

Hartley District Progress Association

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Next quarterly general meeting will be held in the Hartley School Hall, Mid Hartley Road, commencing 7.00 pm on Monday 7th March. All valley residents are invited.

Hartley Valley Enhancement

The concept of developing a Village (in our case Valley) Enhancement Program has been identified within the Lithgow City Council Community Strategic Plan 2026.

The objectives nominated for the Hartley Valley Enhancement Program are:

- Placemaking - enhancing community facilities to increase community identity, spirit and sense of place;
- Community Development - encouraging opportunities for community interaction to enhance community well-being and village life;
- Environmental Sustainability - increasing the environmental sustainability of rural village communities;
- Economic Development - supporting rural village communities to identify and develop growth and employment opportunities;
- Infrastructure Services - providing sustainable infrastructure to support current and future needs of rural village communities, and
- Partnerships - strengthening relationships between rural village communities and council.

Last year we had a couple of attempts at finding out what council were planning, without success. This time, Council General Manager Roger Bailey, assures us that both Mathew Johnson and Melanie Jones will attend our general meeting on 7th March to brief us on progress.

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Dates for your Diary

Sunday	6 th March	Clean up Oz
Monday	7 th March	HDP GM 7.00 pm
Fri/Sat	11 th - 12 th March	Lithgow Show
Saturday	19 th March	Open Garden
Sunday	3 rd April	Hartley Long Lunch (bookings essential)

New HDP Committee

The December AGM of the Hartley District Progress Association saw the election of six new faces to the HDP Committee. Renzo Benedet was appointed Vice President, Sue Jack as Secretary and Warren Elgar as Treasurer, whilst Peter Hurenkamp and Joshua Barnes accepted roles as committee members. Ian Campbell and Seamus Casey also accepted roles as committee members, which together, with Ramsay Moodie having agreed to serve as President, will provide good continuity for the ongoing work of the committee.

The first committee meeting for the year was held primarily as a social function to enable the new committee to get to know each other and to meet the ex-officio members of the committee who do the newsletter, arrange functions, run the internet webpage and handle hall and directory.

The first general meeting of members for the year will be held on Monday 7th March in accord with our established meeting calendar being the first Monday of March June September and December. Committee meetings will be held as required during the year.

Opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the contributor and not necessarily those of the HDP

Kents awarded Life Membership

At our December AGM, long time members Joan and Tom Kent, who have left the valley and moved up to Katoomba, were granted life membership of the Association. Tom of course served for the past two years as president but the Kents, working as a couple made their greatest contribution in the works of the Bicentenary Commemoration and the 1813 subcommittee of the Association. The exhibition 'A Moment in Time' curated by Joan is a wonderful legacy they have left in the valley for future public display. Our thanks to you, Joan and Tom.

Hartley Walking Group

We would like to organise a walking group in Hartley. Dates and times to be determined; walks for varying levels of fitness. Perhaps get together with other groups, ie Blackheath, to vary the walks. Great to start or end with a coffee! Love to hear from you, Barb 63552384 or Kerrie 6355 2152.

Autumn Gardening in Hartley

- Weeds are growing madly after the recent rain so controlling them is top priority. In small gardens pull them out, roots and all but in larger paddocks a chemical spray to control broadleaf weeds will be necessary.
- Pruning when the temperatures start to cool is recommended. Large boughs that overhang roof and branches clogging up gutters need attention. A prune of hedges and fruit trees will tidy and shape trees for later flowering in Spring. Make sure the Agapanthus heads are cut off too!
- Fertilise existing bulbs, flower beds, shrubs with all round product eg. Harvest or Blood 'n bone and prepare vegie beds for planting winter crops. Till the soil & add lots of organic compost and some cow manure to these beds before planting. Plant broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage in mid Autumn.
- Plant deciduous trees in Autumn and in late March, April the spring flowering bulbs. Tulips & Hyacinths like to be put in cold conditions prior to planting. Remember to Seasol (seaweed extract) newly planted trees and mulch well. In late Autumn, water Seasol over existing shrubs eg. Azaleas & Rhodos to protect them thru Winter.

