



Summer 2017

2017 Melbourne Cup Party

It is not often we devote the whole front page of the newsletter to an event that has passed. We thought the Melbourne Cup party though deserves a special focus – it was our first Melbourne Cup venture in the valley and it was for a cause that is special.

It was a great start. The weather held, the fashions brought the best and worst out of people and the horse race made for winners and grinders.

Full marks go to Kristie and Johan for seeding the idea and having the courage to see it through.

From HDPAs perspective, it was pleasing to see that our support contributed to the success of the day, with the upshot that monies received will go directly to holding a special Christmas party at the Hartley Public School site for the Uniting Care Lithgow Disabilities on Tuesday, 12th December.

A big thank you to the many who gave of their time but especially to Jane Dodd and Susie Moodie for organising much of HDPAs presence on the day, but also to Kristie and Johan and their team.

The support of the sponsors was invaluable and we sincerely thank our prime sponsor, Hy-Tec Industries, as well as a number of others contributing product and prizes - Beyou-Nique Hair, Badlands Beer, Hillbilly Cider, Logan Signs, Martins Hill Wines, Megalong Creek Wines, Naturally by Nature and Platinum Mobile Upholstery.



Dates for your diary:

HDPAs AGM – Mon 4th Dec, 7.00 pm

The First European Crossing – 25th Nov, 10.30am

Hartley Fires Christmas Party – 3rd Dec, 11am

St John's Church Christmas Carols, 10th Dec, 7pm
(Hartley Historic Village)

HDPAs Uniting Care Christmas Party – 12th Dec,
11am

Hartley Markets – 1st and 3rd Sundays / month
(8.30am to 2.30pm)



2017 Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will take place on Monday, 4th December commencing at 7pm (School Hall at Mid Hartley Road). A number of items will be discussed, two of which are expanded upon below – namely, proposed changes to the HDP Constitution and the future naming of HDP.

Members will also be asked to vote in a new Executive and new Committee members. All Executive positions are up for election – President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. We will have a number of nominations on the night and would welcome members with new ideas and a willingness to continue the work of the HDP. Equally, there are Committee roles which need to be filled. You can view the roles and responsibilities on our website - www.hartleyprogress.org.au and go HDP and then HDP Business.

If you would like to nominate for a position, please contact Rosemary Barber, Secretary on 0400 637 384 by the 24th November. If you would like to discuss any of the roles, please call Renzo Benedet. Remember, we are all volunteers and the roles are not forever – your commitment can be just for the year. After the business of the AGM is concluded, please join us for pre-Christmas drinks and a light supper.

The year in review and the key activities which occupied the HDP in 2017 are presented as an insert in this newsletter.

Proposed Changes to the HDP Constitution

Although we made mention of this in our September issue, it is important we mention it again. The HDP Constitution was last revised in 2011. Since then, there have been amendments to the standard constitution (provided under the Association Incorporations Act) to allow for the use of electronic media and technology in the administration of the Association. We have included these in the proposed changes, as well as, proposed other changes as follows:

- To recognise that we have always had our Treasurer act as Public Officer not the Secretary as currently provided in our Constitution;
- To allow membership of not only residents but also of people owning property in the valley or running businesses in the valley;
- To introduce a specified delay of 28 days between new membership application and the granting of membership to achieve a better continuity in membership; and,

- To allow members whose membership will potentially be terminated through ceasing to be a resident in the valley to remain members if they wish, subject to the approval of the members (this is picking up a principle we have already adopted in practice)

Any change will require the approval of 75% of members present and entitled to vote.

HDP Name – Remain or Change?

The word 'Progress' was extensively used in the naming of community based Associations going back to the early part of the last century. We had the Hartley Vale Progress Association, Hartley Valley Progress Association and the Lithgow Progress Association. In 1956, the Hartley District Progress Association (HDP) was born.

Like its predecessors, the charter of the HDP was geared towards improving 'the living conditions within the District of Hartley and providing social, sporting and other advantages'. Advancing the cause of the Hartley District was important, with demands for new facilities and new infrastructure catering for a growing population.

