

THE STAMPER BATTERY AUTUMN EDITION (May 2005)



Rural Hill End-photo Dean Sewell
HETPA President's Report

We enjoyed the usual Easter Activities in Hill End. Again, we were fortunate with the weather; it was sunny for the whole weekend, there were lots of people around, enjoying our beautiful town.

The Council Election resulted in Norm Mann being made Mayor of the new Council. Kath Knowles, who was the Administrator prior to the Election, will be returning to her old job at CSU. During her brief tenure, she was sympathetic to the needs of Hill End and we thank her for her interest and assistance.

There has been very positive feed back from the HETPA Website www.hillend.org, people are really impressed, and again we thank Oliver Woodley for his efforts in creating it.

The website contains a lot of information about Hill End, what to see, how to make a booking, where to go shopping, a basic history and local art info.

Sheena Goodwin, not known for her love of pine trees, suggested an annual pullout. The Corrective Services teams are getting involved by pulling out the little shoots. Pause as you exit town on the Bathurst Road and see the number of stumps of smaller pines that have been removed.

Applications for the Young Eagles are going out to parents, the helicopter rides will take place on 28th and 29th May. They will be free to kids 8 to 17 and there will be joy flights for adults for \$45.

Barrie Rogers, HETPA President.

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Easter Events

Lynda and Terry, as always, did their bit for the P&C, making sausage sandwiches in Lyle Park, on the Saturday. John Welsh assisted with the BBQ for the first time and will need to get his speed up in the future. Barrie Rogers was very enthusiastic on the Chocolate Wheel, but he did have trouble with No 35, which seemed to come up all the time.

At Craigmoor's Open House Days, there was a good turn-up

So too for the outdoor screening of 'Chicago' at Easter at the Cricket Ground. Sheena Goodwin waxed, "even without the movie, it was so beautiful, with the full moon rising above the screen on the back of Robert Auld's truck. It wasn't too cold and everyone was wrapped up in their rugs on the hill."

Cobb & Co was up again, adding atmosphere to town. This time they had the insurance to be able to give people rides.

La Paloma held its annual exhibition at Easter in the Old Catholic Church. This year, Julie Williams and Janet Haslett, who own a house in Hill End, showed their work. There was a performance on Easter Sunday given by Sydney poet, Mario Licon and Kim Deacon put five of these poems to music. She is currently recording this material for an ABC Radio presentation and her own CD. Kim is also making very good pottery domestic ware, which is now on show in the Church.

RC



Kim Deacon singing

Hill End Historic Buildings Open Day

This April's Open Day featured more buildings than before, with 10 open to the public. It was also our most successful one yet, with 118 visitors to town. HETPA would like to thank the small group of dedicated volunteer guides, and also those who opened their houses to the public view.

ANZAC Day

Jim Shanahan began with "Our Commemoration Service today does not seek to glorify war, but on the contrary, its purpose is to condemn war in all its forms." This year, whilst the wreaths were being laid, there was a recording of singing by the Hill End Public School. There was '2 up' as usual at the Pub afterwards.

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Hill End Art Gallery Opens

The Visitors' Centre has been transformed. The Grand Opening was held on April 16th, and opened by Terry Korn, Director Western Region, who was very pleased with the concept and acknowledged Parks' part in the cultural heritage of this State.

The artists featured are those living in Hill End, 13 all up, including Peter Wright who sadly isn't with us.

All the work is different, but it does come together as a group show.

John Olsen was present at the Opening and said, "It gives me great joy to find an Art Gallery in Hill End. After coming here first in 1958 I have witnessed the gradual coming together that has taken place in Hill End. There is a sense of place here and there is the landscape itself which both make Hill End so special. When I came in '58, the hospital was for sale for \$ 22 000, but I couldn't afford it then." **RC**

A place in Hill End for Hill End art

In the 1940's a different form of wealth other than gold was discovered here. This wealth was found in other parts of

the world too, in places where artists gathered, inspirational places, far removed from major centres of activity.

A village in Majorca, an old town in the deserts of New Mexico, all spontaneous creative sproutings in old rich cultural soils. Some discovered the feel of just such an inspirational place here in Hill End. Gavin Wilson's book on the artists of Hill End, highlighted the area's rich art history. A generation previously, Donald Friend published "Hillendiana", local stories illustrated with his sublime prints. Artists Jean Bellette and Paul Haefliger bought a cottage here, many others also came to Hill End over the ensuing years, like Drysdale, Olley, Smart, Olsen, and Whiteley.

In the brief art history of Australia, Hill End is often mentioned in Art Journals, and discussed, if not featured at many Gallery openings. Yet for the myriad of visitors who pass through Hill End each year, there was sadly no evidence of the celebration of these most fecund of times in the history of modern art in Australia.

