

Hartley District Progress Association

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Newsletter Spring 2014

Next bi-monthly general meeting will be held in the Hartley School Hall, Mid Hartley Road, at 7.30 pm on **Monday 6th October**. All residents of the valley are invited to attend this meeting.

President's Report

In the true spirit of a community working together, 18 volunteers gathered at our Historic School grounds on the 15th June for a Sunday morning working bee - in four hours the school grounds were transformed into well groomed parklands. The day concluded with a barbeque sausage sizzle. Our hearty thanks to all who participated.

Our July activity was a Winter Solstice bonfire and barbeque on a cold Hartley Saturday night. Attended by 70 Hartley residents including a healthy number of children, the bonfire was quite spectacular. An added feature of the night was a telescope provided initially as an opportunity for the children to view the planet Saturn, but such was the adult interest that a queue formed to take their turn, continuing late into the night. Our thanks to Andrew Moyle for bringing his telescope and his wide knowledge of astronomy. Our fire wood raffle was drawn on the night, with Kevin and Karen Bell of Timperi Drive the winners. Our thanks to Erin's Quality Firewood for donating the firewood. The other winner on the night was our Progress Association with a profit of some \$1,000 towards a heater for the School Hall. The August General Meeting welcomed three community members who in turn outlined their "new to Hartley" businesses:

- Collit's Inn has very recently been reopened as a restaurant and B&B - proprietors Chris and Cheryl Warren
- Josh and Christie Logan have established a signwriting business - an example of their work will be displayed adjacent to the school gate
- Noelene Thorn is establishing The Hartley Markets which will operate on a monthly basis at the Hartley Historic Village. The criteria to participate is that the produce for sale is you 'Make, Bake or Grow It'.

Our financial year ends on 31st August and the AGM must be held within 4 months of that date - early warning that we need to plan for some new participants in our Committee and Executive.

Please give it some serious consideration - it is a good cause and WE NEED YOU! We meet at the

school on the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm, followed by a convivial biscuit and cuppa.

Tom Kent

President

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Dates for your Diary

Sunday 13th September Furies Open Day
Monday 6th October Next HDP gen meeting
Sunday 19th October Open garden day
Sunday 26th October Back to Hartley
Sunday 9th November Boot and Ute Sale
Sunday 7th December Hartley Furies/HDP
• **Kids Xmas Party**
Sunday 14th December Carols at St Johns

Cox's Road Bicentenary

To mark the bicentenary of the building of Cox's road through the valley, the acclaimed exhibition 'A Moment in Time' will be remounted, enhanced with additional Cox's Road content. The exhibition will be located at the Historic School site in mid Hartley Road and will be open on weekends from 13th September to 12th October. We will also be running an extended program of guided walks on Cox's Road over this same period. For further information and bookings go to the website www.hartleyvalley.org.au 2014 Commemorations.

If you would like to volunteer to help call Barb Johnson on 6352 5828.

CT Local Land Services

There is lots coming from the local office of Land Services. Forthcoming local events include; Healthy Farm Dams in the Lithgow region Date TBA, Understanding soil health in the Lithgow region Date TBA, Bioscapes 2 day workshop in the Lithgow area Date 20-21 October, Paddock Plants day at Hartley in November, Small Farms Seminar Lithgow 21 November. Contact Peter Evans in the Lithgow office on 6350 3111 to register your interest and to be kept informed of upcoming projects. Another interesting project starting shortly involves a broad coalition of interests working to support landowners to undertake weed control work in the River Lett catchment. Interested? Contact either Huw Evans 6350 3117 or Stuart Lovejoy 6350 3113.

Make it bake it grow it

Commencing this month a farmers market will be held at the Hartley Historic Site on the 3rd Sunday of each month 9am - 2pm outside the courthouse. Adding to the great coffee/meals and gallery facilities already open in the village the market will help bring further new life to the village. For Hartley Farmers' Market enquiries call Noeline Thorne 0429 829 547 or email Noeline at noelinethorne@bigpond.com. A great place to buy local.

Spring Gardening

Another winter is coming to an end in the Hartley Valley. The vegetable garden can be a neglected patch at this time of year and with at least a couple of months of frosts to come it is hard to know what can be grown. However some things can get started, see through a frost or 10 and get productive before summer crops can be planted. If you haven't got your potatoes in yet it's still well worth planting seed potatoes for summer new potatoes and an autumn harvest. Salad greens such as lettuce, silverbeet and rocket will grow but might benefit from germinating in a warm place before transplanting. Brassicas happily germinate and grow in cooler temperatures. Try early pick bok choy if you don't want to tempt the cabbage moth as it warms up. So no reason to go hungry during a frosty spring and beat the weeds with a vegetable cover crop. [Grant Maundrell 0407933834]

