

Hartley District Progress Association

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Newsletter Summer 2014

Next bi-monthly general meeting will be held in the Hartley School Hall, Mid Hartley Road, at 7.30 pm on **Monday 1st December 2014**. All residents of the valley are invited to attend this

President's Report

As this is the last Newsletter for 2014, I would like to thank the Committee and all volunteers who have supported us in many different ways over the year, maintaining and improving the facilities we are so very fortunate to have as a community.

As we approach the AGM and the election of new office bearers for 2015, I would urge you all to consider standing for a position on our Committee, whether as an office bearer or committee member. I will be unable to stand for a position in the coming year as we are most reluctantly retiring from our farming activities and moving to the Mid Mountains. We leave with a heavy heart.

The objective of the Committee however is to expand both our membership and the range of HDPAs activities in the Hartley Community. We ask every current member to recruit a neighbour/friend/new resident to swell our ranks and contribute to the Hartley Community. We have many achievements of which we should be proud but we do need more members.

Two worthy projects for 2015 are an Honour Roll for the service men and women from this community who served in all Wars. Another project is to raise funds to restore the old school map (c.1920) which has been stored temporarily pending conservation. Above all we want all members of the community to be involved in our activities for the enrichment of the Hartley Valley. Best wishes to all for Christmas and for a happy and healthy 2015

Remember we meet at the historic Hartley School on the first Monday of each even month at 7.30pm, followed by a convivial biscuit and cuppa.

I wish you all the very best for the coming festive season.

Tom Kent
President

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Dates for your Diary

Sunday 9th November Boot and Ute Sale

Sunday 23rd November Hytec Quarry

Open Day

Monday 1st December HDPAs AGM

Sunday 7th December Hartley Fires/HDPAs

Kids Xmas Party

Sunday 14th December Carols at St Johns

Hytec Quarry extension

Hy-Tec's application for a 30 year extension of their licence to operate Austen Quarries has gone through the first stage for approval by NSW Department of Planning. The proposal will now go on public display and a copy can be viewed at Lithgow City Council from 6th November. Public comment is invited which in turn will be viewed by Council and then referred back to Department of Planning for further consideration. During the review period Hy-Tec plan to hold an Open Day at the quarry on Sunday 23rd November, 11am to 3pm, for interested parties to hear about their plans, to visit the Quarry for conducted inspections and to meet the Management of Hy-Tec.

Council Budget Consultation

Council has written to us seeking a community consultation meeting regarding the framing of the Council's 2015/16 budget. This meeting has been scheduled to occur just prior to the AGM formalities at our meeting on 1st December, 6.30pm at the Hartley Schoolhouse in Mid Hartley Road. We have had suggestions to date covering heritage, weeds, feral dog control, roads, tourism strategy, signage and roadside littering. If you have an interest in any of these or would like to see council pursue particular policy initiatives in these areas we would love to see you on the night. Alternatively you can call our president Tom Kent 6355 2393 with your suggestions. Following our meeting with Council, our AGM will commence at 7.30pm. Supper will follow the election of our new Committee.

Hartley School Bell

At the last meeting of the HDPa the question of locating and reinstalling the old bell at the Hartley School was discussed. It was agreed that the bell appropriately secured against theft would be a fitting and proper embellishment of the community's old school property. A number of heritage school buildings in the region feature their original school bells and building fixtures and we would like to honour Old Hartley School too. Anyone knowing the current whereabouts of the bell should call Tom Kent president of the HDPa at 6355 2393.

Carols at St Johns

The St Johns Christmas Carol Service will this year be held Sunday 14th December at St John the Evangelist at the Hartley Historic site. Commencing at 6pm, all valley residents are invited to attend and after the service are invited to enjoy refreshments at the former Royal Hotel across the road.

Bi Centenary Raffle Winners

Our raffle of a pair of soft toy wombats (Hartley and Little Hartley) was drawn by Joanne of NPWS at the Farmers' Inn during the 'Back to Hartley' Celebrations. 'Hartley' was won by Jenifer Cox of Blackheath, and 'Little Hartley' was won by Diane Green of Hartley.

