

# Hartley District Progress Association

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## Newsletter Winter 2016

Next quarterly general meeting will be held in the Hartley School Hall, Mid Hartley Road, commencing **7.00 pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June**. All valley residents are invited.

### End of the Road

Join us at our next general meeting, 7pm Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of June, to get an update on the Highway Safety Upgrade project. After what feels like an eternity, we are told it is close to the end. Come and hear a representative from Seymour Whyte, the contractor behind the Highway Safety Upgrade, give us a brief on where to from here and what we will be left with at the end of the project.

### New Funding from Hy-Tec

Hy-Tec Industries, the operators of the Austen Quarry on Jenolan Caves Road, have entered into a Voluntary Planning Agreement with Council whereby they will pay an ongoing royalty to council to fund community infrastructure development in the region. Under this arrangement, the Hartley District Progress Association (HDPa) will qualify to receive up to 25% (say \$6k) of the royalty received each year by Council, to fund building maintenance and enhancements. A further 25% (another \$6k) will be available to fund other community bodies or the HDPa, to undertake other enhancement projects in the Hartley Valley. This boost of funding will provide outstanding support for the HDPa and the Hartley Recreational Reserve Trust to ensure the proper preservation of the Historic Hartley School and the enhancement and maintenance of the associated hall and grounds. These funds, over the 30 year term of the VPA agreement, will help compensate the Valley community for the impact that the continuation of quarry activities by Hy-Tec imposes on the Valley.

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### Dates for your Diary

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June Hartley Furies AGM 10am**  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June HDPa GM 7.00 pm**  
**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jul Kanimbla Furies AGM 1pm**  
**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July Hartley Trivia Night 7pm**  
**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July Hampton School Trivia**

### Fire Brigade AGMS

It's Annual General Meeting time for your local brigade. Come along and hear your captain's annual report, get an insight into what's happening, and info about some of the fires and other incidents dealt to in the last year. Visitors welcome. It's a great chance to ask questions or seek advice in respect of your property. Hartley AGM, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 10 am, Kanimbla Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 2pm. Lowther/Hampton's meeting is in October.

### Winter Gardening

This autumn has been peculiar with unseasonably warm days, plenty of wind and not much rain. As for the garden, this has had quite the drying effect coming out of summer. It is important to plan for as much moisture retention as possible through the winter so that you can be best equipped for the upcoming spring and summer. This means mulch. If you are lucky enough to have big deciduous trees, collect the leaves and utilise this annual free gift. Other options include hay, straw, chipped branches and twigs either bought or free sourced. Remember diversity is always better. If you also have manures at hand you could do a cold compost over winter, ready to apply at the end of the year. The more moisture you retain in your soils the better your garden will be at coping with dry and hot periods ahead. Grant Maundrell Landscape Architect

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Hartley District Progress Association invites you to a trivia night

Old Hartley Public School, Mid Hartley Road

Saturday 9 July 2016

Doors open at 7.00 pm, quiz begins 7.30 sharp

\$20 entry per person includes sumptuous soup, bread and delicious slices, nibbles on each table AND a lucky door prize ticket!!!!

Trivia

Beer, wine and soft drinks available for purchase – NO BYO

Bookings Essential!! Book a table of six or come on your own and join a table!

Call Jane Dodd on 0418 681 882 or Sue Jack on 0418 411 683 for enquiries or bookings

*Putting the ♥ into Hartley*

### The Hartley Long Lunch



Our early April Long Lunch was a great day with over seventy seated for a wonderful spread put together by the HDPA social committee. We owe a debt of gratitude to Sharon, Jane, Sue, Susie, Toni and their respective partners for a job that professional caterers would struggle to exceed. The music, the many new faces, the conversations, the stories of new businesses starting in the valley, the new friendships formed, capped by good weather, made for a fabulous day. Our thanks go to the Lolly Bug, Adams Shed, the Hartley Saddlery, and the Zig Zag Brewery (we are going to hear a lot more about Oakey Park Ale) for their support of the raffle and Blue Mountains Special Events Hire. Our particular thanks go to Hy Tec industries the operator of the Austen Quarry who contributed \$1000 to underpin the Long Lunch and other community building activities being undertaken by the HDPA in 2016.

