

**Minutes of HDPa General Meeting.**  
**June 1st, 2015.**

Prior to the meeting, Lithgow City Councils officers spoke to the group on the subject of the Hartley Improvement Plan. Details of the feedback from the community were discussed and comparisons with other village areas plans were tabled. Council officers are now collating all input from the Hartley area and will refine same and present a proposal representing the most important points as expressed in the survey. The LCC survey was sent out to all ratepayers in the Hartley area and a eighty percent response was recorded. The draft plan, collated from the survey, will be ready by the end of June. The completed plan will be brought back to a HDPa meeting later in the year.

The meeting thanked the LCC representatives for their efforts.

The general meeting commenced at 1930 hours.

Attendance: 30 in all, names are available in register.

Apologies: As per register.

Minutes of previous meeting tabled and accepted as correct (S Casey - S Moodie)

Financial report presented by treasurer. Report accepted by meeting (Seamus Casey-Duncan Wass), and placed in records.

**HY-TEC Austen Quarry Update.** Tom Kent explained background of connection with HDPa. At this time there is no further development but, at another meeting, LCC (A Muir) has indicated that progress is positive and should be advantageous to HDPa.

Rosemary Barber made the comment that no amount of financial aid will prevent the awful truck traffic especially in the early hours. The trucks in question are not just from Hy-Tec.

**GW Upgrade.** Work is in an obvious state of progress as per gazetted information from RMS.

Sarah Childs commented that the end game for RMS, and its work at the forty bends, is to reinvent the purple corridor option as a solution to the Hartley Valley section of the GWH. The "Purple Corridor" concept was explained to the gathering by Tom Kent.

**Jenolan Caves and Hartley Village exits to GWH:** R Moodie spoke on this issue. For both items better outcomes have been sought from RMS. It was reported that RMS will consider variation to the Hartley village exit and give an opinion in the near future. However, Jenolan Caves Road exit will not be varied from the gazetted plan. This has also been confirmed by Seymour White. The speed limit from Hy-Tec quarry site to GWH was discussed. RMS and LCC have been asked to manage existing speed limit with no real response. RMS and LCC to be further encouraged to “do the right thing”. (R Moodie-R Barber).

Commemorations of the first divine service held west of the Blue Mountains were held at Glenroy and at Butlers paddock. Both events were very successful and attracted large gatherings from near and far.

The events have been described in the winter edition of our newsletter.

**Hall painting:** S Casey reported that the project is complete and the contractor paid. This work was arranged and financed by the Hartley Recreation Reserves Trust. S Moodie reported that there is a gutter leak on the school building. S Casey also reported on the completion of the project to replace the outdoor furniture at the school and supply furniture to the new shelter. This project was also organised and financed by HRRT.

**Spring/Summer open Garden:** B Johnson reported on the very successful event held at the Howard family property. We are now looking for a garden to visit, any sort will be suitable. Sarah Childs’ (Spring), garden event was mentioned and was warmly welcomed as an outing for HDPa members. The next edition of the newsletter will contain information on this item.

**Pianos:** It may be more sensible to harvest the timber of the units. Decision made to get rid of really bad one and get a tuner to assess the other one. S Moodie to pursue this matter.

Discussion took place on the planning of a Bonfire night and a Hartley Happy Hour event. Finally, a small committee was formed to attend to these functions. (M Combs, S Howard, S Moodie, S Casey, D Green, J Facchina. Sharon Howard to chair group.

**2016 Hartley TT Project:** R Moodie reported on this item. Details as per last newsletter. 2018 will be the anniversary of the Hartley circuit. D Wass suggested an old bikes parade might be a good initial target.

**General business:**

M Combs suggested a change to the constitution to include in the membership ex-residents.

It was decided to table this idea for discussion at the next meeting.

R Moodie spoke on the subject of the departure from Hartley of Tom and Joan Kent. The meeting recorded the great contribution made by Tom and Joan during their time in Hartley.

A vote of thanks from all assembled was recorded.

R Barber asked that on the agenda for the next meeting of HDPa a discussion item be included to discuss how the HDPa can help the Lithgow Show Society. It was suggested that Mr David Peters be invited to speak on the subject.

Meeting ended at 2130 hrs

**S Casey (Temp. Minute Sec).**

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