

Hartley District Progress Association

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Newsletter Summer 2016

Join us for Christmas drinks and AGM Monday 5th December from 6.30 pm, AGM commences 7pm, Hartley School Hall, Mid Hartley Road.

All valley residents are invited.

President's Report

During the year we conducted two principal social functions, the Hartley Long Lunch and a Trivia night in winter. Both were well attended, the Long Lunch, subsidised with support kindly given to us by Hy-Tec Industries, the operators of the Austen Quarry, was an outstanding success thanks to the hard work of the social committee. The two elections held during the year provided an opportunity to run delicious sausage sizzles, plus we arranged to have Johan from the Hartley Store do coffees, making the day feel more like a social event than a voting obligation, and again providing an opportunity for conversation between the community and the Association.

In the early part of the year we heard from council and provided feedback and additional suggestions on their Improvement Plan proposals for the Valley with some of the actions flowing from that work already commenced. During the year we started to focus on the issue of adequate digital connectivity for the valley, internet, mobiles and TV. There is much to be done as this is a major issue for many in the community. Our Clean up Australia day in 2016 has been promoted to Council as a standard that should be adopted across the region.

The second half of the year has seen most of our energies spent on engaging the community in a consideration of what the HDPa should be as a community organisation going forward. In this we have had formal responses from some eighty or more residents and obtained anecdotal responses from even more.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 5th Dec AGM

Saturday 11th Dec Carols at St Johns

Sunday 18th Dec Hartley BFB Kids Party

As a separate lift out you will find a summation of this work and its initial conclusions and we will allow time at the AGM for a discussion on this project.

Financially the year has been good we have grown our closing cash position to \$9156 and on top of that have an imminent expectation that we will receive the first instalment of our Hy-Tec VPA funding to help us with maintenance of the school site, an initial payment of \$10,000. This would bring our closing cash position to a nominal balance of \$19,156, once received

I would like to thank all of the committee for their support during the year. It's been an interesting year with new ideas and new views. The energy the committee has put into the Design Thinking and consulting regarding the future of the HDPa has been wonderful. Thanks to Josh Barnes for bringing the Design Thinking process to the table and his quite thoughtful leadership of the process. Thanks to VP Renzo Benedet for his enthusiastic involvement in that project and others, including leading the building sub committee, he has provided great support to me as president. Thanks also to Warren Elgar and Sue Jack for their work as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. But I would thank everybody who is involved, the committee the broader social committee the ex officio committee members who do website, hall bookings, business directory. Thank you all for your contribution to our community.

Ramsay Moodie President

AGM 5th December

Come join us for pre Xmas drinks and nibbles as we negotiate the formalities of our AGM agenda Monday 5th December from 6.30pm. All committee positions are up for election. At our 2015 AGM we welcomed five new committee members that have brought new ideas, energy and enthusiasm to the committee. Four of these have indicated a willingness to continue so we will have a number of nominations on the night but new people with new ideas would be embraced by the committee. One role we will be short on is a secretary. Call Sue Jack, our current Secretary, on 0418 411 683 and she will let you have a nomination form or call Ramsay Moodie or Renzo Benedet if you are thinking about it and need some encouragement ... remember it's not forever, your commitment can be just for a year.

St Johns Carol Service

Come and join the Reverend Tim Mc Iver and the congregation of St John the Evangelist at Hartley as they celebrate their wonderful annual Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 11th December commencing at 7pm. All valley residents will be warmly welcomed and following the service are invited to enjoy refreshments across the road at the Royal in the Hartley Historic Site precinct.

Hartley Furies Kid's Xmas Party

Sunday 18th December at the Hartley Fire Shed Hartley Bush Fire Brigade. 11.30 am start with fun and games for the kids. Come in your play clothes, not your party clothes, because there will be lots of fun and games. Santa will be there at one o'clock with a gift for all the kids. Xmas party food for the kids at 12 midday. For catering purposes please rsvp to Doreen Peters 6355 2139. Soft drinks, tea and coffee provided.

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Life Membership Offer

At last year's AGM we made a decision to offer life membership rights to members who wish to remain members but who have ceased to reside in the Valley, residence being the primary prerequisite for membership. This year we will be confirming the extension of life membership to Duncan and Barbara Wass. Duncan and Barbara have moved up to Mount Victoria but have expressed a desire to continue their membership of the Association. Duncan will be known to many as a past president of the Association and chair of the 1813 Committee, the subcommittee that organised the various 1813 Bicentenary activities we undertook and that manages the Western Crossings Trust, the foundation we established to promote consideration of the consequences of the European crossing in 1813. Duncan and Barbara made a truly outstanding contribution to the Moment in Time exhibition and our other works associated with the 1813 commemoration with Duncan taking leadership responsibility for the program.

Updating our Constitution

Many may be aware that the Associations Incorporations Act 2009 was amended during the year to provide a new updated standard constitution. Whilst we considered the adoption of this constitution to update our existing one, which is largely drawn from the standard constitution provided in the Act, adoption has been deferred until such time as the work we have been doing on the future role and functions of the Association is fully complete, at which time a suitably amended new constitution will be proposed.

