



Winter 2017

President's Corner

Since our last newsletter in March, we've been active on several fronts:

1881 Hartley Public School

- We upgraded and painted the 1881 public school along Mid Hartley Road. Being on the agenda for some time, the completion of the work is highly satisfying for all. And we could not have done all of this without the financial support by HyTec – we are indebted to them. Now that the School is in much better shape, it does present opportunities and one of these is resurrecting playgroup style activities as young families increasingly make Hartley their home.

Masterplan proposal for the Hartley Public School site

- We worked with the Hartley Reserves Trust to submit a funding proposal to the NSW Government to develop a detailed masterplan of the public-school site. We will know our fate in July.

Hartley District Long Lunch

- Our 2nd Long Lunch was a beauty. Held under blue skies, more than 110 attendees thoroughly enjoyed an absolutely fabulous day. Whether it was the delicious food, local beer, lots of prizes or just plain socialising and meeting new people, the Long Lunch is here to stay. A tireless Social Committee, generously supported by a number of local businesses, made it all possible.

Baaners Lane

- We facilitated a community meeting of Baaners Lane and adjoining residents over plans to direct vehicles onto Baaners Lane from the Moyne Farm subdivision. We wrote to the Lithgow City Council on this matter.



Dates for your diary:

HDDPA Gen Meeting – Monday 5th June 7.00 pm

Lithgow Council Community Information Session – Tuesday, 30th May at 6pm

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

Trivia Night – 29th July (7.00pm for 7.30pm start)

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



HDPDA General Meeting – Monday 5th June

Our next HDPDA General Meeting will be on Monday, 5th June commencing at 7pm at the Mid Hartley Road Public School hall.

We are pleased to have Dick Austen as our special guest. He will share with us his early days, the challenges he faced, the successes he shared, the heavy weights he had to deal with and wide cross-section of people he met.

“Dick arrived in Lithgow in 1940 aged 11 years. After serving an apprenticeship with the Railways, Dick and his brother-in-law Angelo Butta established Austen & Butta in 1950. From there, they opened their first coal mine in Reedy Gully at Hartley Vale in 1952. As the business grew, Dick soon became a leader in the Australian coal industry throughout the 1970s and 1980s.

His experience and leadership led to Dick becoming involved in the meat industry. In 1984, Dick was appointed to the role of Chairman of the Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation. It was here that Dick mixed in interesting circles having meetings with the Queen, various Prime Ministers, Foreign Heads of State and Ministers – all in the name of promoting and growing Australia’s meat industry. Away from the business scene, Dick continues to be a keen student of local history”.

So, come along at 7pm and hear what Dick has to say and participate in the Q&A session. It will be a fascinating night. After Dick’s address, we will get down to discussing HDPDA business from 7.40pm.

New home for the HDPDA website

The HDPDA website is moving and you won’t notice the difference. The website will still be at www.hartleyvalley.org.au but will be hosted by a new provider.

A generous sponsorship deal with Central West IT in Lithgow will see the web site hosted locally. With better, more reliable service and support that is just down the road, Diane Green who keeps the website updated, is delighted at the news. “It will be great to be able to do updates faster and know the website is being looked after by a local with our interests at heart.” she said.

On announcing the deal, Ron Murray of Central West Information Technology said “We have advertised in the HDPDA business directory for many years and see this as the next step in our relationship with the association.”

Dust off your thinking caps for 29th July – Trivia Night

If you can name all the children in The Brady Bunch, know the capital of Estonia and the valency of oxygen then good on you. But it won’t help you at the HDPDA quiz night, because we’ll have completely different questions.

Starting with the traditional round of “I Hartley know you” to give an unfair advantage to locals, the quiz night will test your knowledge of history, science, geography, literature and all those other subjects you wished you’d paid more attention to at school.

Starting at 7:30pm on 29 July at the Old Hartley School, quiz master AJ Jack will leave you alternately scratching your head and shaking your fist. There will also be a fair swag of popular culture questions, but remember the first rule of quiz night....

Have your say on the future of the Lithgow LGA

Lithgow Council is holding a series of community information sessions on Council’s plans for the future of the Lithgow LGA, covering both the draft Delivery Program over the next 3 years (key projects to be funded) and the draft 2030 Community Strategic Plan. The information session at Hartley will be held at the Old Hartley School Hall on Tuesday, 30th May at 6pm. Council’s Deborah McGrath is coordinating the sessions and she can be contacted on 6354 9921 if you have any queries.

Open garden

We’d like to thank John and Beth Trehay for taking us on a journey through their magnificent garden and admiring the various garden creations that have taken place over the past 11 years. Our next open garden day is on the 26th August from 10am to 12noon at Stephen Vella’s property, Wild Meadows Garden 243a Coxs River Rd, Hartley. HDPDA will supply morning tea. Look forward to seeing you there. Any queries phone Jane Dodd on 0418 681 882.



International School of Music, Blackheath

Kerrie O'Keeffe (not the Aussie cricketer) is a regular at the weekly yoga classes held at the Hartley Public School Hall. But its Kerrie's music programs for children that caught the eye of yoga goers.

As Director of the International School of Music at Blackheath, Kerrie provides music education to children from 2-years to 10-years. From singing to movement to playing instruments and musical games, all of this adds to an appreciation of music and the development of music skills in an unpressured, fun filled environment. To find out more, go to ismblackheath@ismaustralia.com or call Kerrie directly on 0419 105 520.

Kerrie also teaches adults either in shared lessons or privately.

Ian Thomas Obituary

Many people within the Hartley community have fond memories of Mr Ian Thomas, the last teacher at Hartley Vale School in 1955, who went on to teach at Hartley Public School in Mid Hartley Road until 1963. Prior to coming to the Hartley Valley, Ian had taught at Meadow Flat where he first met Doreen Peters as his student, later to become a lifelong friend.

He and his wife, Betty, who taught the girls sewing, and their four children, Trevor (deceased), Marilyn, Elizabeth and Wendy lived in the Hartley Vale School Teacher's Residence behind the old school there while Ian taught at Hartley. Highlights during this time include folk dancing, such as the original dance by the senior girls - the Hartley Apple Polka.

A great adventure was a whole school excursion to Sydney to see a live production of Oliver and meet the cast, go up the Harbour Bridge pylon, the top of the old AMP building and enjoy a ferry trip. The students, teacher and parents, (including the Bookers and Corneys) travelled in cars. The end of year concert that year featured songs from Oliver. Concerts were held in the Progress Hall at its original site.

During this time at Hartley the family were involved in the Hoskins Memorial Church and the local Scouting groups in Lithgow. One of the last projects with the P & C during his time was the planting of pine trees, planned for sale as Christmas trees.....hence the forest behind the Hartley Public school today!

From Hartley, the Thomas family moved to Wilcannia. Although they left the Blue Mountains behind Hartley remained in their hearts. Ian and Betty returned to Hartley frequently to visit the school and catch up with friends made within the community.

Ian lived a very full life, was instrumental in helping establish Kumon tutoring in Australia, continued to be active in the Scouting movement, was awarded an OAM for his services to youth in Scouting, schools and Primary Sports Associations and was the mainstay of the HMAS Barcoo Naval Association writing newsletters and organising many reunions.

Ian Thomas died peacefully at Queen Victoria Nursing Home in Thirlmere, close to where he and Betty had lived during their retirement, on Sunday, 12th February, 2017 at the age of 92.



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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
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 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
	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
	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
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