



## Summer 2012

Next meeting will be on Monday December 2nd at the Old School in Mid Hartley Road, Hartley at 7.30pm.

### Presidents Report

With summer just a few weeks away, and Christmas fast approaching, a break in the very dry conditions would be a lovely end of year gift.

The autumn period has been a very busy time at the Hartley School and grounds. The painting of the school exterior and roof is well underway and the results are very pleasing.

The roof will be painted by Christmas. All plumbing repairs have been carried out to all the buildings and tanks.

The weatherproofing of the toilet block and the erection of the picnic shelter are also scheduled to be completed by mid December.

Our recent AGM was followed by a very enjoyable quiet social evening. The AGM itself resulted in the outgoing office bearers being re-elected.

This occurred due to the total absence of any nominations from other parties. The duties of treasurer have passed from Barbara Johnson to Seamus Casey.

A very enjoyable Irish Set Dancing evening was held during November with participants coming from as far afield as Canberra.

In December our Car Boot sale will take place at the school grounds. All are welcome to participate.

The combined Christmas party (Progress, Trust and Fire service) will take place on December 16th.

Santa will be on duty; parents of small children please note this date.

Our next Progress meeting is on the first Monday of December. All are welcome, please bring a plate.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas party and wish you all the best for the remainder of the year, and the festive season.

S F Casey  
President

### For the Diary

**Car Boot Sale** Sun 2nd Dec from 10am (page 3)  
**Next Meeting** Monday 3rd December 7.30pm  
**Christmas Party** Sunday 16th Dec (Page 7)

**Australia Day** Saturday 26th Jan :  
Pop along to the next meeting (Dec. 3)  
and help plan the celebrations.

### This issue's Local Business

Damian Howard manufactures an extensive range of products from recycled timber, which he cuts to size on his sawmill. The items Damian produces include timber panelling, verandah posts, beams in all sizes, traditional style farm gates, barn doors, post and rail fencing and servery counters.

Damian can be contacted on 0428 428 345.

## New to the Valley

A member of the Progress Committee recently received an impassioned plea from an acquaintance in The Mountains. He'd heard of a lady who was coming from the South Coast to live in Hartley, and she had a pressing problem. She had a large number of bantams which she wanted to bring with her – the issue was that they had to come ahead of her pending property settlement.

Did the Committee member know of anyone in the Valley who could receive and care for a number of cages of small chooks for about four days until their owner arrived at her new house?

Showing the best of the community spirit that we know abounds here, Progress members Kerry Mills and Di Pease put up their hands for the job. The bantams were delivered and, unwilling to leave them in cages Kerry recommissioned her mothballed chook pen, where they remained until their new home was ready - somewhat later than expected after a delayed settlement

Our new Valley resident turned out to be a lady named Hermina Mannesse, and she's now happily installed in her Hartley property, surrounded by her many pets.

Hermina's first meeting face to face with Kerry and Di was when they returned her bantams, along with a nice little clutch of eggs.

We welcome Hermina into the Valley community, and say thanks to Kerry and Di for the very practical help they so generously offered to a newcomer.

## Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM was attended by 16 souls, and the business transacted in a timely manner. All office bearers were returned unopposed, except Barbara Johnson, who, after three years as Treasurer, was not eligible for re-election. We thank Barbara for her sterling work in overseeing our finances during a very busy time for HDPa, and welcome her as a new committee member. Seamus Casey will undertake the Treasurer's role this year.

## 1813 Bicentenary

Planning continues apace for the commemorations in the middle of next year. We are pleased to announce the grant of \$20,000 in cash and kind from Lithgow City Council, and a further \$10,000 from local identity Dick Austen.

The Guided Walks along Coss Road are taking shape very quickly, and Keith Painter, author of the many "Pocket Pal" (<http://mountainmistbooks.com>) walking guides, is preparing notes for participants. Dick Austen has landowner agreements drawn up, and insurance covered, and Ian Campbell has been invaluable in taking many of us over the route and pointing out many interesting areas.

