

# Hartley District Progress Association

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## Newsletter Spring 2013

Our next bi-monthly general meeting will be held in the Hartley School Hall, Mid Hartley Road, at 7.30 pm on **Monday 7th October**. All residents of the valley are invited to attend this meeting.

### President's Report

With winter on the wane and spring showing its colours in the valley, we are all looking forward to longer, sunnier days. After the outstanding success of the 1813 commemorative activities, we have had a quiet few months with all involved taking a well-earned rest. It was heartening to see the community response and happy involvement in this exceptionally well-organised program. The financial aspect of this venture was also very successful and in agreement with the stated objectives.

The 'A Moment in Time' exhibition is now in secure storage in Hartley. This collection could take pride of place in any historical venue in the country and it is to be hoped that a permanent home for it could be achievable in the Valley.

The HDPa website and Facebook Page continue to be powerful and ever expanding organs of communication and are very much of the 21st Century. This electronic medium is ably backed up by the seasonal newsletter without which the valley would be the poorer.

In the next few months the present Executive will be replaced by a new Executive to be elected at the AGM on the first Monday in November. The present office bearers, with about 25 years collective service, will not be able to reapply for these roles according to the constitution. It is to be hoped that candidates will step forward from the membership to fill these important roles.

Historically, management of community groups such as the HDPa are targets for community criticism. Action speaks louder than rhetoric! Putting oneself forward as a candidate indicates genuine commitment. We all are equally busy in our private lives, but voluntary work must continue for the good of the community. In addition to filling roles on the committee we also need to make appointments to produce the newsletter the business directory and to manage the website.

Section 15 of the Constitution has clear directions on the election of members of the committee. "Nominations of candidates for election as Office Bearers or as Ordinary Committee members of the Association must be made in writing, signed by

two members of the Association and must be delivered to the Secretary of the Association (Ramsay Moodie), seven days before the AGM, at which the election will take place." A scanned nomination form by email will suffice.

I highly recommend that anyone in the community with any intention of being involved in the organisation come to the next meeting of the HDPa.

"If insufficient nominations are received to fill all places on the Committee further nominations are to be received at the Annual General Meeting."

"If insufficient further nominations are received any vacant positions remaining on the Committee are taken to be Casual Vacancies."

"In the event of a Casual Vacancy occurring in the Committee the Presiding Officer may appoint a member of the Association to fill that vacancy."

Referring to a "Casual Vacancy", the member so appointed is to hold office subject to the Constitution until the conclusion of the AGM next following the date of the appointment.

It is the opinion of the writer that in an extreme situation of the entire Committee being made up of casual appointees the day to day management of the HDPa as a voice for the community would be conducted by these casual appointees.

Our next General Meeting will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm.

Membership fees of \$5 per annum will be payable effective 1<sup>st</sup> September and must be paid by the AGM in November.

The full Constitution of the HDPa is posted on the Hartley Community Website  
<http://www.hartleyvalley.org.au/hartley-district-progress-assn/hdpa-business>

If anybody has an interest in nominating to join the HDPa committee or volunteering to undertake any of the roles we need filled I'd be delighted to hear from you. Call me anytime on 6355 2113 for information or encouragement.

Seamus Casey  
President HDPa.

## Dates for your diary

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September** Cox's Rd Walk  
**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September** Open Garden  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September** NAIDOC celebration  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September** Hartley Fire  
Brigade Open Day  
**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October** Back to Hartley Day  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** HDPa AGM  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December** Hartley Christmas Party  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December** Carols at St John's

## Last 2013 walk on Cox's Rd

One of the most popular activities in our 2013 Bicentenary program has been the guided walk following Cox's Road from Mt York, twelve kilometres through private properties, to Glenroy on the junction of the Cox and River Lett. Some two hundred people undertook the walk, guided by Ian Campbell and Ramsay and Susie Moodie.

We are organising one final walk this year on Saturday 14th September, commencing 10 am and finishing 4pm. The cost is \$40 which includes lunch, drinks and coach transport costs. The walk along Cox's Road is a unique opportunity to view the rich heritage of the Hartley Valley and to reflect on the consequences of the crossing of the mountains by Europeans in 1813. Limited places are still available. Interested? Please register by 10th September. Contact Ramsay or Susie on 63552259 email [ramsay.moodie@bigpond.com](mailto:ramsay.moodie@bigpond.com).

## Dog attacks

Living as we do in the Hartley Valley where rural lifestyle and rural enterprise co-exist, straying dogs are too often a common occurrence. A neighbour's stock can be at risk of mauling or death. We have enough problems with wild dogs, let alone straying domestic dogs, as a number of lambs and alpacas have died because of dog attacks in the past few months. Please ensure your dogs are always properly supervised.

