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Pappinbarra Valley Monthly News

Pappinbarra Progress Association & Pappinbarra Outback Association

July Special Events

Fire Workshop – Asset Protection and Ecological Perspectives

Saturday, July 7 at the Hollisdale Hall from 1-4pm – open to all, see P3.

Christmas in July

Ward off winter chill with good company and good food! **Saturday, 21 July** - see President's report for details.

Singing Workshop

The last singing workshop was so much fun that I've decided to make it a regular thing. We'll get together every few months to sing our hearts out. Last time there were 12 of us, a good sized for group singing but the bigger the better so why not come along and give it a try. It's all about getting together with members of our community and singing in harmony. **Hollisdale Hall** on **Saturday, 21 July from 10 – 12 noon**. \$10 per person – a fund raiser for the hall. Bring something yummy to share for lunch afterwards. **Elly Franchimont** elly@vocalpointevents.com 6587-6097 or 0424220937

PPA President's Report

Another well attended FFFN was held in June, with the cooks kept busy and we were kept warm thanks to the new gas patio heater we have purchased. Mary Walker won the raffle and as Kerry Rowley was not in attendance the members draw jackpots to \$40.00 for July. Remember the draw is done at 7.00pm and you must be there to claim it.

We have a number of functions coming up the first being **Christmas in July Pot Luck Dinner**, which will be held on Saturday, 21 July at the Hollisdale Hall 5.30pm start for 6.30pm dinner. Bring a main dish and/or a dessert to share. Entry will be by a gold coin donation and for those who do not wish to cook we offer a meal for \$10.00. **Please R.S.V.P. for catering purposes no later than Wednesday 18 July, to Julie-Anne on 6585 6309**. A special treat for children will be provided and Joyce Ditchburn will be bringing along some of her famous desserts and we will provide pre-dinner entertainment for the kids.

We also have our Bush Dance with *Jugged Hare* on Saturday, 25 August so pop the date in your diary and polish up you dancing shoes.

Hope to see you at our next FFFN which is on Friday, 6 July.

Regards Julie-Anne

PPA and POA Annual General Meetings

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS, the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of **PAPPINBARRA PROGRESS ASSN. INC.** will be held on **SATURDAY, 28 JULY** commencing at 2.00pm at **HOLLISDALE HALL, 1493 PAPPINBARRA ROAD, HOLLISDALE**. The AGM will be directly followed by a General Meeting.

I urge all members of the Association to attend these meetings to elect a Management Committee and also to have a say on how they feel the Association should be run. Remember this Hall belongs to you the members, and you have the right to put forward your thoughts on how it should be run. In order to vote on any issue you must be financial and you can do this by sending cash/cheque to our Secretary Jan Childs at 1301 Pappinbarra Road, Hollisdale, in person at FFFN on 6 July, or prior to the commencement of the meeting on the day (see Membership Form on P8).

Julie-Anne Murphy, President

All positions on the PPA committee are declared vacant. The process for election of committee members is shown below.

Nomination forms are available from the Secretary, Jan Childs 6587-6055 janmary1301@bigpond.com.

- "(1) Nominations of candidates for election as office-bearers of the association or as ordinary committee members:
- must be made in writing, signed by 2 members of the association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of the nomination), and
 - must be delivered to the secretary of the association at least 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place.
- (2) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the committee, the candidates nominated are taken to be elected and further nominations are to be received at the annual general meeting.
- (3) If insufficient further nominations are received, any vacant positions remaining on the committee are taken to be casual vacancies.
- (4) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated are taken to be elected.
- (5) If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot is to be held.
- (6) The ballot for the election of office-bearers and ordinary committee members of the committee is to be conducted at the annual general meeting in such usual and proper manner as the committee may direct.
- (7) A person nominated as a candidate for election as an office-bearer or as an ordinary committee member of the association must be a member of the association."

See POA announcement page 7...