But the reality of all this is that the HDP exists to support the local community in whatever way that is required – that has been its underlying reason for existing. And so, progress is but one component of a community organisation such as ours.

Should the name of the HDP reflect more about community inclusion rather than progress? That's the question the upcoming AGM will discuss. While the proposed name change might seem insignificant, it matters to those we serve.

Membership – Join the HDP

Members are the lifeblood of community based organisations and the HDP is no exception. This is why we have included our membership flyer in the newsletter.

As many of you would know, we get involved with a range of things and endeavour to get on the front foot on the issues that matter to the local community. We have quarterly member meetings, with committee meetings in between.

If you believe in the work of the HDP, want an opportunity to meet others from the area or have your say, then why not join and get involved – we'd like to see more of the Hartley residents.



Thanks Diane Green

Many in Hartley and Blackheath know of Diane. She has been a local since the late 1990s and has been closely involved with the work of the HDPa over many years. Whether it be her insights, knowledge of the local area and its history, her love for tree planting and the environment or her passion for photography and Irish set dance classes and Ceilis, Diane is a remarkable woman.

She assembled a cache of information about a range of things, all neatly compiled into various subject headings from all matters HDPa through to local history dating back to the early 1900s – an invaluable contribution. She played a major part in the organising of stallholders at the highly successful Big Backyard events. In more recent times, Diane has been the ‘journalist’ behind the news on the HDPa’s website and Facebook page. Diane is moving on and leaving Hartley for the Blackheath community – although perhaps not entirely as she has many friends in the valley. On behalf of the HDPa, we thank Diane for what she has done for the local community and wish her all the very best.

Uniting Care Lithgow Christmas Party

As mentioned above, the HDPa is hosting a Christmas function on Tuesday, 12th December for the Uniting Care Lithgow Disabilities Group. This will be at the Mid Hartley School grounds from 11am to 2pm. A BBQ, Santa Claus, singing and games should give the 40 or so adults and their carers big happy smiles. It is HDPa’s way of giving back to the local community. Come along and share in the fun.

The First European Crossing of Great Dividing Range

Hartley residents are invited to the dedication of new signage acknowledging the crossing of the Great Dividing Range by Deputy Surveyor, George W Evans on 30th November 1813, who with a party of five was the first known European to cross the Great Divide. The sign is funded by the Lithgow Regional Branch of the National Trust, Lithgow City Council and Bill Hoolihan of Rydal.

The location is The Evans Crossing Memorial, next to 1202 Hampton Road Rydal on Saturday, 25th November at 10.30am. Morning tea will follow at 11.30am – courtesy of Lindsay and Laurie Green of Bark Ridge, 707 Hampton Road. For more information and RSVP, please contact Celia Ravesi on 6359 3109 or cerav@bigpond.com

HDPa Business Directory

We will again be looking to publish a HDPa Business Directory in three formats - the on-line electronic version, one-page Newsletter profile and the A5 sized hard copy Directory. February / March 2018 is the expected publishing time. For a fee, we can also promote your specific services via a flyer in the quarterly newsletter. Further details will be published on the HDPa website.

Christmas Events

On the front page of this newsletter we note upcoming events. Come and support the Hartley Fries at their Christmas Party at Mid Hartley Road – they do a tremendous job. Everyone is welcome and parents, in bringing their children, should provide a gift (less than \$10) with their child’s name on it. Carols at St John’s church are always special and a supper will follow at the Royal.

