



Hawks Nest Tea Gardens Progress Association Newsletter - Mid Year 2025

Hi Members,

The Committee is pleased to present our first Newsletter for 2025:

Community Events & Activities (to date!)

- **Seniors Festival**
Held 15 May and a great success, organised entirely by our committee and self-funded. A warm thank you to all who participated and supported.
- **ANZAC Day Support**
We proudly supported this year's commemorations, including a donation to the local school to acknowledge their involvement in preserving this important tradition.
- **School Parliament Visit**
Held 23 May, we attended the **2025 Tea Gardens Public School Parliament**, an inspiring insight into our future leaders.

Health & Safety: AED Project progressing

Our community defibrillator project has finally been progressed thanks to our volunteers, plus improvements at Service NSW. The project will use the NSW GoodSAM AED registry provides the locations of all publicly-available automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) – soon to include all of ours (around 30 TBC). The registry allows people to quickly locate publicly available AEDs in a cardiac arrest emergency.



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Registering publicly available defibrillators, helps save lives.



To view AEDs near you, sign up as a [GoodSAM volunteer](#) and download the app.

Thank you to Sandra and Bruce for updating the GoodSAM app with locations, images, and information (underway).

The HNTGPA understands not everyone wants the app nor has a mobile handy, so we will be providing a FREE fridge magnet showing emergency contacts and local AED locations.

Road Safety & Local Advocacy

- **Children's Crossing Requested:** We've formally requested a **children's crossing on Witt Street**. We will be working with the **MCC, Local Traffic Committee** and the **school council**, knowing this may be a longer-term project.
- **Singing Bridge Pelican Issue:** We formally raised concerns with MCC regarding **pelicans damaging light fittings** and leaving waste on the pathway. The issue has been **referred to Essential Energy**, and we will be



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working with them to find a solution that fits the character of our area while allowing safe pelican roosting and safe passage by users.

- **Graffiti and vandalism repairs:** On 6 June 2025 we formally reported this to both the NSW Police Force and MCC due to the nature of the event. Volunteers then worked with Lions to remove the graffiti, repair, and clean the male toilet block. We urge members to assist keeping an eye on the location when you drive past and report any suspicious behaviours.

Myall River Artwalk Group

We continue to collaborate with the **Mile River Artwalk Group** and proudly support their public art initiatives:

- **Library Art Pioneer People Poles:** Have been successfully relocated to accommodate the library upgrade and expansion. A huge thank you to Jeanette Hart and MCC for this project.
- **Relic Sculpture:** The relic has been sanded, painted with rust paint and the bits have been welded back on. A huge thank you to the Men's Shed.
- **Anzac Mural Repair:** One of the panels fell off and broke. MCC contacted the Group who collaborated with the RSL coordinator to paint a replacement. Huge thanks to President Jeannette Hart who restored it and has requested RSL if ok to refresh all the mural with help from volunteers – please let us know if you can help via email.
- **Mural Solar Protection:** Jeanette resurfaced the murals at the Lions Park Lookout (Pelicans) and Bennetts Beach (whales). Thank you!



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Grants & Financial Update

- **Finances**

Thanks to **regular reporting from our Treasurer, Kay Jones**, we're pleased to report that our finances are **in a very healthy position**. That said, we will be fund raising the remainder of the year to ensure our operating expenses are fully covered.



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- **2026 Grant Planning**

We will be applying for:

- A **Seniors Grant**, and
- A **major grant to upgrade our community hall**.

Council Reporting & Infrastructure

Together with our members, we've submitted multiple Request & Report to the MCC, including:

- a) Repairs to **Viney Creek Road** and **Lions Park Lookout roads**.
- b) **Graffiti removal** across several local sites.
- c) **Repairs** to the Hawks Nest Community Hall air conditioning units (damaged and one broken).
- d) **Singing Bridge** (pelican issue and upgrades).
- e) Cleaning up the very **bad waterlogged area** behind the Bus Stop near the new land blocks (next to Tea Gardens shops).

Volunteers are also replacing damaged and/or dead natives along the TG pool, Lions Park and gardening upgrades at a number of public places.

Telecommunications Advocacy

We've commenced **lobbying our new Federal MP, Alison Penfold (Nationals)**, regarding **Telstra service issues**. Connectivity remains a critical concern for safety and wellbeing in our community.



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Priorities

This year we adopted a **structured approach to local campaigning and projects** categorising priorities – these include (note not inclusive):

Initiative / Issue	Type (campaign or project)	Timeframe	Priority
1. Jimmys Beach MobiMats	Project: Grant	Medium	Medium
2. TGPS Children's Crossing; Crossing at Myall and Maxwell Streets	Campaign: MCC, State	Medium	Medium
3. The Anchorage Footpath	Campaign: MCC	Medium	Medium
4. Singing Bridge upgrade – including pelican safe lights	Campaign: MCC, State	Medium	High
5. Renew edging at Tea Gardens riverside (sink holes, erosion, etc).	Campaign: MCC	Short	High
6. Community Hall upgrade	Project: Grant	Medium	Medium
7. Footpaths: Winda Woppa, Skate Park connector, bike trails, etc	Campaign: MCC	Ongoing	Medium
8. Roads: Myall Steet (kerb & guttering)	Campaign: MCC	Ongoing	Medium



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9. Skate Park upgrade: fence, playground, courts etc.	Project: Grant	Medium	Medium
10. Lions Park upgrade: fence, road, park etc	Lions; Project; Grant	Medium	Medium

Key Dates

- **Tuesday 29 June:** 2.30 – 4pm at MCC Community Conversations, Hawks Nest Community Centre
- **Monday 10 August:** 6.30pm at Hawks Nest Community Centre
- **Monday 12 October:** 6.30pm at Hawks Nest Community Centre
- **Monday 17 November: Annual General Meeting & Christmas Nibbles,** Hawks Nest Community Centre

Note, your Management Committee meetings continue each month.

Membership Drive – August 2025

The PA advocates for our entire HNTG community with Council, State and Federal levels of government, as well as seeking funding for community projects through grants and other resources. The more members we have, the greater the impact we can make, the louder our community's voice will become. Even if you cannot attend meetings, please consider joining or renewing your membership, and ask your local friends to do the same. Your support matters

Thank you,

Management Committee of the HNTGPA 😊