In this the new century, another generation of artists have been inspired by the place at the end of the hill.

Mandy Barrett, Peter Wright, Glenn Woodley, Lino Alvarez, Luke Sciberras, Gria Shead, John Firth-Smith, Danelle Bergstrom, Julie Williams, Janet Haslett, Hui Selwood, Raquel Mazzina and myself - all trying to explain the beauty of the place, along with musical artists Kim Deacon and Lee Gunness adding their voices to a landscape much observed and dearly loved. With this current renaissance and the generous stewardship of the Dept. of Environment

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& Conservation, the space for a gallery to expose the arts of Hill End locally, has finally been created. Now the flowerings of this inspirational heart can inspire all who make contact with the living pulse of the place.

Brett Hilder

Visitors Centre

Please note-The Visitors' Centre will regrettably be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays for the next 2 months. This has been caused by the necessity to give holidays to staff Helen and Lorraine. An application for a replacement was not deemed feasible.

Recycled water

Hill End has a 20-day reserve of water in the storage tanks, so there is no real worry that we will run out of water. However, we should not think of water as an unlimited resource. The Pub and the School use 1.3 megalitres of water a year and some of this will be replaced with recycled water for amenities flushing, as used successfully in the toilets at the Camping Grounds for a couple of years now.

Sewerage works

13 new premises will be sewerred, up Reef Street and along Fletcher Lane, also the Ranch. This will completely encircle the village and close the loop.

Electrical Works

Have been carried out in the lower end of town to boost the power and maintain consistent voltage. The lines have been put underground and overhead wires

removed. Terry Hocking is grateful, "the lights are brighter now," he said.

Ted Abbott has a story about an earlier Electricity Authority.

There is a pine tree outside the Church, which was planted by Laurie Lincoln (see p.6), Sheena Goodwin's aunt, in memory of her husband, (ironically he liked pine trees).

A power pole was put up through the middle of it and she was told to cut it down, the ensuing outcome of this fiasco was that the pole was moved and the pine tree saved. **RC**

Pine tree eradication

Burn plans are being authorised right now for those trees that have been cut down last year. Rosemary Smith, the Fire Management Officer for Parks in Bathurst, is in charge.

Mine Shaft Capping

Two shafts will be fenced and the larger shafts grated to provide the opportunity to view them, but first they have to be inspected for bats. Work will commence in May.

Roadworks

"The roads are as bad as ever," Ross Brown said, "Betty Jeffree had 2 flat tyres going to the tip".

Dave Thompson was back at work again for the Council, placing a culvert at the foot of Thompson's Lane and clearing out the deep drains.

David Swan of Bathurst Regional Council has agreed to ream out the horizontal culverts under the roads around Town to complete the good work of the Corrective Services teams. **RC**

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The Tip

Looks a mess, because people were not throwing their rubbish into the trench, merely leaving it on the top edge. Enjoy a big throw as you rid your rubbish. "It's terrible to have to walk through the rubbish to get to the trench," Betty Jeffree said.

Is it that trailers aren't backed up far enough? RC

Birthday Parties

Leanne Mobbs organised one for Christian Fraser's 18th and another for her daughter, Hayley's, 15th. RC

Joan Auld's Birthday

She had a surprise when her family turned up to wish her happy 70th birthday. Heather, one of her daughters, organised a wheelchair with a drip that said 'Tooheys'. RC

Births

Cassie (Williams) had a baby girl, Teleah Neveah McDonald.

Donna and Jason Lawler had a boy, Benjamin. They had 4 children and they now have yet another.

Lee Rogers was not taken by helicopter to give birth. Funny how things get distorted, but she did give birth to a boy, Louis Theodore. "Theodore Gunness was my great-great-grandfather and he came to Australia from Norway, escaping the cold and famine. He is buried at Trunkey Creek," Lee said.

RC

This year Hill End has a population boom of almost 4%! 2 girls, 2 boys, congratulations to the families of our town's newest residents.

New Local Businesses

DVD and Video Hire. Contact Chrissie Rixson on **315**. Titles include the Manchurian Candidate, Being John Malkovich, Bridget Jones, Ned Kelly and Master and Commander. We can now face winter.

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Hardware

The Rattrays have begun stocking hardware and gardening supplies. Cheryl said that they were eager to find out what people needed. They also have a very wide variety of other goods and gifts at Aunty Ette's Berry Farm. RC

Hill End Gold Limited

Continues its search with drilling tests being conducted above the Cornelian dam. There are no results to date. RC

Stamper Feedback

Sheena Goodwin thought that the Stamper Battery has lost its humour. She offered this delightful anecdote as an example of what was missing. Sheena's Grandmother, Maude Goodwin used to cover up her household mirrors during electrical thunderstorms to stop them attracting lightning. RC

Input of this quirky nature is indeed always most welcome, the last edition mentioning Jan Gallen putting her computer in the fridge, is just one such an example. More please folks.



