



Hartley District Progress Association

Newsletter

Autumn 2017

President's Corner

Since the Annual General Meeting in early December 2016, we've been busy planning for 2017 and responding to local issues.

We have a new Executive and Committee members and we look forward to building upon the excellent work of 2016 and prior.

Improved telecommunications are what valley residents have been demanding for some time. Our survey of October 2016 reinforced this and rated telecommunications the No 1 issue requiring urgent action. As we watch NBN go about their work, Hartley and its surrounds were a forgotten region in terms of next generation technology – that was until Christmas 2016.

Now we have a proposal from NBN before Council for a fixed wireless tower at the corner of the GHW and Browns Gap Road servicing a significant area of the valley. We asked Council and NBN to hold a community briefing since there's been zero consultation with anyone.

We met with the Mayor of Lithgow, Cr. Stephen Lesslie introducing HDPA and discussed a number of issues ranging from the 2016 deliberations on rural residential land through to community involvement in Council subcommittees and LGA wide telecommunications needs.

It was a positive meeting and I'm sure this begins a new chapter in our relationship with Council. In fact, the Mayor will address the HDPA at its 6th March meeting.

Working with the Hartley Recreational Reserves Trust, we will continue to upgrade the old Hartley public school site along mid Hartley Road. Further, funding for community activities and projects in Hartley will become available in coming months – we will keep you posted.

In this digital age, our website (www.hartleyvalley.org.au) will be one of our main communication mediums and I encourage everyone to make use of what is a very good and informative community website. If you're interested in becoming a HDPA member, our website gives you the information you need.

We look forward to 2017 and if you have any concerns which you think the HDPA can assist with, please call me directly or any one of the contacts listed in this newsletter.

Regards, Renzo.

New HDPA Committee

At the 5th December 2016 AGM, a new Committee was elected for the 2017 year. We welcome in four new faces in Jeff Thurlow (Vice President), Rosemary Barber (Secretary), AJ Jack (Business Directory) and Kerrie Elgar (Hall Hire). Treasurer Warren Elgar continues in the role, along with Diane Green (Website), Sharon Howard (Social Committee Chair), Peter Hurenkamp, Ian Campbell and Josh Barnes. Renzo Benedet succeeds Ramsay Moodie as President, with Ramsay continuing as a Committee member.

A special thank you to Ramsay and Susie Moodie for their unflinching service to the Hartley community during 2016 and in the years prior. We are indebted to their enthusiasm. In the same vein, Seamus Casey has been a tower of strength to HDPA over many years and while he is stepping back, he will continue to share his knowledge and counsel.

Dates for your diary:

HDPA Gen Meeting – Mon 6th March 7.00 pm

Hartley Markets – 1st and 3rd Sundays / month

Clean Up Australia Day – 5th March

Open Garden – 26th March (10am to 12pm)

Lithgow By-Election – 8th April

Hartley Long Lunch – 30th April

Trivia Night – 22nd July (TBC)



HDPa General Meeting – 6 March

We are pleased to announce the Mayor of Lithgow, Cr. Stephen Lesslie will be attending the upcoming 6th March HDPa General Meeting. He will address the meeting outlining his vision and critical issues of focus across the LGA and Hartley specifically, and give his perspective on how HDPa can work with and assist Council.

Before the Mayor's address (at around 8pm), we will be discussing a range of matters from social events, Hy-Tec funding for the upgrade of the old public school site and community projects and, telecommunications.

So please come along – members and non-members. It provides everyone with an opportunity to ask the Mayor what's on your mind. We will start the General meeting at 7pm at the Old Public School site along Mid Hartley Road.

2017 Hartley Business Directory

Great family owned businesses and enterprising small businesses underlie the 2017 Hartley Business Directory. It is pleasing to see the diversity we have in the valley and a phone call will get you what you need. Thanks to all our advertisers in showcasing their wares which the HDPa is very happy to promote through the Directory, our newsletters and website. Thanks goes to AJ Jack for pulling this together and making it accessible to all in the area.

Hartley Market Day

Congratulations to Johan and Kristie of the Hartley Store and Saddlery in bringing the markets back to Hartley. A great initiative. Held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month, local fresh organic produce, free range meats, jams, preserves, honey, local art and much more are on display. And while you're there, take a browse through the Hartley Store. If the first two events are any guide, then the local markets are here to stay. So, wander down on Sunday 5th March – from 8am to noon. As they say – from little things, big things grow. So, let's get behind it!

GWH Upgrade

It was not long ago when the HDPa and Hartley valley community were confronted with various schemes from RMS for a major new road through the valley. In the end, improving and widening the existing GWH was settled on and within 6 months, the project will be completed. As we all know Government bureaucracy can at times be

time poor. Well, the following text appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald on 21st November 1938:

"A preliminary survey of the Great Western Highway between Hartley and Bowenfels has been made by the Main Roads Department with a view to eliminating curves. Although several curves were eliminated a few years ago, there have been two fatal motor cycle accidents at one corner".

There you have it - 79 years later - and the project will be done, curves and all!

National Trust

The Lithgow Branch of the National Trust is hosting a coach tour Sunday 23rd April. Evan's 1813 crossing point, highlights of Coxs Rd west of the divide then inspection of Macquarie 1822 (the original homestead of William Lawson of BLW fame) and Westham 1830. Cost \$65 including lunch. Bookings and info via the Lithgow Visitors Information Centre Tel 6353 1859.