### Hampton School Trivia night

Trivia Night at Hampton Halfway Hotel on the 30th July. 6.30pm for a 7pm start. \$25 a head or \$230 for table of 10. Nibbles will be supplied. For bookings call 63593231

### Hartley Improvement Plan

Residents who attended the last HDPA general meeting will have heard Council's conclusions drawn from the survey of Valley residents they conducted early last year as part of their Village Improvement Strategy. The number one issue nominated by residents was road improvements, surprise, surprise, which falls outside the immediate scope of the Improvement Plan Project.

In our response to council on the other findings of the survey, we have nominated television reception, enhanced internet performance and mobile coverage as the most critical issues for the valley. Whilst council has no direct responsibility for such services, we expect them to lend their voice to calls for action to resolve these issues.

At a more prosaic level, we have nominated a bus shelter at Banners Lane, toilets at Hyde Park and Londonderry Reserve and some picnic facilities at the latter, as worthy early action items. If you would like to review our submission to council go to <http://www.hartleyvalley.org.au/hartley-district-progress-assn/hartley-improvement-plan/>.

Any comments or suggestions would be appreciated. We are currently seeking a meeting with Council staff to further explore the potential of this project to add value for the Valley.

## Open Garden Day

Our Autumn Open Garden at Sarah and Brendan Childs' Forty Bends Farm was enjoyed by forty or so visitors. Our thanks to the Childs for their warm welcome and the fascinating tour of their garden. Our next open garden day is scheduled for the spring. Details will be in the Spring Newsletter due out in the last week of August.

## Hall Heating

A heater and static gas supply has been installed in the hall at the Hartley Historic School. A second heater will be installed shortly to make the hall comfortable on even the coldest winter night. Thanks go to Ian, Seamus, Josh, Peter and Renzo as president of the Building subcommittee for their work in getting this job completed before the real winter arrives.

## The Wild Dog Group

The group was formed several years ago in response to increasing stock losses from wild dog attacks in the Kanimbla Valley, Hampton and Hazelgrove areas. In more recent years, it has expanded its role to consider other pest animal species, principally feral pigs, foxes and goats.

It comprises concerned land owners and managers, who pro-actively work in conjunction with the Local Land Services officers, as well as National Parks and State Forests staff to manage and limit the impact of these invasive species on our lands and livestock. The Group's main activities comprise a twice yearly (Spring and Autumn) wild dog ground baiting campaign - done in conjunction with NPWS and Forestry baiting programs, as well as trapping works undertaken by professional trappers.

A group e-mail contact list is maintained by Alan Linklater - contact mobile 0418 264 881 or [cottononcreations@bigpond.com.au](mailto:cottononcreations@bigpond.com.au). We usually meet twice yearly approaching our next baiting campaign - next meeting will be in late August - and baiting in early September 2016. Enquiries to : Adam Hawken ph 0448 780 498 E-mail [hawkena@bigpond.com](mailto:hawkena@bigpond.com)

## Greener Power

*This opinion piece by one of the HDPA committee gives some insight into some of the options available to Hartley residents looking to save money and ethically choose where their power comes from.*

The energy industry is undergoing massive changes, from the world scale where US carmaker giant General Motors signs on to wind power, to the local stage where everyday Australian consumers can choose how their energy is generated.

The Green Electricity Guide <http://greenelectricityguide.org.au> is one tool that will help you to decide which retail electricity provider is right for you if you want to buy cheaper and greener. One example of the options you might find is Powershop, which is an online energy company that has excellent rankings in customer service and renewable energy use. Through the internet (or your device) you can be in control of your power usage and supply. At the click of a button you can choose from companies offering different rates, discounts and 'renewability' of your power choice.