Maple Springs Nursery

Wild Dogs

Over a short period late last year, Alistair Gordon-Smith, Senior Biosecurity Officer from the Central Tablelands Local Land Services, conducted a wild dog trapping program working with local landholders around the Hartley and surrounding districts. Utilising the skills of the same contract trapper who was called in to assist and protect the local Fairy Penguin population around North Head after fox attacks devastated numbers, on this occasion the trapper was working with landholders to limit and prevent the effects that the local wild dog population was having on livestock through stock losses. During this period 9 wild dogs were controlled in the Hartley area alone, whilst numerous additional wild dogs were found and controlled along the escarpment areas further north and south of Hartley. In some instances these wild dogs had been forming packs which had then been attacking livestock as well as local wildlife. The use of remote cameras during this program helped to establish the extent of the wider wild dog problem and the ultimate effectiveness of the trapping program. Thank you to Local Land Services for their coordination of the trapping work, which has proved to be a very effective investment that complements and extends existing control programs. Local Land Services encourages landholders to consider forming local pest animal groups to better enable coordination and effectiveness of current controls being implemented. Anyone wanting advice regarding wild dog and pest animal issues can contact Alistair Gordon-Smith from the Central Tablelands Local Land Services on 6350 3110.

Lithgow Show

Don't forget the one hundred and thirtieth Lithgow Show 2pm Friday 11th March through till 10pm Saturday 12th March. Fun for all the family. Wood chopping, Lawn Mower Races, Ute Muster, sideshows, animal nursery, King of the Mountain Bike ride (4.30pm Saturday, 8 classes, big prizes 4.2klms circuit). Plus on Saturday night you have the Dmax precision driving team and a great display from Howard Pyrotechnics whilst on Friday night there will be lawn mower racing and the Rural Fire Service Challenge. Don't miss it.

Open Garden Day

Join us this autumn in the garden of Brendan and Sarah Child's Forty Bends Farm, Saturday 19th March, 10 am to 12 midday. Located on Forty Bends Road (the old line of Mitchells 1832 road), Forty Bends Farm (1860) is built on the site of the (1832) Travellers Arms Inn. It also has the remnant remains of the Eagle and Child Inn on its boundary and the Hassans Walls Cemetery (1834), one of four private graveyards within the valley, on its other boundary. Remnants of Lockyers road (1828) are also visible within the property. The Sorensen garden is a treasure to relax in, to enjoy morning tea provided by the HDPa, after a wander around the garden. Enq. Barb 6352 5828.

2016 Hartley Business Directory

Your 2016 Hartley Business directory will have been delivered with this newsletter. Advertisers in the directory are also listed in each issue of our newsletters and on our website. The directory has progressively built over recent years and now provides a comprehensive range of 'buy local' opportunities. Thanks to all our advertisers for being part of this local sourcing project. Our sincere thanks to Barb Johnson for all her hard work contacting everybody and to Duncan Wass for his efforts in assembling the directory for printing.

Clean up Hartley 2016

Sunday 6th March will be the 25th Clean Up Australia day. Doesn't matter how much you do, but doing a bit can only help to improve our Valley. Organising with your neighbors to clean up our local area will win accolades all round.

Want help in finding a place to clean up or want to work with a team, come and see us at the historic Hartley School(1881). Clean up Oz bags and gloves will be available between 9 and 10 am. To register your intentions, so we don't ask others to do your spot, or for other enquiries regarding the day, call Sue Jack HDPa Secretary on 0418 411 683. At 1pm come and tell us your rubbish stories and enjoy a sausage sandwich and a drink with us back at the school.

The Lithgow LEP - Rural Land

The LEP is Council's set of rules relating to what can be done on each class of land in the region and a map that classifies the district into various classes of land that determines their land use potential, eg rural, commercial or residential. In 2014 LCC council adopted a new LEP after an extensive land strategy debate. In the new LEP, in respect of Rural Lands, Council conceded to public concerns and retained the 1994 provisions relating to the subdivision and use of Rural Lands. This was done after an extensive public outcry relating to Council's original proposal to dramatically restrict subdivision of rural land, to remove existing building rights from smaller rural blocks and to restrict residential development to existing urban areas. The concession was made subject to the completion of an independent expert report and the recommendation of new policy for adoption as an amendment to the LEP.