Healthy body, healthy mind

After one hour of measured and calculated stretching, bending, twisting, balancing, lying down and feet in the air, ki-yoga does make you feel refreshed. Well that's what you get when you attend one of Amanda's yoga classes. It is relaxed, informal and lots of fun. You are never too young or too old for this and if the going gets a bit tough, then Amanda has the solution. You go at your own pace. And if you like the social occasion, then join the team for a coffee after the yoga session – just what you need to top it off. So, join Amanda and her devoted followers every Thursday from 9.30am for one-hour at the Old Public School hall along Mid Hartley Road. If you want to find out more, call Amanda on 0403 243 350 or email – amanda.durkin@bigpond.com

Becoming a member

HDPa membership is for anyone living in the valley. If you want to be part of a vibrant, community based organisation that is wholeheartedly committed to the wellbeing of the area, then consider becoming a member. We are an enthusiastic, committed and friendly bunch of people. We give of our time to make the Hartley community a better place to live.

If you are unsure, then why not attend one of our meetings or come to one of our social events. Experience it for yourself – see what we do and how we do it.



Come and be involved in your community. Visit our website for registration details.

Lithgow Council By-election

Its official, the 8th April is the date of the Lithgow Council by-election to elect two Councillors. We all need to cast a vote so make it count. Hopefully, with a full complement of Councillors, we can move forward. The Old Hartley Public School site will again be one of the polling booths opening from 8am through to 6pm. The HDPa will do its customary sausage sizzle, providing people with 'food for thought' from 8am through to 2pm. We look forward to serving you a premium brekky, brunch or lunch.

Proposed NBN Telecommunications Tower

As we go to print, the Lithgow Council has 'called in' the DA submitted by Aurecon on behalf of NBN for a 45m high fixed wireless facility at the corner of the GWH and Browns Gap Road. Across the Valley, telecommunications are a key requirement and bringing the area into the 21st century is widely supported. For too long people in the Valley have suffered with inadequate telecommunications and the HDPa is committed to redressing this. But the NBN tower caught many by surprise since it 'surfaced' during the Christmas period – not a great time to notify residents. The 'calling in' by Council will mean that the Councillors will decide the DA. The HDPa contacted both Council and NBN and requested a community briefing. For what is a significant DA, there's been zero communications. We support and want better telecommunications but equally, we want openness.

Lithgow Show 2017 (March 17 & 18) and Equestrian (March 19)

The Lithgow Show Society has an excellent program in store in 2017, following much appreciated local support and sponsorship. Promoting a rural/country theme, the Show will feature a commercial cattle section and an excellent new outback/horseman show as part of the Saturday night's entertainment. Enter the various pavilion sections, test your skill and just have a fun time. This is a great community event and your attendance helps support an important yet historical Show. For more details contact 02 6353 1775 or go to info@lithgowshow.org.au

Autumn Open Garden

John and Beth Trehy have generously offered to 'open' their garden, **37 Sunray Avenue Little Hartley**, on Sunday 26th March from 10am until 12 midday. You'll be inspired by what they have achieved in only 11 years!! HDPa will supply morning tea. Look forward to seeing you there. Any queries phone Susie Moodie 63552259.

Clean Up Australia Day

March 5 marks the annual Clean Up Australia Day. We would love as many local residents as possible to come and assist with this great initiative. We will be meeting at the Old Hartley School at 8.30 am on Sunday 5 March – hope to see you there.

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HDPa Business Directory – Autumn 2017 Newsletter

ACCOMMODATION	Glenroy Cottages	Cottages and camping grounds	6355 2186
	Mt Victoria Manor	Accommodation, Restaurant, Bar	4787 1369
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT	Blue Mountains Special Events Hire	All the gear for a great event	4782 1023
	Karen Edwards	Fun, family, events, photography	0414 857 764
	Mt Vic Flicks	Arthouse cinema at Mt Victoria	4787 1577
	Talisman Gallery	Metal art and jewellery	0407 723 722
FIREWOOD	Dam Ard	Posts, beams, barn doors & more	0428 428 345
	Rob Jolly	Great firewood	0415 292 102
HEALTH & WELL-BEING	Jennifer Edwards	Counsellor and Psychotherapist	0404 531 555
	Fit & Fabulous - Angela Mills	Personal Training	0411 700 188
	Brian Wiles	Remedial Massage Therapist	0427 623 141
MECHANICAL SERVICES	Hartley Chainsaw & Mower Repairs	Chainsaw & Mower Repairs	0410 626 307
	Mt Vic Service Centre	Mechanical repairs and servicing	4787 1811
OFFICE & COMPUTER SERVICES	Central West Info & Technology	All computing requirements	6352 2800
	CW Print	All commercial printing	6351 4806
	Lithgow Technology Services	All computing requirements	6353 1669
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	Biodiversity Monitoring Systems	Wildlife Services & Biodiversity	0421 841 726
	Hartley Realty & Lifestyle Properties	Real Estate	6355 2002
	Hartley Veterinary & Animal Centre	Veterinary Services	6355 2272
	Le Fevre & Co	Solicitors	6352 2699
	Truly Yours Ceremonies – Sue Jack	Justice of the Peace, Civil Celebrant, Weddings etc	0418 411 683
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
	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 227 818
	Pristine Water Systems	All water problems	0437 578 199
	Reliable property maintenance	Property Maintenance	0415 292 102
	Steven Linhart Plumbing	Plumbing	0417 045 105
RESTAURANTS & CAFES	Alchemy	Wood Fired Pizza – Licensed	6355 2056
	Ambermere	Food, wine, store	6355 2266
	Collits Inn	Restaurant & function centre	6355 0287
	Hartley Store & Saddlery	Café and Store (Licensed)	6355 2165
	The Lollybug	Lolly store and coffee	6355 2162
SHOPS	Adam's Shed	Stock feeds, fencing, produce	6355 2096
YARD & GARDEN	Andy Tree Man	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 and building supplies	6353 1077
	Maple Springs Nursery	Fabulous maples and much more	6355 2104