

# Hartley District Progress Association

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## Newsletter Winter 2015

Next quarterly community meeting will be held in the Hartley School Hall, Mid Hartley Road, at 7.00 pm on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**. All residents of the valley are invited to attend.

### Hartley Improvement Plan

In January many in the valley will have responded to the Council's questionnaire seeking views on the future development of the Hartley Valley. These responses, of which we believe there were many, will be used to inform the development of a long-term plan for the Valley and represent the first stage in the community consultation process needed to develop this plan. At our next meeting on Monday 1st June at 7pm, Mathew Johnson Councils Community Development manager will give us an insight into the range of ideas generated by the questionnaire and the way forward on this project.

### GWH Safety Upgrade

Following the information meetings held by the RMS in February we have seen a flurry of activity on the highway safety upgrade through the valley. The HDPa has continued to protest two issues of concern to residents, the inadequacy of the upgrade proposed for the Jenolan Caves Road/ Blackmans Creek Road Junction and the Old Bathurst Road Junction in respect of vehicles turning eastwards from the Hartley Historic site exit onto the highway. As we go to print we have received an acknowledgement of our concerns and an undertaking to relook at the Old Bathurst Road junction.

Following our representations to Council late last year, we continue to seek a reassessment and formalisation of the speed limit applying to heavy vehicles on Jenolan Caves Road between the Hy-tec Austen Quarry and the Highway. Most recently we have applied to the RMS seeking a formal reassessment of heavy vehicle speed limits for this section of the road and the erection of signage to enforce such limits.

### Dates for your Diary

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June Community Meeting 7pm**  
**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> June Hartley RFS AGM 6 pm**  
**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> July Kanimbla RFS AGM 1pm**

### Remembrance at Glenroy

On 30th April a well-attended community event took place at Glenroy to commemorate the first divine service held west of the Blue Mountains exactly 200 years ago. The venue was the site of the original service held by Governor Macquarie and his party as they travelled over the newly opened Cox's road to Bathurst in 1815 when they camped at what is now Glenroy, at the junction of the Cox and River Lett, on the property now owned by Rosemary and Bradley Barber.

The large crowd enjoyed the divine service led by Rev. Tim McIver, and the splendid oration given by Anne-Maree Whitaker, descendant of William Cox. These events were followed by an official opening of a commemorative plaque. The unveiling was conducted with great spirit by all three generations of the Barber family. Following the official activities a very enjoyable afternoon tea was served. At the close of the day those so inclined went on local historic walks. Thank you to the Barber family for organising this memorable occasion.

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## Director, Conductor and Saviour

The Lithgow Brass Band's production of '1915', that was part of the Anzac Remembrance events, surpassed all expectations of such a production. Those fortunate enough to have seen it, reported the experience elicited a range and depth of emotions that left many delightfully drained. It was an opportunity to showcase the Lithgow City Band that was the genesis of Don White's remarkable production based on the story of 10 Lithgow lads who went to Gallipoli as bandsmen and served as stretcher bearers.

It was, in some ways, a culmination of the years our long term local Judy Kinnear has spent saving this institution that could have gone the way of so many wonderful institutions. The Lithgow City Band was one of many brass bands that were prominent in mining towns and reached their zenith in the first half of the twentieth century. Broken Hill would fly in conductors; bandsmen in towns like Lithgow and surrounds were employed by the mines to virtually play full time; competitions were tough and gave status to the successful.

Judy was passionate and perceptive, seeing the long-term value of preserving this institution, that by the 1990's struggled to present with all instruments. The past A grade players had literally run out of puff. For nearly thirty years Judy has worked to ensure the Band's survival. Anzac Day, Christmas carols, festivals, garden parties, fetes, Australia Day, and the Rydal and Lithgow Shows are all supported by the band. Our community has had a history of many fine players including Dick Austen and Bill Childs.

We thank Judy for not only seeing value in an institution that she found in the doldrums, but willing to support it for the long term. We are all the richer for her passion.

## Vale Milton Taylor

We note with sorrow the passing of Milton Taylor, poet and friend of many in the valley. Many of us have enjoyed the inspiration of his poetry. We extend our condolences to his family.

