

The Dolly Pot

(June 2009)



The Dolly Pot was a manual method of crushing gold from the quartz. Rather like a steel mortar and pestle. When gold is found in abundance within the quartz, a stamper battery (a large steam engine driven crushing machine) was employed instead. As current news is a little slow, and with a lack of contributed articles, the current quartz vein of information we are receiving has become less auriferous, hence we temporarily put the stamper aside and return to simpler methods of seeking local glimmerings.

Out of Hill End

Gavin Wilson recently curated an exhibition of Hill End paintings by 16 local artists at the Damien Minton gallery in Sydney.

“The works on display in ‘Out of Hill End’ were drawn from artists working in various media - painting, photography, sculpture, ceramics, installation and graphics. What binds this group is a commitment to live and work in Hill End enhancing the region's rich artistic legacy.”

The gallery website quoted.

Many locals attended the opening night, with over 300 visitors attending it was stated that it became impossible either to enter or leave the gallery for a period.

It was a most successful showing of recent Hill End artwork,

with a collage by Ana Young being snapped up by one insightful collector.

Ana's work is currently on display at the Jean Bellette Gallery, in Hill End.



Ana Young- Fence lines

www.damienmintongallery.com.au

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Hill End set to enter the fast lane

Member for Bathurst Gerard Martin has welcomed the announcement by New South Wales Minister for Rural Affairs Tony Kelly that Hill End will be one of the first 11 communities to be hooked up to high-speed broadband under the Community Broadband Development Program.

To date the prospect of affordable reliable high-speed broadband has not been a reality for communities such as Hill End said Gerard Martin.

The New South Wales Government has provided almost \$12 million to deliver affordable high-speed broadband to the more isolated communities in our State continue Gerard Martin.

This will give those communities equity with larger regional and city communities and allow businesses to develop and ensure that the general community has good communications with the outside world.

Hill End residents will now be able to encourage people to visit and support their huge tourism potential knowing that they will have reliable communications.

The process has involved community consultation and this process is continuing with the development of business cases and technical plans, which will be then followed by the building of a high-speed wireless network, said Gerard Martin.

The Community Broadband Development program is part of the State governments building that Country which has allocated \$85 million to assist country communities grow and prosper.

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Winter leaves

The Avenue leaves have been collected and are piled up in the paddock off Lee's Lane and are available for collection gratis for any local gardens.

Clinic Ramp

The superstructure of the Nurse's Clinic ramp has been delivered. Soon to be installed, giving disabled access to the clinic.

English Migrants

Bill and Genevieve have sold their boat in Sydney and hence will be spending more time at the English Cottage.

They open Beyer's Corner every weekend as Rabbit Press being both a café and a print gallery.

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Turon Panther

Part Two



Following the article in the last Stamper Battery regarding an influx of panther sightings from Penrith to the Turon, one reader wrote to the Stamper in response, informing us that her husband recently saw one such illusive feline deep inland off the Mudgee road.

Also to recently make claims that the panthers do exist was Nathan Rees, Premier of NSW speaking in the Sydney Media.

Hill End Family History Market Days

The Hill End Family History Group is planning to run market stalls in the Royal Hall as a regular event.

Interested persons can contact Helen Austin or Daphne Shead to plan the venture.

www.hillendfamilyhistory.com

Historic Paintings Signed



‘Councillor’s Cottage’

Drysdale’s image below Athol

The long awaited placement of several metallic signs representing the famous images painted of the village, done mainly in the 40’s & 50’s, have finally been installed around town in the sites they were created in.

An added feature to our village now, thanks to a Parks incentive.

Dotted seemingly spontaneously about the village these images compliment the incumbent Beaufoy Merlin images already spaced around the town, telling odes of a different facet of Hill End’s rich history.

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Houses for tender

Three more cottages are now open for tender.

Fairfax, Denman's and the Pines.

An open day will be held on July 29th for interested viewers.

\$5000 grant to boost Sofala tourism

The Sofala Progress Association will receive more than \$5000 to improve its tourism infrastructure facilities. Bathurst Regional Council will provide the money out of its village improvement program.

A report to last week's council meeting recommended that the association be given \$5397.30 for the installation of water tanks, a pump, hot water service and plumbing works. The report said the latest funding application followed a stalled application from three years earlier. "As part of the 2006/2007 Rural Village Infrastructure Improvement Program, Council allocated \$11,833.50 to install a bore and pump for Stage 2 of the Tourism Infrastructure facilities at Sofala," the report said.

"The Association were unable to proceed with the project at that time due to having not received a response from the Department of National Resources regarding the installation of a bore and were subsequently requested to seek alternative options for a water supply."

Councilors agreed to provide the funding.

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Hill End Gold Limited is committed to improving the economic and social outlook of communities in which it is working. This may be through an emphasis on local recruitment and use of services to financial assistance for community projects and supporting improvements in local infrastructure.

At Hill End the Company has approximately 50% local employment and has contributed towards the construction of a new Fire Shed for the Hill End Voluntary Rural Fire Service and a Covered Outdoor Learning Area for the Hill End Public School.

HEGL company representative met with the Hill End & Tambaroora Progress Association, the Hill End & Tambaroora Common Trust and the Park Services Division of the Department of Conservation & Climate Change to discuss company activities.

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