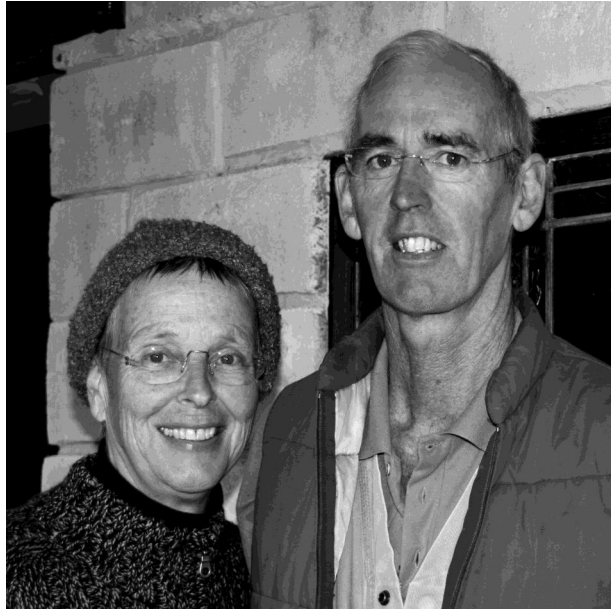
Meet the Neighbours—Introducing Patrick McEntee and Elly Franchimont

Patrick was born in Traralgon in Victoria into a large and staunchly Roman Catholic family. He is a twin and one of ten children. He describes himself as the black sheep of the family and escaped when he left school and attended university in Brisbane where he did his BSC (Australian Environmental Studies).

In 1982 he bought a share in Magic Mountain and moved onto the property on April 1, 1983 with four other like-minded people and set up home in an old railway carriage. The property had been a dairy farm in the 60's with beautiful lush green pastures so he was able to help his uncle agist 100 bush fire affected cattle from Victoria following the Ash Wednesday bushfires in Western Victoria. Patrick has lived in many places in the Hastings area since he moved north but Pappinbarra is his permanent home.

Elly was born in Holland into a strongly Socialist family and was fairly isolated within this society as the rest of the village was either Catholic or Presbyterian. Music was a large part of her life with many family singing nights.

Elly moved to Australia in 1980 and lived in the Blue Mountains and worked for a while in Women's Refuges. She started a successful Choir and sang in many Rock & Roll and Jazz bands. She met Amy Hubers and began visiting her on Magic Mountain (Amy is a share holder) but didn't meet Patrick until 1998. They



Elly Franchimont and Patrick McEntee

conducted a distance relationship for two years and then Elly left her life in the Blue Mountains and moved to Wauchope where she lived with Patrick and her son, Luke, in the farm house by the bridge on Stoney Creek Road (this has now been moved and a large "castle" built in it's place).

Patrick and Elly began building on Magic Mountain in 2005 and with a few hiccups have been at it ever since. Patrick does the building and Elly has established a huge veggie garden, raises the chooks and provides unskilled labour as required. Building has been a slow but satisfying process as materials can only be purchased as money is earned. Elly runs two choirs, sings with a group and in Jazz

duos and bands, has her own event management business, takes music groups overseas and runs the Farmers Market. Patrick works as a courier and turns his hand to anything.

They finally moved onto the Mountain in April this year and live in a delightful studio with a pot belly stove - the kitchen is as yet unfinished, it has a roof but only two walls, so they eat alfresco!!.

The pleasure they derive from their home is tangible, life is simple and peaceful and the wild life is all around them.

Mary Walker

Pacomania - Part 2 - Pacareality

I was so excited to see my two new female Alpacas in the paddock where Nutkin our male lived, and we waited impatiently for the first cria (baby Alpacas) to arrive. I thought I had it made when the cria were both girls. However, the Alpaca gestation period is 11½ months and twins, which would speed things up, are rare. And, female cria can take up to two years before they are ready to mate. So the growth rate of a mob of three Alpacas is oh so slow, particularly when at least 50% of cria will be boys.

