

## President's Corner

In this edition, we've devoted considerable space to the imminent commencement of NBN's fixed wireless services in the Hartley Valley. We are likely to see the service commence by December, fingers crossed. We've highlighted some of the key Q&As that people may want to know about and I thank Ron and Joanne Murray of Wifi-Hub for their input.

The HDPA and the Hartley Recreation Reserves Trust will soon find out whether its funding proposal for a multi-sports facility at the Old Public school site along Mid Hartley Road has been successful. The current tennis court is not utilised. We believe a sporting surface that can accommodate tennis, basketball, volleyball, netball and mini soccer would be of great benefit to the local community.

I know it was some time ago, in fact the 3rd June this year, but I do like to thank our Social Committee for putting on another superb Long Lunch event and sincerely thank the many sponsors for their on-going support and contribution. We've started a monthly happy hour at the Old Public school site, see details for that below. Cheers, Renzo

## Hartley Happy Hour

**5:30pm Friday, 19th October 2018 at the Historic Hartley School, Mid Hartley Road, Hartley**

The HDPA social committee held their first Hartley Happy Hour on 21st September. There was a great turnout of young families who have just moved into the area and we were really impressed by the local support. All involved had a great time connecting.

We are looking forward to future Hartley Happy Hour nights. They will be held on the third Friday of each month at the Hartley Historic School. Bring your own barbecue dinner and drinks or just come along and buy a \$2 sausage and roll. A salad/dessert plate to share would be fantastic, although not essential!

## It's a wrap!

### *Successful Long Lunch bringing community together*

There was a great turn out at the 3rd annual Long Lunch. As always, the Long Lunch was a chance to catch up with neighbours, friends and meet new faces around the valley. The weather thankfully held out and by the afternoon everyone migrated to the fire pit with coffee supplied by the Tin Shed. Thanks must go to Hytec and Sherry Wheller for donating the marquees that provided the cover, to Nick and Josee for manning the bar and everyone that kindly contributed food and desserts.

Finally, a big thank you to the HDPA Committee for working tirelessly to see the day go off without a glitch. From entertainment to food, I think all would agree it was a wonderful afternoon. No doubt all will quick to pencil in the next Long Lunch on the 26th of May 2019. See you there!

## Hy-tec Austen Quarry Open Day

Join us for a free tour of the Quarry from **11-2pm Sunday, 14th October 2018** at the **Austen Quarry, Hartley** with a **FREE** sausage sizzle!



PEONY FARM



FINALLY... THE NBN  
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*Tonights forecast...*  
**99% CHANCE  
OF WINE**

HARTLEY HAPPY HOUR  
FRIDAY OCT 19



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# HDPA NEWSLETTER

## The NBN is coming to town

**The long anticipated NBN wireless tower along Browns Gap Road is up!**

The NBN service should begin in December, if everything goes according to plan... The 'switching on' of the service is dependent on the successful completion of works on upstream sites at Bathurst and Yetholme. Recently, Ron & Jo Murray of Wifi Hub in Lithgow helped the HDPA with some questions we had regarding if and when one switches to NBN. Cont. page 2

## Santa Claus is *also* coming to town!

Santa will be coming to visit us all in the paddocks at Hartley. You are invited to come say hello and bring the whole family (including your four legged ones) for some special candid outdoor photos with Santa. Visits will be from 9-10.30am at the following locations;



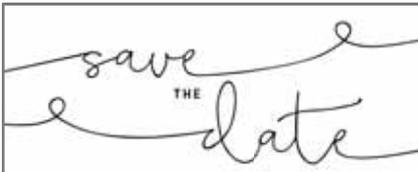
- Sat 1 Dec Adams Shed, Hartley
- Sun 2 Dec The Lolly Bug
- Sat 8 Dec Adams Shed, Hartley
- Sun 9 Dec The Old Hartley Post Office Cafe

Karen Edwards will be running sessions for \$30 with a selection of photos placed on disc ready for collection the following week. No need to book, just come along! Call 0414 857 764 if you're unsure about anything.

## Spring in full bloom

**Peony Farm 10am-noon Saturday, 27th Oct 2018 at 700 Forty Bends Rd, South Bowenfels**

Sarah and Brendan Childs have very generously offered to open their garden to the community. It is an established, historic home and garden dating from the 1830's. Come enjoy morning tea, provided by the HDPA, with a backyard of trees over a hundred years old, magnificent plants and an awe inspiring paddock of peonies. Sarah will kindly be giving us her expertise and knowledge of everything to do with peonies. You can purchase some of these beautiful flowers on the day. You absolutely do not want to turn down this generous invitation!