If you want a more traditional service with a regular bill from one company it is worthwhile shopping around beyond the big three - AGL, Energy Australia & Origin Energy. Since the energy market was deregulated in July 2014, there has been an explosion of choices. Indeed there are a range of websites that allow you to compare the companies.

To offer one example we will profile Red Energy as they are owned by Snowy Hydro and a 100% Australian business. They offer a range of services like 'Evenpay' which means that your power usage is averaged and you pay the same amount each month. Through their website you can also learn about the range of concessions and rebates available to NSW residents - it's always worthwhile knowing this!

We hope this article has been a little taster into the new energy economy afforded by a deregulated NSW energy markets, the growth of green options and internet based brokering of energy use. It really is worth reviewing your power and gas bills to see how much you can save your back pocket and the environment.

# HDPa Business Directory - Winter 2016 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	All building works	6355 2448
<b>CAFES etc</b>	The Lollybug	Lolly store and coffee	6355 2162
	Alchemy	Wood Fired Pizza/Licensed	6355 2056
	Collits Inn	Restaurant	6352 4442
<b>CARPET CLEANING</b>	ALM Carpet Cleaning	Andrew	0435 752 493
<b>CINEMA</b>	Mt Vic Flicks	Arthouse cinema at Mt Victoria	47871577
<b>CLOTHING/EQUESTRIAN</b>			
	Hartley Store and Saddlery	Clothing and equestrian supplies	6355 2165
<b>COMPUTER SERVICES</b>			
	Central West Info & Technology (CWIT)	Ron and Jo	6352 2800
<b>ELECTRICIAN</b>	Mark O'Toole	Bobcat & trenching machine	6355 2488
<b>EARTHMOVING</b>	B & R Barber Earthmoving	Brad Barber	6355 2186
<b>EVENTS HIRE</b>	Blue Mountains Special Events	All the gear for a great event	4782 1023
<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>HORTICULTURE</b>	Vella Gardens By Design	Stephen Vella - beautiful gardens	0439 070 670
<b>JOINERY/CABINETMAKER</b>			
	Ashtrees Joinery	Custom interior fitouts	0410 153 305
<b>LANDSCAPING</b>	Cliffords Landscapes	Design and construction	0410 552 294
	Grant Maundrell	Landscape architect/construction	0407 933 834
	Lithgow Landscape and Building Supplies	Rob	6353 1077
<b>MARRIAGE CELEBRANT</b>			
	Sue Jack	Wedding and Naming Ceremonies	0418 411 683
<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>PERS. TRAINER</b>	Fit and Fabulous	Angela Mills	0411 700 188
<b>PHOTOGRAPHY</b>	Karen Edwards	Fun, family, events, photography	0414 857 764
<b>PLUMBING</b>	Steven Linhart Plumbing		0417 045 105
<b>PRINTING</b>	C&W Print	All commercial printing	6351 4806
<b>PROPERTY MAINTENANCE</b>			
	Rob Jolly	Reliable Property Maintenance	6355 2278
<b>REAL ESTATE</b>	Hartley Reality	Kristie	6355 2002
<b>RURAL SUPPLIES</b>	Adam's Shed	Stock feeds, fencing, produce	6355 2096
<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>SURVEYOR</b>	Anderson Surveying P/L	Subdivisions, set-outs, boundaries	6351 3476
<b>TAXATION SERVICES</b>			
	York View Accounting Stacey Down	Registered Tax Agent and Bookkeeper	0418 612 284
<b>TRAVEL AGENT</b>	Cruiseabout Lynne Anderson	Flights, cruises, tours, accommodation	6355 2406
<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>VETERINARY</b>	Hartley Veterinary & Animal Centre	Bronwyn De Losa	6355 2272