### Contacting the HDPa:

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Secretary:	Ramsay Moodie	6355 2259
Treasurer:	Seamus Casey	6355 2113
Hall Bookings:	Barb Johnson	6355 2017
Newsletter:	Susie Moodie	6355 2259
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## Music Festival proposal

A proposal for a Music Festival in the Hartley Valley is not proceeding. The underwriters are now looking at other possible sites.

## Hartley Highway Action Group 21

In the last newsletter referring to the Hartley Highway Action Group's separation from the HDPa reference was made that "This has been done to avoid continual attempts by a member minority group to prevent HHAG from carrying out the instructions of the public meeting called in October last year" Dick Austen as a member of the HDPa stated that in his opinion this should have been stated as "This has been done to avoid continual friction arising from the question of the HHAG being answerable to the HDPa or not".

In recent weeks, the RMS has announced the implementation of two sets of point to point speed cameras to control truck speeds on River Lett Hill and Victoria Pass. This proposal is in full accord with the calls of HHAG over several years for this technology to be used in the valley and is expected to significantly improve safety on these two dangerous stretches of road. Consistent with calls by a number of residents, HHAG has made a submission to the RMS asking them to avoid impinging on the view from the Hartley Historic Site and to consider other options to mitigate the highly engineered appearance of the proposed camera mounting gantries.

A separate submission to the RMS and government is being considered in respect of the truck parking bays proposed for installation around about the area of Mid Hartley Road Highway Junction. These two bays of parking are inconsistent with the heritage landscape within which they are being placed. When there are other more suitable sites available within twenty minutes travel either way. This proposal tabled as part of the concept plan seems totally inappropriate and ignores the pleas made in the community consultation process by HHAG and many community members.

Any comments or suggestions please call Ramsay Moodie, the chairman of the HHAG committee 6355 2259.

## Thanks to our Volunteers

Our bicentenary program had amazing support from the community. As Duncan Wass, chairman of the HDPa subcommittee responsible for the bicentenary program, noted at our last Progress Association meeting, "we have been overwhelmed by offers of assistance from the community. We received more than thirty offers of help after our initial call for volunteer assistance in our last newsletter; in all, some eighty people offered to assist as volunteers." We owe a huge thanks to all these people.

As curator of the Moment in Time exhibition, Joan Kent had enormous creative support from Mike O Kane and Kaylene Brooks. On set up for both the exhibition and fly past community days, many worked in the background including Ron Simon, Keith Parker and Mark O Toole. The audio system lent by the RSL was fabulous, as were the marquees provided by Ross Grassick and Lithgow City Council. Adrian Leighton fine tuned the audio system for the Governor's visit.

Terry Feltham and John Barlow and their RSL and Lions colleagues made a huge commitment to the community flypast day including contributing \$1000 to help fund the day. Setting up the granite rock monument, there were again many helpers, Dick Austen and Bob Morris organised the rocks, Peter and Bill Henry undertook the placing of these rocks under the direction of sculptor Henryk Topolnicki, Lyell McLaren installed the plaque and Grant Maundrell did the landscaping. The associated signage was funded by council but finished to a high standard by Rob Davis, a valley resident who has also offered support for a broader heritage signage project being undertaken in the valley. On June 1st, the day the Governor opened the exhibition, Doreen Peters, supported by Jenny Holgate, Pam Day and Leslie Townsend delivered lunch for the official party whilst John Facchina and Ross Howard barbecued five hundred sausages as part of the public celebration. Doreen also provided lunch packs for some two hundred Cox's Road walkers over the four weeks of the commemoration program. Professional photographer, Maree Ryan and Fay Kenny caught the day in photographs and on video, whilst Garry Bucholz entertained us on tin whistle and accordion, playing the national anthem on the whistle as part of the formal proceedings ... much to the delight of the audience. And of course a big thanks to the students of Hampton Public school and their then head mistress, Moira McNair.

Behind the whole program was a core group including Duncan and Barbara Wass, Ramsay and Susie Moodie, Trish Ryan, Ian Campbell, Joan and Tom Kent, Dick Austen, Barbara Johnson, Helen Riley, John Lennis, Wendy Hawkes, Robbie Parks, Jeremy Dawkins and Kate Miller. And of course critical to the overall success of the program was funding assistance provided by Lithgow City Council, Dick and Yvonne Austen, the Emirates Resort, Ross Grassick and Cherie Welling, Marion Uren, Ramsay and Susie Moodie, local member of State Parliament Paul Toole, Lithgow RSL and the Lithgow Tidy Towns Committee. The Hartley Bush Fire Brigade gave us storage space in their shed for excess hall furniture which was greatly appreciated.