I am afraid my wonderful dream of making my fortune was not to be realised. Yes, there were, and still are, fortunes to be made from the Alpaca industry. The entrepreneurs who got in early and spent a fortune importing animals from Chile and Peru made their pile. As have the breeders who bought very expensive males with wonderful fleeces and then spent lots of time showing their animals and promoting their studs. I am just a plodder who has certainly improved the fleeces on my animals, but it has been a long slow process due to lack of

money and time. I am not an entrepreneur at heart.

However, in the 20 years I have been breeding and selling these beautiful animals they have given me enormous amounts of pleasure. To see the newborn crias and watch them playing chasings in the paddocks is an absolute joy. Yes, some of the adults do spit and they can kick, but I find them easier to handle than sheep or cattle and much easier on the paddocks than other domestic animals (they have soft pads, not hoofs). They are inquisitive and highly intelligent and will come up to you in the paddocks to see what you are doing. And, of course, they do chase foxes and dogs – especially my dog, who thinks it is wonderful fun. However, they can be injured by big, aggressive dogs or dingoes. We have not lost an animal to foxes since we came to the Wauchope area.

So, as you can see, my Pacomania is still going strong, in spite of Pacareality and if you would like to meet the 'Pacas', do come and visit.

Anne Waugh, The Glen Alpacas, Beechwood.

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Secretary: Brenda Patrick

Social Organisers: Jessica Zycki, Steve Ostler

Fire – Asset Protection and Ecological Perspectives Workshop

The Pappinbarra Landholders Conservation Group is holding its second community workshop at the **Hollisdale Hall** on **Saturday, 7 July from 1-4pm**. Bill Peel, Municipal Ecologist with the Port Macquarie-Hastings Council will give a talk on ecological perspectives and there will be a 'Firewise' presentation from the

Rural Fire Service. Entry is a gold coin donation to cover the cost of Hall hire and refreshments. A light afternoon tea will be served. You can bring the kids – diversions will be provided. For further information and to RSVP contact the **PLCG Convenor Peter Michael** petewm@hotmail.com 6587-6022

Our Rural Fire Service - Past and Present

Long term residents have been kind enough to provide notes about local fire fighting in the 1950's for this story. We also include experiences from more recent times.

The Hollisdale Brigade was established in 1954. It is unclear when the Pappinbarra Brigade was formed. The Hastings Shire Council initially issued the Brigades with hand tools (rake-hoes and brush-hooks) and back-pack sprayers, however in the early days the Brigades were under the direction of the Forestry Department.

At the time, very few residents owned tractors. Large scale back-burns out in the forest were not the norm, as it was simply not feasible to scrape combustible material off a forestry trail mile after mile as is done today to create a fire control line. In the early days a fire break was made at a strategic location using only hand-tools, to protect pasture and infrastructure. Wet corn bags and branches were commonly used to knock out flames.

500 gallon tanks were issued to the early Brigades at some stage, however a tank on a trailer proved very cumbersome, so their use in the field was quite limited. The idea was later abandoned in favour of purpose-built tanker trailers with a pump on board, typically towed to site by a farm tractor. Trailers are no-longer permitted at fires where RFS Brigades are involved.

Houses have been lost by fire in the valley, but generally not as a result of bush-fire. At least one burning house started a bush-fire.

The last serious fire fighting campaign was in 2000–2001 when a lengthy drought created conditions where fires would crawl through gullies and emerge to run on again. During this period, RFS Brigades worked closely with fire crews from Forestry and the National Parks and Wildlife Service at some locations, and back-burns up to 10km long were carried out. Members of Pappinbarra Brigade got wise about a Forestry crew on one of those long nights, when the volunteers (who would prefer to be at home) realised the Forestry staff were happily protracting the job, as they were being paid good money. Pappinbarra insisted that some of their experienced members press on ahead of the section being lit, to reduce the fuel load at potential hot-spots with rake-hoes, otherwise we could see no end to spot-overs causing a failure of the whole exercise. Local skills & experience won out on the day!