Kristy from Hartley Saddlery is looking at the possibility a ride along the route. This could begin on Saturday at the base of Mt York and go as far as McKanes Falls Road, with dinner and overnight at the Liddleton Shearing shed, before completing the return journey on Sunday.

The Images exhibition "A Moment in Time" is coming together very nicely. We are fortunate to have film designer Mike O'Kane (Superman 2, among many others) to assist with the overall design, and Lynn Collins, (instrumental in curating the Hyde Park Barracks Museum) is also providing valuable input. The exhibition will be held in the Hartley School Hall in May and June next year, and has been designed to be able to travel to other venues in later years.

"Hartley Rocks" will be a community fair day on Saturday June 1st at the Old School, with fun and activities for all the family. The Governor has diarised the day, and we have appointed Pat Drummond as Artistic Director to organise the entertainment. There will be a time capsule placed under the granite memorial, which will bear a plaque to be dedicated by the Governor.

The History Conference on June 8th is taking shape as well, with a number of prominent speakers lined up to deliver papers.

If you would like to ask questions or to assist in any way in any of the above projects, please call Duncan Wass on 6355 2043

## Vale

We note with sadness the recent passing of two of the fine old gentlemen of the valley in Jeff Peters and Billy Connell. Long time residents both, they are missed greatly. Our thoughts are with Doreen and Pat, and we wish them and their families all the best in the coming summer, which can feel as cold as winter when a long time companion is no longer there.

### CAR BOOT 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.

THE DATE – Sunday, December 2nd.

LOCATION – Hartley School, Mid Hartley Rd.

THE TIMES – Vendors to arrive and be in place between 8 am and 9.30 am.

**Buyers and browsers from 10 am.**

THE COST – Vendors - \$10 for a car or small van, \$15 for larger vehicle.

Buyers and browsers – entry by gold coin donation to be applied to ongoing restoration work at the Hartley School and Hall.

Since our last Car Boot Sale we've been able to markedly improve and increase our advertising signage (with the generous assistance of Bunnings at Lithgow), and so hope to encourage the participation of a larger number of those folk travelling the Highway.

Enquiries / site bookings –

Barbara Johnson on 6355 2017.

### We are online...

Don't forget that you can access this newsletter, and LOTS more information, on our website at

**[www.hartleyvalley.org.au](http://www.hartleyvalley.org.au)**

If you let us have your email address, we can let you know by email when the newsletter is posted on the site. To go on the list, just go to the website and click on "Hartley Progress Assn" and then on the "register here" link, and we will add you to the list.

Thankyou to Diane Green, who is administering the web page, [www.hartleyvalley.org.au](http://www.hartleyvalley.org.au) AND our facebook page

( <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Hartley-District-Progress-Association/125044480902275> ).

Do take a moment to look at them both, and let Diane know what you think.

### OPEN GARDEN VISIT

Our thanks go to Sharon and Ross Howard and their little dog Belle for welcoming us to their property on Sunday, October 7, 2012.

The trip from the gate down their long driveway to the house and garden took us past an impressive array of reclaimed railway sleepers - the best of them are recycled into wonderful products by son Damian, while the remainder go to Ross's firewood business.

The Howards have been planting on their place for some time, but since making the property their permanent home have had the opportunity to really get on with the job and have undertaken a lot of new work.

The seventy or more of us who attended on the day were fortunate to be able to see the early stages of development of a lovely garden, and we hope that Sharon and Ross will ask us back again in a year or two to see its progress.

We gathered around the impressive vegetable garden while Robin Johnson from Blackheath gave a useful talk on composting and soil improvement. Robin has helped with various aspects of the Howards' garden – he has a background as a landscape horticulturalist and more recently works as a consultant in garden design. Robin can be contacted on 0424 023 652.

The weather was wonderful, and it was a great outing for the many garden enthusiasts who attended. Our thanks go to Sharon for showing and explaining the detail of the garden and the plans for its future, and to Ross for doing all of those things as well as taking on the important task of keeping the hot water coming for our cuppa.