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Hill End Memories

Carol McCance Wright

The Hill End Bus

During the Depression, my father, Bob Lincoln, ended up along the banks of the Turon searching for gold, and eventually came up to Hill End, working as a miner and engine driver. He had not intended to stay long, but this all changed, because he met and fell in love with my mother, Lorraine Goodwin, whom he later married in 1937.

In those days travel to Bathurst was in a touring car with trailer attached, an uncomfortable trip over rough, unsealed roads.

In 1935 Bob took over the Bathurst run. He replaced the tourer with a 2nd hand Hudson sedan. By 1937, the car was always over-loaded with passengers and the trailer barely large enough. Bob decided to buy a new parlour coach with space for parcels, etc. at the rear, the coach started the tri-weekly service to Bathurst and the passengers were in 7th heaven. One old passenger was heard to say "it's like riding on velvet!" During the first 2 years it was a 7 day a week job. Bob did all his own repairs etc., often working all night to fix something so he could leave on schedule next morning. By 1941 overloading was the order of the day (35 people in the 17 seater coach) and it took hours to make the 53 mile journey. The service also delivered parcels to Peel, Wattle Flat, Sofala and finally to Sally's Flat on the loop back to Hill End. Shopping kept Bob busy in Bathurst from 11 am until 3.30 pm when the bus departed for Hill

End. It was not uncommon to have to buy a cotton reel or a bale of hay for his customers, plus supplies for the Hotel and General Store. Passengers often asked why he didn't get a double-decker, so in 1944 he started drawing up plans for a new bus, seating 30 people with a raised rear deck, which provided space below for luggage etc. The rear deck seated 17 passengers, the lower deck 13, with room for 7 standing. The Camelback bus, as it was named, came into service in 1944. By 1946 Bob ran 2 buses assisted by brother-in-law Bruce Goodwin, Bob started tri-weekly services to Mudgee as well.



Robert Lincoln 1937 Hill End Parlour Coach



Bob Lincolns 1944 Camel Bus

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Hill End Golf Club

Carol McCance Wright

Today golf is played at The Ranch, the current course being the brainchild of former owner Ron Gunness. There are 5 greens, 4 of which are played twice from different tees, to make up a 9-hole course. I recently discovered the enjoyment of playing golf with The Ranch "Mongrels" Golf Club. It is a challenging course and would test the most seasoned of professional golfers, let alone beginners! It is wonderful to think that golf is played still in Hill End as it was in the 1930's/1940's.

My childhood memory of the greens for the original golf course, were on The Flat (cricket pitch). Some still had remnants of wire and steel posts around them, to prevent the cows from walking on them. They also had 5 holes approached from 9 different angles to make up to a 9-hole course. There was a green on the hill across from the Post Office; one on the hill behind the Police Station (which would have been quite a challenge!), one behind the cricket shed, one below Nick Harvey's house, and the 5th green was on the flat leading to the Bald Hill walking track.

I have no memory of golf played on the original course, but I know both my parents did play there. I still have my mother's original canvas golf bag and wooden handled clubs.

The Hill End Golf Club started in 1935, it closed after the outbreak of war, as many went into the services, remaining shut for about 5 years, but reopened in 1946 after the course was restored. As reported in The Western Times that year, they had 12 members, but were hoping, "*that when clubs and balls become available, this number will be greatly increased.*" It was a great social activity and many husbands and wives played.



My mother Laurie Lincoln (left) with Sydney friends, off for a round of golf on the Hill End Course, just before WW2



Digger Hocking, Gwen Eyre, Bruce Goodwin, Margo Fuge, Tom Bairstow- 30s/40s golfers.

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Police Report

Random Breath Testing is about to begin around the Town. The powers that be require a certain number of tests per month. Also I will be looking at traffic offences within the Village, so be responsible when driving. The registration of vehicles and current drivers' licences are things I will be targeting.

However, I am able to say that things have been very quiet lately, and that is very good, though I do remind you to watch your behaviour in the Hotel.

Just recently, some minor vandalism has been reported

Senior Constable Jim Allan

Nurse's Report

I will be on long service leave for 6 months from 20th June. There will be a replacement during that time. So, I will see you all in 2006 and stay healthy in the meantime.

David Turcato, Nurse Practitioner

Inches from death

Donna-lee King of the Hill End General Store and her children Lucy and Jackson had a close call on the road back home recently. Her car skidded in the gravel, became airborne and landed upside down with stump through the windscreen. Close! Donna-lee suffered cuts and great shock. She wants to thank her staff and the Community for their support after the accident.