Collits an Inn again

We are all delighted to see Collits Inn reopened as a restaurant. Built in 1823 Collits Inn is, after Moyne Farm, the second oldest building west of the mountains. A gem in the Hartley Valley crown, located in Hartley Vale Road at the foot of Mt York, Collit's is a truly unique building. Brought back to its former glory with a major 1988 bicentenary funded restoration, it has served as a private residence for the last ten year. Collits Inn is now being reopened as a restaurant by well known restrauteurs Chris and Cheryl Warren. Collits Inn would be an amazing venue for your next function whether it be a Wedding, Christmas party, High tea, Bridal Shower or any occasion, the restored historic barn can seat up to 100 guests. The Inn also boasts a variety of accommodation options catering for romantic getaways to family country adventures. Be sure to pop in for a meal or just to have a look around. You won't be disappointed. Telephone 0263 550287 or mobile 0438305817

Back to Hartley

Don't miss 'Back to Hartley' Sunday 26th October commencing 9am. Face painting, food, coffee, pony rides, reptile display, crafts, produce, antique machinery and even the National Parks helicopter. A great day out. Entry just \$5 per car with all proceeds going to Lithgow Community Transport. Want to volunteer to help? Call 6355 2117.

Hartley Furies Open Day

The Hartley District Bush Fire Brigade Open day will commence at 10am on Saturday 13th September and run until 2pm. The theme for this year's open day is "Know Your Risk" so we are encouraging people to come along and discuss or review their bush fire survival plan, meet the brigade and have a bite to eat. We would also like to continue to encourage the greater Hartley community to become members of the brigade, keeping in mind that roles within the brigade are not limited to fire fighting. The open day is also a great opportunity for the kids (big and small) to have a play on the trucks.

Boot and Ute sale

This may be a good opportunity to clear out some more of those bits and pieces in various corners around the place and convert them to cash for Christmas. Sunday, November 7th. Old Hartley School grounds.

Vendors to arrive and be in place between 8 am and 9.30 am. Buyers and browsers from 10 am. Vendors - \$10 for a car or small van, \$15 for larger vehicle. Buyers and browsers gold coin entry.

Event will be publicized via highway signage and local paper advertisements.

Enquiries/site bookings - Barbara Johnson on 6352 5828.

Hampton's Litchfield Honoured

All will have been delighted to read of Ian Litchfield's receipt of an order of Australia Medal in this year's Queens birthday list. As a long term Hampton resident, Ian has been actively engaged in community affairs in our region for many years. We offer our congratulations to Ian on his award and thank him for his contribution.

Open Garden Day

Jane and Kingsford Dodd have very kindly offered to share their garden with us on Sunday 19th October from 10 am till midday and HDPa will provide morning tea. Jane and Kingsford purchased their property Alkoomie in 1991 and moved there full time at the end of 2005. The garden had some old conifers and peppercorn trees and has now been planted with maples, claret ash, silver birch, lilacs, paulownias, blossom trees, fruit and citrus trees, rhododendrons, camellias, azaleas, roses, wisteria, irises, bulbs, helleborus and a vegetable garden. Alkoomie 531 Marsden Swamp Rd, Ganbenang NSW 2790. Any enquiries please call Barbara Johnson 6352 5828

Hartley Kids Xmas party

Sunday 7th December at the Hartley Fire Shed Hartley Bush Fire Brigade with HDPa 11am start with fun and games for the kids. Santa will be there. Xmas party food for the kids at 12 midday. Parents please bring a plate to share. Soft drinks, Tea and coffee provided.

The Fire Season Starts Soon

The recent rain, with some more promised, augurs well for a good spring. Hopefully there will be an explosion of grass, starting later in the month. If you have stock you will be delighted, but for ungrazed house paddocks and residential blocks, the bonanza of grass will, unless dealt to, be a tinder box waiting for a spark once the hot weather cuts in. And that isn't necessarily December. Remember we saw the worst NSW fire in many years on 17th October last year.

So be prepared, mow or slash excess grass early before the act of mowing can become the spark generator that sets it all alight. And remember;

Identification - Make sure your property is clearly identified with a number. Remember the Rural Number system is not just a number, it tells emergency services the distance from the last intersection and the side of the road your house is on.

Entrances and Gates - Make your entrance as easy for emergency service vehicles to enter as possible. Remember how large a Fire Brigade Truck is. Difficult angles and narrow gates make it slower for us to get to you

Overhanging obstructions - The larger Bushfire trucks are used for property protection. They need 4.6m high clearance and at least 3.0m wide for unhindered access.

Your Garden - Don't plant trees that will grow tall or wide close to the house. Also, keep the area adjacent to the foundations clear from plantings and combustible materials. In the case of a fire emergency remove all other combustible materials from around the house like hanging baskets, door mats etc. Mulch made from combustible materials like bark can cause an easy ignition point in the case of ember attack. Don't forget to clean out the gutters!

Take the time to walk around your house and assess the fire risk.

If you want any specific advice on protecting your property or on developing your bushfire management plan contact Hartley Captain Jed Peters on 0419 215 196 or Kanimbla Captain Jim Commens on 0417 273 438.

HDPa Business Directory - Autumn Newsletter version

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
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