The list of those who helped with their support and skills, cooking, lending articles, advising, promoting, taking shifts minding the desk at the exhibition, making teas or helping with the organisation of walks, rides and other activities is long but captures the community support that so epitomised the commemoration project. Diane Green, Gina Moodie, Sharon and Ross Howard, Damian Howard, Ron Fitzpatrick, Fran and Adrian Leighton, Heather Fitzgerald, Patsy Moppet, Anne Collins, Dennis Plink, Connie Adams, Len Ashworth, Carolyn Piggott, Sue Graves, Sharon Wells, Kristy and Johan Nilssen, Lynn Collins, Greg Chapman-Oliver, Rob Jolly, Adam Mosely, Karen Edwards, Michelle Monaghan, Annette Collins, Vanessa Boyd, Kristy Logan, Max and Barbara Wheat, Angela Blanchard, Di Linhart, Sarah and Richard Lawrence, Reg and Marilyn Reid, Tricia Smith, Sarah Childs, Doreen McGarrigal, Edwina White, Janet Fordham, Liz Conroy, Julie Patterson, Sandy Inzitari, Sarah Lawrence, Pat Connell, Ian Bathgate, Di Pease, Kerry Mills, Merle Gill, Fay Kenny and the list goes on. We owe them all sincere thanks. In addition we are indebted to Bunnings Lithgow, Lithgow Free Range Meats, Hartley Saddlery, Adams Shed, Madjestic Tours, CW Print and the Talisman Gallery, all of which supported us. The Lithgow Re-Creative Centre also created beautiful children's period costumes for our younger visitors. Throughout the project we have also had support and assistance from the Mayor, Maree Statham, Neville Castle as former Mayor, and David Peters and Seamus Casey.

In late June, many of our volunteers joined the organising committee for a champagne 'thank-you' breakfast. We owe all these volunteers and supporters and those that couldn't join us a huge 'thankyou' for enabling the Hartley Valley Community to deliver what has been acknowledged as an extraordinarily successful bicentenary program.

**HDPa 1813 Committee**

## HDBA Business Directory - Spring Newsletter version

<b>ALPACAS</b>	Belgrave Park Alpacas	Alpacas, yarn and garments	6355 2477
<b>ARBORIST</b>	Andy Tree Man	Pruning, Lopping, Milling	0439 278 130
<b>BATHROOMS</b>	Blue Mountains Bathrooms	Scott Hunter	6359 3090
<b>B and Bs</b>	Glenroy Cottages	Cottages and camping grounds	6355 2186
	The Comet Inn - C1879	Greg or Cathy	6355 2247
<b>BUILDING</b>	Marjanac Design	Design/Construction since 1980	6355 0261
<b>CAFES</b>	The Lollybug	Lolly store	6355 2162
	Talisman	Wood Fired Pizza & Gallery	6355 2056
<b>CAR SERVICE</b>	Mt Vic Service Centre	Sam Millar	4787 1811
<b>CARPENTRY</b>	Mark O'Carrigan	New work, restoration& repairs	6355 2777
	Ben Dikic	Decks, pergolas, doors	0413 354 523
<b>CINEMA</b>	Mt Vic Flicks	Arthouse cinema at Mt Victoria	47871577
<b>EDUCATION</b>	Marie Majanac	Maths tutor all levels to HSC	63550261
<b>ELECTRICIAN</b>	Mark O'Toole	Bobcat & trenching machine	6355 2488
<b>EARTHMOVING</b>	B & R Barber Earthmoving	Brad Barber	6355 2186
	JDL Excavations	Excavator, Positrack, tipper hire	6355 2460
<b>FIREWOOD</b>	Ross Howard	Quality firewood	0418 344 344
<b>G/DOORS</b>	Hartley Valley Garage Doors	Sales and service	6355 2468
<b>LANDSCAPING</b>	Cliffords Landscapes	Design and construction	0410 552 294
	Grant Maundrell	Landscape architect/construction	0407 933 834
<b>MOWER AND CHAINSAW REPAIRS</b>			
	Hartley Chainsaw & Mower Repairs	Andrew Lawson	6355 2336
<b>NURSERIES</b>	Maple Springs Nursery	Fabulous maples and much more	6355 2140
<b>PARTY HIRE</b>	Lithgow party Hire	All the gear for a great party	6355 2438
<b>PAINTING</b>	Kay Decorating & Painting P/L	David and Catherine Kay	6355 2270
<b>PLUMBING</b>	Mick Linhart Plumbing	No job too small	6355 2251
<b>PRINTING</b>	C&W Print	All commercial printing	6351 4806
<b>PROPERTY MAINTENANCE</b>			
	Rob Jolly	Reliable Property Maintenance	6355 2278
<b>RURAL SUPPLIES</b>	Adam's Shed	Stock feeds, fencing, produce	6355 2096
<b>SADDLERY</b>	The Hartley Saddlery	For all your horse and riding gear	6355 2165
<b>SHOW HORSE ACCESSORIES</b>			
	Greg Watson and Hatitude	Show canes and millinery	6355 2044
<b>SOLAR POWER</b>	Hartley Green Power	Sun and wind power solutions	6355 2299
<b>SOLICITOR</b>	Le Fevre & Co	All areas of law since 1907	6352 2699
<b>TILING</b>	Mountain Top Tiling	Wall and floor tiling and paving	0413 077 121
<b>TIMBER</b>	Dam Ard	Posts, beams, barn doors & more	0428 428 345
<b>WATER TANK MAINTENANCE</b>			
	Pristine Water Systems	All water problems - call Phil	0437 578 199