Oct 19 Hartley Happy Hour



Oct 21 Hartley Markets



Oct 27 Open Peony Garden



Oct 14 Quarry Open Day



***The NBN is coming to town*** *cont. from page 1*

**What can the NBN do?**

The NBN tower will enable you to receive a wireless broadband connection with sufficient capacity to quickly receive, send or stream information to your mobile device, computer, TV or other media. The service does not apply to mobile phone calls. If you are in a poor mobile phone reception area, then the tower won't help you.

**How far does it reach?**

The tower will have a 7km radius coverage to the north, south and west and reaching 2km east to the base of Mt Victoria Pass. The strength of the wireless signal will depend on the specific geography or landscape surrounding your property and those of you living close to the tower will receive far better reception than those afar.

**Sure, sign me up! But how do I actually connect?**

Once NBN wireless is available in the area, your service provider or the NBN will notify you. Once you have chosen which NBN package suits you, your provider will deal directly with them.

An NBN installer will deliver an outdoor antenna and indoor connection box. They will attach an antenna to the outside of your home – it can be installed on the eaves of your roof or on the roof itself. The box requires a power connection and a cable will connect the box to the NBN connection box inside your home. Generally, the NBN installation is free (for standard installation). As far as the modem is concerned, there may be a cost imposed by your service provider.

**What packages are available and what can I expect?**

With fixed wireless, the NBN offering is rather restricted. NBN offers only three packages with peak download speeds of 12Mbps (megabytes per second), 25Mbps or 50Mbps. By way of comparison, those of you on the copper-based ADSL (or ADSL 2/2+) network, download speeds in the Hartley area can vary from 8Mbps to 14Mbps depending on the capacity of the network. If one were to convert to a 12Mbps NBN plan, the level of service might well be inferior to what you have now. If use a lot of data streaming or you run a home business, then consider a 25Mbps or higher. Remember, it is unlikely that NBN or your service provider will be able to guarantee advertised speeds. If you are unsure the speeds your location can accommodate, then have your service provider carry out the necessary due diligence. There is no point signing up for a plan if it is unsustainable where you live.

**How long do I have to make a decision to switch?**

Generally, you have 18 months to change from the time your service provider has notified you. Make sure you investigate all options available to you. Although, caution not to leave it to the last moment, as NBN will take some time to connect you to the new service.

**Will this effect my landline phone?**

You can either keep your existing phone service over the copper network or switch to NBN's VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) service. VoIP allows you to make voice calls using the NBN broadband internet connection. We suggest you keep your landline if you are in a poor mobile reception area.

**What are the changeover costs?**

If you are moving from an existing service provider to a new one you may have a cancellation fee for breach of contract. This is up to the service provider, so we suggest you ask them when they notify you NBN is available.

**What do I need to do with my medical alarm**

It is important you register your medical alarm, autodialler or emergency call button with NBN's Medical Alarm Register. Your registration helps NBN identify households where support may be needed to help minimise a break in service before switching to a phone or internet service over the NBN access network.



**About Wifi Hub**

Ron and Jo Murray own and operate Wifi-Hub, in Main Street, Lithgow. They are our local Internet Service Provider. If you want a connection to the NBN, they'll do the due diligence. If you're after VoIP, then they can arrange it. If its ADSL or landline phone matters, they can assist. If there's a technical issue you need looking at quickly, they'll be on your doorstep. The beauty about Wifi-Hub is that they are just around the corner and can do it all.

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	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
REAL ESTATE	Hartley Realty	Realty & Lifestyle Properties	6355 2002
DAY CARE	Jen Van Praag	Mid Hartley Family Day Care	0403 537969
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
	Lauren Lewis	Physiotherapist	6352 3131
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 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

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE & BUILDING	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	0409 582526
	Mountain Stone Design	Stone work and landscaping	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
	Andrew Clark	Chimney Sweeping Services	0447 871 583
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	Ambermere	Licensed restaurant & store	6355 2266
	Collit’s Inn	Restaurant & function centre	6355 0287
	The Lollybug	Café and lolly shop	6355 2162
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