Notice of HDPa AGM

Notice is hereby given that the annual General Meeting of the Hartley District Progress Association will be held at the Old Hartley School Hall mid Hartley Road Hartley at 7.30 pm on Monday 1st December 2014. Nominations are sought for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and three general committee members. Nominations must be made in writing, signed by 2 members of the association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of the nomination) to be received by the Secretary no less than seven days prior to the AGM. At the AGM we will also be seeking to appoint a newsletter officer, a website officer and a hall booking officer. Nominations from any valley resident who is a member of the association would be welcome. Nominations (and membership application if you are not currently a member) should be forwarded to the Secretary of the Association Barbara Wheat PO Box 372 Lithgow NSW 2790. Nomination and membership application forms are available from the HDPa website at www.hartleyvalley.org.au or call Barbara on 6355 2384

Bicentenary Update

This year's run of the Moment in Time exhibition with its expanded content covering Cox's Road opened with a bang at a formal opening function held at the old Hartley School on Friday 11th September. That gathering heard addresses by Anne Maree Wittaker, former president of the Royal Australian Historical Society and the Mayor of Lithgow, Councillor Maree Statham. During the month of its opening, the exhibition again drew an array of visitors interested in the history of the valley and was also visited by the walkers who participated in this year's Walks on Cox's road program. On two occasions the walks attracted full house attendance with more than thirty participants.

We owe thanks to the many volunteers and 1813 committee members who underwrote this further exercise in promoting the heritage of our valley. One development that occurred during this year's exhibition was the possibility that the exhibition may be installed in Bathurst as part of the Bathurst bi centenary next year.

CTLLS

The Central Tablelands Local Land Services Office is offering the following training opportunities in the next couple of months;

Saturday 15th November Farm Fencing Workshop to be held in Hartley. Then on Friday 21st November they will hold a Small Farms seminar starting 5pm at the University of Notre Dame. To register for either of these opportunities contact Peter Evans 6350 3111 or email him at peter.evans@lls.nsw.gov.au

In December on a DTBC CTLLS will also hold Native Plant Identification workshop Contact Hugh Evans 6350 3117 0425 764 069 or contact him by email on hugh.evans@lls.nsw.gov.au.

Macquarie Visit Bicentenary

On 28th April 1815 Governor Lachlan Macquarie with his wife Elizabeth came down Mt York on Cox's pass and into the Hartley Valley. On the evening of that Saturday, he and his entourage camped at Glenroy on the junction of the Cox and the River Lett and next morning they held the first church service held west of the Blue Mountains. There is a proposal that we should commemorate this event with a multi faith service in 2015. Call if you would like to be part of this project

Open Garden Day

Some fifty valley folk enjoyed tea in the spring garden at Alkoomie in October. Complete with resident bower bird and bower the garden was a perfect treat. Thanks to Jane and Kingsford Dodd for their very generous hosting of the morning.

Hartley Kids Xmas party

Sunday 7th December at the Hartley Fire Shed Hartley Bush Fire Brigade with HDP. 11am start with fun and games for the kids. Santa will be there at one o'clock. Xmas party food for the kids at 12 midday. To ensure Santa has the right mix of gifts in his pack pls rsvp to Doreen Peters 6355 2139. Parents please bring an (adult) plate to share. Soft drinks, tea and coffee provided.

Bush Fire Time

It's odd that this year saw snow at the same time we had devastating fires last year but don't let that fact put you off assembling your Bushfire Survival Plan. Write it down, review it with your family and share it with your neighbours. Remember the key lesson from last year; a fire ten kilometres away can overwhelm you in a day if conditions are bad. Those same bad conditions have potential to create a windblown ember attack from a fire on the high country that can in a short period of time create more fires in the valley than we are able to respond to.

1814 was Different

When William Cox cut the original line of road to Bathurst through the valley in 1814 things were different. The fact that he built a road down Mt York right across the valley past Mt Blaxland across to Cuthill Road and the Fish River with thirty or so men in little more than two months, was an amazing feat. Whilst it was little more than a cart road it included three significant wooden bridges and was all done entirely by hand.

A major difference was the weather. Cox kept a detailed journal and particularly noted the weather. During the month of November when they were working on the pass down Mt York it rained on twenty one days. Some days it mizzled all day, others it poured and sleeted and then some days they just got a big storm. On the 21st with pouring rain, he noted "the men utterly cheerless" and issued them each with a gill of spirits (the equivalent of a modern wine glass full) to lift their morale.

Different also was the fishing. In mid November, Cox had men starting to work forward as far as the Fish river. He noted in his diary that two men on a survey returned with ten fish (presumably Murray Cod), weighing more than two kilos each, which represented a welcome change of diet. The men observed that they could have caught many more if the river hadn't been in flood.

Pet Minding in Hartley

With Christmas around the corner Shelley Griffiths offer of pet minding services is very timely. Call Shelley 0263552366 or 0428273907

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
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