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## Spring Gardening Tips

Spring has arrived which is always an exciting time for gardeners. The spring bulbs have risen from bare ground, blossoms are appearing on bare wood and rhododendron buds are bursting into bloom. Often gardeners make a choice between an exotic or native garden. As a designer I like to incorporate certain native plants that work well with our favourite exotics. One example is *Hardenbergia violacea* 'Meema' which is a compact shrub form of the climbing native sarsaparilla. Its early spring pea flowers are a vivid purple and look great with grey foliage plants such as lavender and santolina. Waratahs (*Telopea speciosissima*) we all know and love for their iconic spring flowers. Given a well drained site they can mix wonderfully with exotics that also like a sheltered spot such as rhododendrons, camellias, pieris and azaleas. So don't ignore the native palette in your garden even if you don't want the 'bush' look. Why not consider plants that can offer a stunning spring display and are perfectly adapted to our harsh environment.

## The Day the Governor Came



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You will be delighted to see how good you looked on the day. Several hundred photos, recording the detail of the day the governor attended the Hartley School, were taken by professional photographer Maree Ryan. You can view these photos by going to [www.liteeffects.com.au](http://www.liteeffects.com.au) then "photo gallery" and "A Moment in Time". Copies of selected photos can be purchased by contacting Maree at the email address provided on the website. A twenty minute amateur video capturing the spirit of the day is also available for purchase. If you would like any further information call or email Trish Ryan on 0263552026/merryamber@hotmail.net.au.

## Hartley Fire Brigade Open day

Hartley Volunteer Bushfire Brigade open day Saturday 28th September 10 am to 2pm Mid Hartley Road. Come and join the fun, watch the horse races at the shed, have a look at our new gear, let the kids have a go holding a hose and climb on a fire engine, or just enjoy a sausage and have a chat. We will also have the Lithgow Vintage Car club displaying a host of antique vehicles and bikes on the tennis court beside the fire shed. And there'll be a Xmas raffle wheelbarrow full of goodies all kindly donated by Bunnings Lithgow and D & J Ford Lithgow. If you are really keen ask about joining up as a volunteer to help this coming season. Any enquiries call Lynda Lovegrove the brigade secretary on 6355 2074

## Open Garden Morning

Grant and Bridget have recently moved to Little Hartley and have many plans for their newly acquired 9 acres. One of the first things starting to take shape is the food forest. This form of gardening uses natural processes to put productive plants into a balanced ecosystem that feeds the soil, provides habitat for predatory fauna and even forms microclimates for marginal crops. It's early days but Grant is able to show you the planning, processes and projected outcomes of growing his own forest.

Join us at 96 Dicker Drive, 10.30 - 12 on Sunday 15th September to learn more. Morning Tea will be provided by Progress . Enquiries pls call Barbara Johnson 63 552017

## Oral History in Hartley

On the weekend of 3rd and 4th August, 2013 Central West Libraries, working out of Orange City Library, hosted a workshop about Oral History in the Digital Age - a wonderful opportunity for those west of the Mountains to experience an introduction to Oral History theory and practice led by the passionately enthusiastic Trish Levido and assisted by the equally inspiring and competent Sandra Blamey from the Oral History Association of NSW. The Progress Association offered two places to this workshop to anyone interested in learning about this fascinating discipline. Diane Green and Fran Leighton put their hands up and attended this.

Diane Green reported, "As well as an introduction to oral history and the nature and reliability of memory we were taught how to prepare and structure an oral history interview, about issues around ownership of the material and copyright, choosing and using a digital recorder, downloading editing on computer programs and publishing recordings to disc or other storage media".

Not only was the Workshop itself invaluable in the information shared, but so many interesting people attended - not just from Orange but Canowindra, Oberon, Wentworth Falls, and even as far away as Canberra & Hornsby. In summarising Diane said "It was all quite a lovely adventure which has inspired us to really get involved in continuing the process of recording the personal history of those who have lived and worked in Hartley and to build on the Library of oral history material already held in the valley".

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"Never ruin an apology with an excuse".