## Lowther Dawn Service

This year's dawn service at the little Lowther war memorial drew a crowd of more than two hundred people. The service, in its bush simplicity, was made doubly special being quietly overlooked by four riders on Waler type stock horses much as would have been at the Battle of Bersheeba. The highlight of the service was the address delivered by respected local elder Ian Litchfield, a most lucid analysis of the purpose behind our so painful 1915 involvement in the Dardanelles.

## Variety Bash Visit

On 30th April Hartley RFS Canteen led by Doreen Peters supported by a dozen brigade volunteers provided lunch at the Hartley fire shed. For some forty folk from the 'Variety Fraser Island Run', a fundraising event run by the children's charity Variety. This further activity together with the Macquarie event the Sunday before, brought the total funds earned by the canteen over these two events to over \$1,500, providing a useful boost to reserves held to fund the canteen in its fire fighting support work.

## Gov Macquarie Visit Bicentenary

On Sunday 26th April, several hundred people, many of whom had travelled from Sydney, gathered in Butlers paddock on the Caves road for an event commemorating Governor Macquarie's 1815 transit through the Hartley valley. Whilst the day was windy, the snugly attired crowd was heartened by a perfect break in the west, sun drenching the site as proceedings commenced. The pomp and ceremony provided by the Redcoats, the intimate insight into Macquarie delivered by Professor Dame Marie Bashir and the 1815 format Divine Service celebrated by the Reverend Tim McIver made for an inspiring afternoon. The afternoon, tea served from the Hartley RFS Canteen led by Doreen Peters, supported by other members of the congregation of St Johns at Hartley, rounded the day off beautifully. Our thanks to all the volunteers that helped with this event including the many members of the Macquarie Society with whom the HDPa 1813 Committee partnered with to mount the day.

## Council Budget Meeting

On Wednesday 6th May, Lithgow City Council held a community information session at the Old Hartley School. The object of LCC officers was to provide insight into what projects are included in the Draft Plan and how residents can make submissions for inclusion in the plan for consideration by Council. The session was very professional and informative. The Council was represented by five senior staff. The Mayor and one councillor also attended. Community attendance was sparse, surprising given the issues we know Hartley residents have; possibly the event had not been adequately advertised and promoted by Council?

## Garden Open Day

Our thanks to Ross and Sharon Howard for opening their garden to us on Sunday, March 22. It's two years since we were first invited to see the initial work they'd done at their Blaxland Road property, and it was wonderful to see what thoughtful planting, some good rain and a lot of hard work can do over a relatively short period. The plantings had grown to impressive proportions, as did the number of visitors present. The weather wasn't all that it might have been, but that was of little concern to the group of fifty or so who clearly enjoyed themselves. It was good to see our regular garden visitors on the day, along with a number of new faces. As always, the Howards and their little dog Belle welcomed us as family - our thanks to them and to those kind folk who contributed items for our morning tea.

Our next open garden will be held in the Spring.

## Kanimbla Brigade Funding

The Kanimbla brigade currently has no food preparation or serving area in their shed. To alleviate this situation, they are proposing to build a small kitchen area and are seeking funding to assist. Anyone wanting to pledge support for this project give Jill Bell the Brigade secretary a ring on 6355 2420. They are also looking for a donation of bottled water.

## Fiery's AGMs

The various brigade Annual General Meetings coming soon provide a great opportunity for residents to drop by to ask questions, to show support or to find out about volunteering options.

The Kanimbla AGM will be held Saturday 4th July barbecue at 1pm meeting at 2pm whilst the Hartley Meeting will be held in the evening on Thursday 11th June barbecue at 6pm meeting to commence at 7pm. All welcome, come along, have a sausage, have a chat, hear what we are doing.

## Not just fires

Hartley Brigade captain Jed Peters recently led a team comprising David Nettleton, AJ Jack from the Kanimbla brigade and Darren Wilson from the South Bowenfels group on a three day mission to help communities in the Hunter devastated by the mini cyclone that came from the mid April East Coast Low event. Working with SES in the Hunter they completed a couple of hundred assignments to help damaged communities get roads and infrastructure clear of fallen trees.

Well done guys, we are proud of you!