Christmas Cake Recipe

It is not often the HDPa gives out recipes. But given we are coming into the Christmas period, we thought some of you may want to just try a new Christmas cake recipe, courtesy of Kerrie Elgar. Here you go -

Ingredients

- 1kg mixed fruit
- 1½ cups of brandy
- 6 eggs
- 250 gms of sugar (brown or white)
- 250 gms of butter
- 225 gms of flour
- 1 teaspoon of treacle

Process

- Soak the fruit in brandy covered for at least 2 weeks (add extra brandy, if required)
- Beat butter and sugar then treacle, add eggs (1 at a time) mixing well after each
- Mix in fruit and flour alternating till all together
- Bake in 22cm/8cm tin (must be lined) at 160 degrees for 3 hours, then 150 degrees for 1 hour – check with skewer

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ACCOMMODATION	Glenroy Cottages	Cottages and camping grounds	6355 2186
	Mt Victoria Manor	Accommodation, restaurant, bar	4787 1369
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT	Blue Mountains Special Events	All the gear for a great event	4782 1023
	Mt Vic Flicks	Arthouse cinema	4787 1577
	Talisman Gallery	Metal art and jewellery	0407 723 722
CLOTHING & EQUESTRIAN	Hartley Store & Saddlery	Clothing, boots, saddles, whips, fashion & accessories and coffee, wine & beer	6355 2165
DAY CARE	Jen Van Praag	Mid Hartley Family Day Care	0403 537 969
HEALTH & WELL-BEING	Jennifer Edwards	Counsellor & Psychotherapist	0404 531 555
	Fit and Fabulous – Angela Mills	Personal training	0411 700 188
	Brian Wiles	Remedial Massage Therapist	0427 623 141
MECHANICAL SERVICES	Hartley Chainsaw & Mower Repairs – Andrew Lawson	Chainsaw & mower repairs	0410 626 307
	Mt Vic Service Centre	Mechanical repairs and servicing	4787 1811
OFFICE & COMPUTER SERVICES	Central West Info & Technology (CWIT)	All computing requirements	6352 2800
	C&W Print	All commercial printing	6351 4806
	Lithgow Technology Services	All computing requirements	6353 1669
PHOTOGRAPHY	Karen Edwards Photography	Outdoor family photography	0414 857 764
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	Biodiversity Monitoring Services	Wildlife services & biodiversity	0421 841 726
	Hartley Realty & Lifestyle Properties	Real estate	6355 2002
	Hartley Veterinary & Animal Centre	Veterinary services	6355 2272
	Le Freve & Co	Solicitors	6352 2699
	Truly Yours Ceremonies – Sue Jack	Justice of the Peace, Civil Celebrant, Weddings, etc	0418 411 683
	York View Accounting – Stacey Down	Chartered Accountant	0418 612 284
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE & BUILDING	ALM Carpet Cleaning and Maintenance Service	Carpet cleaning and maintenance	0435 752 493
	Darren Anderson Constructions	All building works	0414 822 991
	David Van Praag	Carpentry and renovations	0414 784 100
	Heritage Stoneworks – Bill Holmes	Stonemason	0421 367 257
	Kay Decorating and Painting	Painting residential and commercial	0414 852 270
	Mark O’Toole – Electrical Contractor	All electrical work	0409 582 526
	Mountain Stone Design	Stonemason	0400 277 818
	Pristine Water Systems	All water problems	0437 578 199
	Reliable Property Maintenance	Property maintenance	0415 292 102
	Steven Linhart Plumbing	Plumbing	0417 045 105
RESTAURANT & CAFE	Alchemy	Wood fired pizza – licenced	6355 2056
	Ambermere	Licensed restaurant & store	6355 2266
	Collits Inn	Restaurant & function centre	6355 0287
	The Lollybug	Café and lolly shop	6355 2162
RURAL SUPPLIES	Adam’s Shed	Stockfeed, fencing and produce	6355 2096
TIMBER PRODUCTS & FIREWOOD	Dam Ard	Posts, beams, barn doors & more	0428 428 345
	Rob Jolly	Great firewood	0415 292 102
YARD & GARDEN	Andy Tree Man (Andrew Moody)	Pruning, lopping & milling	0439 278 130
	B&R Barber Earthmoving	Earthmoving	6355 2186
	Cliffords Landscapes	Design and construction	0410 552 294
	De Losa Bros	Rural contracting	0404 373 794
	Grant Maundrell	Landscape architect/construction	0407 933 834
	Lithgow Landscape and Building Supplies	Landscaping & building supplies	6353 1077
	Maple Springs Nursery	Fabulous maples and much more	6355 2140