Would you like to invite us to your garden at some time in the future? Gardens can be very small, or very large. They can be old and well established, or perhaps planted only yesterday. No matter. We love them all. Barb Johnson on 6355 2017 would welcome your call.

## Letter From Warwick Fuller

Down the end of Megalong Place lives one of the most prominent landscape artists in Australia.

His name is Warwick Fuller and it is well known that his dog understands english perfectly.

This is an account of his recent doings.

"G'day,

I have just returned from a week painting as official tour artist with His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales and Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall, during their recent tour of Australia.

The Prince of Wales was introduced to my work through Panter and Hall Gallery, London, who represent me in the UK. A successful exhibition earlier this year was my seventh one-man show with them over a decade.

It has been a policy of Prince Charles to take an artist on tour as he is a watercolourist himself and understands the difference between the cold hard facts of a photograph and an interpretation through the eyes of an artist. Paintings from these tours may become part of the Princes collection, ultimately entering the Royal Collection.

There is currently a documentary being made on artists of the royal family, to air on British TV next year with Prince Charles very much involved. I was filmed painting at Penfolds Winery and interviewed, with the intended possibility of being part of the documentary.

It was a whirlwind tour moving continuously at a relentless pace, with military precision, planning and timing. I was able to paint at locations planned ahead of time and fortunately, mostly found good subject material. On a showery day at a sheep stud out of Hobart I only just won a race by seconds with a great pelting storm.



At the Icebergs at Bondi, Sydney, a monstrous deluge beat me! I was drenched through with an unsalvageable painting roughed up by the sudden driving rain.

Magic moments came along at Yarralumla ACT. While a garden party and ceremony was taking place just over the hedge, I stood on the shore of Lake Burley Griffin with reflected billowing sky and gentle breeze, to the strains of Advance Australia Fair.

Whilst I painted in the vicinity of the formal Diamond Jubilee receptions, greetings and ceremonies, out of the 'range of distraction', on the breeze I heard performances of Gurrumul Yunupingu, various military bands and chatter with PM, GG, Governors and Premiers et-al.

Flying from Melbourne to Adelaide, to Hobart, to Sydney, to Canberra on a RAAF B737 plane, painting whenever I could on the many short stops, I finished the tour with nine paintings, some pencil sketches, and an arrangement to go back to Admiralty House and Garden Island!





Moments to remember were:

Wandering the grand halls and rooms of Government House in both Melbourne and Sydney to find rarely seen paintings by Roberts, Streeton, Smart, Ashton etc.

Painting beside the Flemington race track mounting yard, in front of the private members stand with a halo of space around me in the throng of people as the Melbourne Cup race begins.

Standing in the centre of the war Memorial with sketchbook, in still silence during the playing of the last post.

In flight discussion with Prince Charles on his days at Timber Top, Victoria, and my camping and painting there earlier this year. He was happy that my brother in law was catching trout in the Howqua River as he himself had done in 1966."



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## Summer Gardening in the Valley

As summer approaches there are a few jobs in the garden requiring attention.

Soil conditioning and mulching planted trees and shrubs helps to protect them through the hotter dry months. If planting shrubs and seedlings, adding manure and composted material to the soil will help the new plants retain water and adjust.

All plants need fertilising and watering regularly so use a liquid solution such as seaweed extract, Seasol or blood'n'bone watered into the root area then well mulched.

Planting large trees with large root systems is best left till Autumn (if possible) when the heat of summer has passed. If planting prepare large sized holes and improve soil as above with manure and compost added to existing soil. No manure straight on the plant roots.

Citrus miner may invade citrus so spray with a horticultural oil such as pest oil or White Oil. Cherries often suffer from cherry slug in summer that can burrow into the bark and put pot holes in the leaves. Spray with a pyrethrum or insect mite spray.

