more than a century ago, the tight square cut flagging of courtyards and items of Victorian farm equipment stored in the sheds are just added detail that make access to this set of extraordinary buildings an inspiring heritage experience.

An open day will be held on Saturday 18th April as part of the National Trust Heritage Festival. Call the Lithgow Tourism office on 1300 760 276 to book your attendance. The tour being run by the Lithgow Branch of the National Trust will depart from the Lithgow Tourist Information Centre. Those attending will get to inspect these building and to hear commentary by Dr Ian Jack, who has a profound knowledge of Brown and his accomplishments.

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ARBORIST	Andy Tree Man	Pruning, Lopping, Milling	0439 278 130
AUTOMOTIVE	Lithgow Auto Wreckers and Repairers		6351 2367
	Mt Vic Service Centre	Sam Millar	4787 1811
B and Bs	Glenroy Cottages	Cottages and camping grounds	6355 2186
	The Comet Inn - C1879	Greg or Cathy	6355 2247
BUILDING	Darren Anderson Constructions	P/L All building works	6355 2448
	Marjanac Design	Design/Construction since 1980	6355 0261
CAFES	The Lollybug	Lolly store	6355 2162
	Alchemy	Wood Fired Pizza	6355 2056
CARPENTRY	Mark O'Carrigan	New work, restoration& repairs	6355 2777
	Ben Dikic	Decks, pergolas, doors	0413 354 523
CARPET CLEANING			
	ALM Carpet Cleaning	Andrew	0435 752 493
CINEMA	Mt Vic Flicks	Arthouse cinema at Mt Victoria	47871577
CHIMNEY SWEEP	Andrew Clark	Your Local Chimney Sweep	0447 871 583
EDUCATION	Marie Majanac	Maths tutor all levels to HSC	6355 0261
ELECTRICIAN	Mark O'Toole	Bobcat & trenching machine	6355 2488
EARTHMOVING	B & R Barber Earthmoving	Brad Barber	6355 2186
FIREWOOD	Ross Howard	Quality firewood	0418 344 344
	Rob Jolly	Great firewood	6355 2278
G/DOORS	Hartley Valley Garage Doors	Sales and service	6355 2468
GALLERY	Talisman Gallery	Metal art and jewelry	0407 723 722
LANDSCAPING	Cliffords Landscapes	Design and construction	0410 552 294
	Grant Maundrell	Landscape architect/construction	0407 933 834
MOWER AND CHAINSAW REPAIRS			
	Hartley Chainsaw & Mower Repairs	Andrew Lawson	6355 2336
NURSERIES	Maple Springs Nursery	Fabulous maples and much more	6355 2140
PAINTING	Kay Decorating & Painting	David and Catherine Kay	6355 2270
PARTY HIRE	Lithgow party Hire	All the gear for a great party	6355 2438
PLUMBING	Mick Linhart Plumbing	No job too small	6355 2251
PRINTING	C&W Print	All commercial printing	6351 4806
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE			
	Rob Jolly	Reliable Property Maintenance	6355 2278
RURAL SUPPLIES	Adam's Shed	Stock feeds, fencing, produce	6355 2096
SADDLERY	The Hartley Saddlery	For all your horse and riding gear	6355 2165
SOLAR POWER	Hartley Green Power	Sun and wind power solutions	6355 2299
SOLICITOR	Le Fevre & Co	All areas of law since 1907	6352 2699
STONE MASONS	Mountain Stone Design	Michael Campbell 0400 277 818	4787 1340
	Heritage Stoneworks	Bill Holmes- Stone Mason	0421 367 257
TIMBER	Dam Ard	Posts, beams, barn doors & more	0428 428 345
WATER TANK MAINTENANCE			
	Pristine Water Systems	All water problems - call Phil	0437 578 199

Hall Hire - the Hall and facilities at the Old Hartley School 1881 are an outstanding community asset that is available for private use, please phone the Hall Booking officer Barbara Johnson 6352 5828