Bush Fires Start Soon

It only takes a hot week to turn a sea of spring grass into a grass fire waiting to happen. Be prepared, mow and have a good cleared area around you home. Remove flammable materials from around the house. Trim overhanging branches and make sure the entrance and access to your home will allow access for a fire appliance. Have a good hose handy. Have a bush fire plan and make sure your family understands it. Call 000 to report fires.

Thanks to Barb Johnson

Barbara Johnson came to the Valley some fifteen years ago, living off Cox's River Road, initially whilst running the successful IGA at Leura. Her involvement with the Progress Association originally involved helping with the Big Backyard. Subsequently she joined the committee and served at least two terms as treasurer, actively participated in open garden activities and was forever willing to help. She was the architect of the more recent tree plantings at the school site. In the last three years since moving in to South Bowenfels she has undertaken the role of Hall booking officer and been responsible for all the administration around the assembly of the annual Business Directory, co-ordinating the assembly of the directory with Duncan Wass. Barb is stepping down from her roles as she becomes progressively more involved in her new community. Her service has been exemplary always bringing the wisdom of her long business experience to the table. We thank you Barb.

HDPa Business Directory

February/March will again see the publication of the HDPa Hartley Business Directory. As in previous years we will assume the renewal of existing entries and issue invoices accordingly in early February. Advertisers enjoy publication in the A5 size directory published in March, inclusion in the abridged business directory listing included in newsletters and listing in the Hartley Valley Community website. For anyone wanting to promote their services in the valley we will deliver your flyer with our quarterly newsletter for \$25.

Open Garden

By the time this newsletter is distributed we will have enjoyed an open garden at Dick and Yvonne Austen's. With the weather as it has been, the roses are bound to be superb. Thank you both for offering your garden as an inspiration to others.

If anyone would like to offer their garden for an Autumn garden visit please call Susie Moodie 6355 2259.

Vale of Clywdd

It was Governor Macquarie, on his trip to Bathurst in April 1815, who brought the name Vale of Clywdd to the region. Macquarie was moved by the beauty of the Hartley Valley and the escarpment and named the valley the Vale of Clywdd. After descending Mt York he wrote in his journal "at 2.15pm we pursued our journey in the carriage over a fine plain verdant country of open forest land through a beautiful vale of five miles I have named the vale Clywdd after the valley of the same name in Wales. This Vale terminates at a river running South formed by two streams, one from the westward (the Cox) and one from the eastward (the River Lett) at a distance of five miles from Mt York". This reference to the top of the Hartley Valley remained in use 'til late Victorian times. An 1879 map of the County of Cook marks the River Lett valley as the Valley of Clwydd. In the late 1800s a village of Clywdd subdivision was planned just east of the River Lett Crossing on Browns Gap Rd; the origin of the house blocks being built on today. In the Colliers Arcade up at Blackheath a 1924 tourist map on the wall attributes the name Vale of Clywdd to the whole of the Hartley/Kanimbla valley.

The Vale of Clywdd as a name clearly belongs to the Hartley Valley, so how did it become the name of the small community located just East of Lithgow on Hartley Valley Road? All is made clear in the publication 'Looking Back and Forward' a 1947 publication by the Vale of Clwydd Progress Association, where it is stated "the settlement was officially founded in 1867 when a member of the company (that sunk the coal mine in the Vale of Clywdd), a Welsh mining engineer, named the area the Vale of Clwydd". Not a bureaucratic bungle, more just a coincidence, two different individuals, at different times, seeing the likeness of these areas to the Vale of the same name in Wales.

Santa Photos just \$30

Santa, together with his local professional photographer Karen Edwards, will be in attendance
Sat 3 Dec - Adams Shed 9-10.30am
Sun 4 Dec - The Lolly Bug 9-10.30am
Sat 10 Dec - Adams Shed, 9-10.30am
Sun 11 Dec - Hartley Post Office Cafe 9.30-10.30.

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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	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/EQUES	Hartley Store and Saddlery	Clothing and equestrian supplies	6355 2165
COMPUTER SVCS	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
ENVIRONMENTAL	KHS Ecology & Bushfire	Bushfire & flora/fauna reports	0407 031 472
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
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
MARRIAGE CELEBRANT	Sue Jack	Wedding and Naming Ceremonies	0418 411 683
MOWER/SAW RPRS	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
PERS. 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 MNTNCE	Rob Jolly	Reliable Property Maintenance	6355 2278
REAL ESTATE	Hartley Realty	Sales Hol Lettings Property Services	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	mountainstone@live.com.au	0400 277 818
	Heritage Stoneworks	Bill Holmes- Stone Mason	0421 367 257
SURVEYOR	Anderson Surveying P/L	Subdivisions, set-outs, boundaries	6351 3476
TAX SERVICES	York View Accounting Stacey Down	Tax Agent and Bookkeeper	0418 612 284
TRAVEL AGENT	Cruiseabout Lynne Anderson	Flights, cruises, tours, accomm	6355 2406
TIMBER	Dam Ard	Posts, beams, barn doors & more	0428 428 345
WATER	Pristine Water Systems	All water problems - call Phil	0437 578 199
VETERINARY	Hartley Veterinary & Animal Centre	Bronwyn De Losa	6355 2272