Please be careful when driving on the road during a prolonged period of dryness. The roads get corrugated and accidents can easily happen. **RC**

Fond Memories

Bill Mackenzie

Bill was on Evans Shire Council for many years. He stood in the Election for Bathurst Regional Council, but, regrettably, he was killed in a car accident just before it. He always said that the Festivals in Hill End and Rockley were better than anything in Bathurst. He will be sadly missed. Our sympathies go to his family.

Barrie Rogers

Art

Julie & Janet at La Paloma

Julie Williams and Janet Haslett seem to do everything together. Here in Hill End, they own a house together and they are exhibiting together at the Old Catholic Church. The work of each is different, but they do seem to have influenced each other.

Julie's works examine Hill End's society and politics "My works are based on plein air studies, antique maps, fabric, photographs and digital imagery. The paintings and sculptures are reminiscent of veins, scars and skeletal forms. My concept of the Hill End landscape has evolved into an organic one, with the mining leases resembling a scar that runs the breadth of Hawkins Hill."

Janet's paintings are based on plein air studies and a range of recent archival studies. The paintings also represent the monumental juxtaposed with the fragile.

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Artists in Residence

Murray's Cottage

Sarah Last

Sarah is a Visual Arts Curator. "I came to Hill to use time here to research new media arts practices. The interaction between the community and the bureaucracy is well balanced here, and in that respect Hill End is unique, because the rest of regional Australia is unbalanced. For a town of your size, what you've got is remarkable, a model for others. For instance, Wagga, has only just got a Film Club and we are the biggest inland city in NSW. RC

Curtis Rhodes

"I hope to return yet again before my bones are put to rest. Exhibiting at the Bathurst Regional Art Gallery, his large works on paper. The style is abstract. This place reminded him of Giacometti, isolated and alone, present but alone, he agreed with John Olsen's comments at the Hill End Opening about the spirit of this place. Curtis put it his own way- "It sinks its hooks into you.

It's inspirational. You don't want to leave. New work will come out of it back in Arizona." RC



Curtis Rhodes 2003

Artists in Residence

Haefliger's Cottage

Dean Sewell/Tamara Dean

"We wanted to update the historical record of Hill End in a contemporary style. The people of Hill End have made it what it is, for without the cooperation of the locals, we couldn't have done what we did." They brought with them a Pinhole Camera, or Camera Obscura, basically a darkened box with a simple aperture. It is the simplest form of a camera. Tamara continued. "What we are doing with the pinhole camera is more conceptual. What we will achieve from it is more of a feel, rather than a sharp, crisp image that modern cameras get, more impressionistic. The size will be large, 60" x 40", 9 sheets of paper. RC



Gria by Dean Sewell

Toni Warburton

Toni is investigating the folded forms of the landscape, "it's almost like a huge piece of drapery that has been unfurled out over the whole valley," she said of the view from Hawkins Hill. The landscape is around you, and you can wander through and understand it. I am using stiff muslin and stitching and stapling it. I'm drawing at a particular point on Hawkins Hill to get to know the landscape." RC

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Hill End Family History

Membership Fees

I am researching the Hill End families from the gold rush through to the present and making my research available to all doing their own family history. Barrie Rogers has kindly given space at the Visitors Centre from which voluntary research will be available to family historians. If anyone wants to share their Hill End family history, please either-
Email bitofheaven@bigpond.com
Mail- "Corrig" Hill End NSW 2850
Ph- 63378218

Also any brave souls out there who wish to donate a couple of hours each week to help do the research? If you can help, please feel free to contact me.

. Daphne Shead

HETPA April AGM

The AGM was held on Thursday 28th of April. Being an AGM, all positions become vacant. Kath Knowles chaired the meeting's new office bearers election. All previous years office bearers were returned unanimously, with no new nominees coming forward.

The HETPA office bearers therefore are:

President Barrie Rogers
Vice President Sheena Goodwin
Secretary Glenn Woodley
Treasurer Jim Shanahan
Public Officer Ross Brown.

**The next meeting will be held
May 17th Tuesday 6.30pm
in the Royal Hall.**

Members please note as of the AGM, membership fees for 2005-06 HETPA Membership are now due.

The cost remains the same,
\$10 per annum/ \$5 concession.

However due to ever growing membership, increasingly by non local residents, joining simply to keep in touch with Hill End's news via the Stamper Battery, a new charge has to be implemented.

This most welcome new demand has increased production costs, the annual postage cost of mailing 6 editions a year, has regrettably led to a new charge necessity.

For those who receive The Stamper Battery by stamped mail, a further postage cost of **\$3** per annum has become necessary.

We encourage members to opt to receive the Stamper via email if they have it, as this is the cheapest production option, and has the bonus of offering true quality reproduction with colour images.

HETPA regrets increased cost to our furthest members, and greatly appreciates your understanding.

Cheques can be mailed to-

**Treasurer Jim Shanahan
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