Roses in humid months are prone to black spot so water plants around the base, cut away effected leaves and dispose of in the bin not in the compost, spray before summer with Triflorine – Black Spot spray.

Vegies to plant now include: climbing beans, lettuce, cucumbers, capsicum, tomatoes (rotate pots or garden bed positions from previous year's planting), and flowering annuals - petunias, alssyum, salvias and other perennials eg. Penstemon, campanula, snow in summer(cerastium)

Christmas is near, so visit Maple Springs Nursery for selection of that potted outside Xmas tree, herb pots and maples for that special Christmas gift.

## HHAG update Eighteen.

A public meeting was held in September to consider the Concept Design and Road Boundaries Report as outlined in the Roads and Maritime Services' (RMS) Invitation to Comment of July 2012 and at community workshops the RMS held in August.

That meeting was sidetracked by a proposal to seek reconsideration of the purple corridor as an alternate route for an upgraded highway through the valley, and to reverse the earlier decision to pursue the option of effecting any highway upgrade via the Newnes Plateau.

At a subsequent, standing room only, public meeting held on 20th October, the Hartley Valley community overwhelmingly confirmed its opposition to the proposed changes.

A series of resolutions were passed at that meeting;

- That the Bells Line of road should be reclassified to make it a road eligible for federal funding to enable some safety and productivity upgrade of that road.
- That the call for development of a road upgrade via the Newnes plateau should be continued.
- That the Concept Design the RMS has tabled should be abandoned and that we should work with the RMS to achieve optimal safety on the existing highway.
- That the community rejects the Concept Design and that the related road boundaries should not be reflected in the Lithgow City Council Local Environment Plan.
- That an additional two months extensions should be sought in the period allowed by the RMS for comment on the Safety Upgrade proposal outlined in their October 2012 Community Update.

In these resolutions the Hartley Valley community voted as it always has - to protect the valley from being scarred by another line of road. The Hartley Highway Action Group, as a sub committee of the Progress Association, will continue to lobby for an outcome consistent with the above resolutions.

The first such action, a submission in response to the RMS invitation to comment on the concept Design and the Safety Upgrade, can be viewed on the Hartley District Progress Association website at

[www.hartleyvalley.org.au](http://www.hartleyvalley.org.au).

If anybody wants to comment or to make suggestions relating to the strategy being pursued in respect of the GWH upgrade or would like to play an active role in policy execution don't hesitate to discuss your interest with a member of the committee, or Trish Ryan, the Secretary of the Hartley Highway Action Group at

[merryamber@hotmail.net.au](mailto:merryamber@hotmail.net.au)

## Christmas Party!!

It's that time of year again!

The Valley Christmas party, hosted jointly by Progress, the Trust and the Fire Brigade, will be held at the Old Hartley School on Sunday, December 16.

The day will commence at 11 am, to give everyone the opportunity to meet up and for the kids to take part in some games and maybe win a prize.

Lunch will be served at 12.30, and then Santa will arrive with his bag full of little gifts. Everyone will be in the running for the lucky door prizes.

The high point of the meal, as always, will be Doreen Peters' renowned Christmas pudding.

To assist with planning the catering and to ensure that Santa has his bag of presents properly sorted, please RSVP to Doreen (evenings) on 6355 2139.

## Hall Hire

Continuing improvements at the Old Hartley School, the Hall and the grounds make this an increasingly attractive venue to hire for that special gathering or meeting.

The inside of the Hall has been painted, and new window blinds, lighting and ceiling fans have been installed.

Painting of the outside of the School is almost complete, and the grounds are in tip top condition. Before the end of the year the new shade / picnic structure will be completed, and improvements to the toilet block are approved and about to begin.

Hire fees are applied to the ongoing restoration and maintenance of this valuable community facility.

Please call Barbara Johnson for enquiries or bookings – 6355 2017.

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**Treasurer : Seamus Casey 6355 2113**

**Hall Hire: Barbara Johnson 6355 2017**

## HDPa Business Directory - Summer 2012 Newsletter

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