The big issues are the minimum size to which rural land may be subdivided and the amount, if any, of further Rural Residential subdivision that might be allowed on lands in the district currently classified as rural. Those interested in these issues will already have had the chance to attend land strategy visioning workshops arranged by Council and held across the district in February. These workshops have been facilitated by the independent expert appointed to advise on a future rural lands strategy for the region. By May, the independent expert's report will be published in draft form for community review and comment prior to the formalization of the final report in June for Council consideration. If you are looking for further insight into this process go to the website page <http://council.lithgow.com/rural-lands/>

River Lett

All probably know why the River Lett is not the Lett River- the pencilled word, 'riverlett' of George Evans, on an 1813 sketch map being transcribed as River Lett. In a more modern transcription error, the sign erected at the Joseph Morris bridge over the Lett on Browns Gap Road was incorrectly signed years ago as the Lett River. Iain Stewart, Group Manager Operations at Lithgow City Council, recently confirmed that things will all be put right later this year as part of the Browns Gap Road improvement project. Thanks for helping to preserve our heritage Iain.

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ARBORIST	Andy Tree Man	Pruning, Lopping, Milling	0439 278 130
AUTOMOTIVE	Mt Vic Service Centre	Sam Millar	4787 1811
B and Bs	Glenroy Cottages	Cottages and camping grounds	6355 2186
BUILDING	Darren Anderson Constructions P/L	All building works	6355 2448
CAFES etc	The Lollybug	Lolly store and coffee	6355 2162
	Alchemy	Wood Fired Pizza/Licensed	6355 2056
	Collits Inn	Restaurant	6352 4442
CARPET CLEANING	ALM Carpet Cleaning	Andrew	0435 752 493
CINEMA	Mt Vic Flicks	Arthouse cinema at Mt Victoria	47871577
CLOTHING/EQUESTRIAN			
	Hartley Store and Saddlery	Clothing and equestrian supplies	6355 2165
COMPUTER SERVICES			
	Central West Info & Technology (CWIT)	Ron and Jo	6352 2800
ELECTRICIAN	Mark O'Toole	Bobcat & trenching machine	6355 2488
EARTHMOVING	B & R Barber Earthmoving	Brad Barber	6355 2186
EVENTS HIRE	Blue Mountains Special Events	All the gear for a great event	4782 1023
FIREWOOD	Ross Howard	Quality firewood	0418 344 344
	Rob Jolly	Great firewood	6355 2278
GALLERY	Talisman Gallery	Metal art and jewelry	0407 723 722
HORTICULTURE	Vella gardens By Design	Stephen Vella-beautiful gardens	0439 070 670
JOINERY/CABINETMAKER	Ashtrees Joinery	Custom interior fitouts	0410 153 305
LANDSCAPING	Cliffords Landscapes	Design and construction	0410 552 294
	Grant Maundrell	Landscape architect/construction	0407 933 834
	Lithgow Landscape and Building Supplies	Rob	6353 1077
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
PER. TRAINER	Fit and Fabulous	Angela Mills	0411 700 188
PHOTOGRAPHY	Karen Edwards	Fun, family, events, photography	0414 857 764
PLUMBING	Steven Linhart Plumbing		0417 045 105
PRINTING	C&W Print	All commercial printing	6351 4806
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	Rob Jolly	Reliable Property Maintenance	6355 2278
REAL ESTATE	Hartley Reality	Kristie	6355 2002
RURAL SUPPLIES	Adam's Shed	Stock feeds, fencing, produce	6355 2096
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
	Heritage Stoneworks	Bill Holmes- Stone Mason	0421 367 257
SURVEYOR	Anderson Surveying P/L	Subdivisions, set-outs, boundaries	6351 3476
TRAVEL AGENT	Cruiseabout Lynne Anderson	Flights, cruises, tours, accomm	6355 2406
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
VETERINARY	Hartley Veterinary and Animal Centre	Bronwyn De Losa	6355 2272