## Cullenbenbong Road

On 6<sup>th</sup> May the Kanimbla Sports and Rec Club facilitated a meeting of residents of the lower Kanimbla Valley to discuss the state of Cullenbenbong Road.

A letter has been sent to Council expressing the community's concern at the appalling condition of the road. Issues have been raised around the intervals between grading, the deterioration of sealed stretches, poor approaches to cattle grids and the desirability of sealing the road in light of the additional traffic on the road from subdivision. Residents have sought to meet with Council to further pursue the matter.

# HDPa Business Directory - Winter 2015 Newsletter

<b>ARBORIST</b>	Andy Tree Man	Pruning, Lopping, Milling	0439 278 130
<b>AUTOMOTIVE</b>	Mt Vic Service Centre	Sam Millar	4787 1811
<b>B and Bs</b>	Glenroy Cottages	Cottages and camping grounds	6355 2186
<b>BUILDING</b>	Darren Anderson Constructions P/L	All building works	6355 2448
	Marjanac Design	Design/Construction since 1980	6355 0261
<b>CAFES etc</b>	The Lollybug	Lolly store	6355 2162
	Alchemy	Wood Fired Pizza	6355 2056
	Collits Inn	Restaurant	6352 4442
<b>CARPENTRY</b>	Mark O'Carrigan	New work, restoration& repairs	6355 2777
	Ben Dikic	Decks, pergolas, doors	0413 354 523
<b>CARPET CLEANING</b>			
	ALM Carpet Cleaning	Andrew	0435 752 493
<b>CINEMA</b>	Mt Vic Flicks	Arthouse cinema at Mt Victoria	47871577
<b>CHIMNEY SWEEP</b>	Andrew Clark	Your Local Chimney Sweep	0447 871 583
<b>EDUCATION</b>	Marie Majanac	Maths tutor all levels to HSC	6355 0261
<b>ELECTRICIAN</b>	Mark O'Toole	Bobcat & trenching machine	6355 2488
<b>EARTHMOVING</b>	B & R Barber Earthmoving	Brad Barber	6355 2186
<b>FIREWOOD</b>	Ross Howard	Quality firewood	0418 344 344
	Rob Jolly	Great firewood	6355 2278
<b>GALLERY</b>	Talisman Gallery	Metal art and jewelry	0407 723 722
<b>LANDSCAPING</b>	Cliffords Landscapes	Design and construction	0410 552 294
	Grant Maundrell	Landscape architect/construction	0407 933 834
<b>MOWER AND CHAINSAW REPAIRS</b>			
	Hartley Chainsaw & Mower Repairs	Andrew Lawson	6355 2336
<b>NURSERIES</b>	Maple Springs Nursery	Fabulous maples and much more	6355 2140
<b>PAINTING</b>	Kay Decorating & Painting	David and Catherine Kay	6355 2270
<b>PARTY HIRE</b>	Lithgow party Hire	All the gear for a great party	6355 2438
<b>PLUMBING</b>	Mick Linhart Plumbing	No job too small	6355 2251
<b>PRINTING</b>	C&W Print	All commercial printing	6351 4806
<b>PROPERTY MAINTENANCE</b>			
	Rob Jolly	Reliable Property Maintenance	6355 2278
<b>RURAL SUPPLIES</b>	Adam's Shed	Stock feeds, fencing, produce	6355 2096
<b>SADDLERY</b>	The Hartley Saddlery	For all your horse and riding gear	6355 2165
<b>SOLAR POWER</b>	Hartley Green Power	Sun and wind power solutions	6355 2299
<b>SOLICITOR</b>	Le Fevre & Co	All areas of law since 1907	6352 2699
<b>STONE MASONS</b>	Mountain Stone Design	Michael Campbell 0400 277 818	4787 1340
	Heritage Stoneworks	Bill Holmes- Stone Mason	0421 367 257
<b>TIMBER</b>	Dam Ard	Posts, beams, barn doors & more	0428 428 345
<b>WATER TANK MAINTENANCE</b>			
	Pristine Water Systems	All water problems - call Phil	0437 578 199
<b>YOGA</b>	Muma Yoga	Pieta	0405 719 812

**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