In one case a major fire started when stacks from clearing that were lit six months prior, had continued to smoulder under earth and then broke out, after being fanned by westerly winds for days. The resulting inferno was classified by authorities as a bush-fire emergency, as it was likely to impact on a plantation in Bellangry. Several Brigades from the district were called in to assist us. The scene was like a war-zone, when the personnel were withdrawn to a safe distance and witnessed a fleet of crop-duster planes (out of work due to drought in the west) water-bombing with pin point accuracy while guided in by a helicopter

hovering above. The planes arrived one after another following a 20-30 minute round trip from Port Macquarie to re-fill and drop again.

The basic routine on a fire ground for a back burn today is no-doubt much the same as it was in the early days. That is:

- Decide upon the strategy
- Clear the firebreak (usually a road or trail) of combustible material
- Identify locations where heavy fuel burning at the edge of the fire-break could result in flying embers starting a fire on the wrong side
- Reduce that concentrated fuel by hand or by mechanical means (as water is in very limited supply even on modern trucks)
- Then light the back-burn (usually in the cool of the evening) a section at a time
- Wet down hot spots that would otherwise cause problems with embers
- Black out the edge
- Pack up the hoses, gear & personnel
- Move along to the next section to repeat the process
- Patrol the control line to ensure no ignition occurs on the wrong side

This routine is repeated all night if necessary, including returning to a water source to re-fill the trucks with water. In the end, the process becomes second nature to the fire-fighters.

Today, Headquarters allocates a Group Captain to manage a number of Brigades and co-ordinate their activities at a major fire. The Bulk Water Truck from Headquarters will sometimes be deployed to a safe location to enable the fire trucks to replenish without travelling too far, to save time. Food prepared by approved suppliers (eg cafes) will be delivered by SES volunteers, and back-up crews are brought in from outside the valley to avoid any individual crew being over-worked.

Locals, past & present are still the backbone of our Brigades and it is encouraging to see new residents (male & female) joining up. We have noted that even the uniforms are two-piece now, to better suit the female fire-fighters. It must be remembered that many local men, women and children have been involved first hand in fire fighting in Pappinbarra. If the men were all busy with a fire, someone still had to milk, cook and get the kids ready for school, as well as run the farm and household.

Surviving Life Members of Pappinbarra Brigade are Pansy Ostler and Merv and Pam Wallis. It goes without saying that their commitment over the years has extended beyond supplying curried-egg sandwiches!

We will be happy to hear from Residents who can expand on these notes.

Andy Jarrett, Secretary, Pappinbarra Rural Fire Brigade
Ph A/H: 6587 6181

Letter Box Quality and Safety

A least one small group of residents on the dirt have done a great job clearing the scrub away from their letterboxes – this is enough to win you a bottle of wine, courtesy of Eric and Esma, so send us a photo! Overall though, the response has been disappointing and there are still plenty of hazardous boxes out there (not to mention two bottles of wine to be won). We'll run the letterbox checklist again in the August Issue and see how we go.

Feather-tailed Gliders

Well, the May Issue of *Pitchfork* put at least one Valley resident to sleep! **Di Ellis** found these little chaps curled up inside the newsletter in her letterbox, which prompted this lovely story from **Jean Hegarty**.



"There is a mouse on the bathroom floor." Fortunately, I had a close look before planting a foot on it. Mice don't have feathery tails, nor are they as endearing as this tiny creature, which seemed exhausted - possibly from trying to scale tiled walls.

As a kid, I once met a woman who kept a feather-tailed glider in her cleavage. She had rescued it from her cat, but I don't remember if it was a permanent fixture!

I held this one close and it seemed unperturbed. We supposed it must have somehow got in the previous evening, so would have been tired and hungry. On the lime tree, it went from flower to flower slurping nectar before disappearing.

A few weeks later, we found another, slightly smaller one - actually in the bath and paddling frantically. Dried off and ensconced in a wool sock, it seemed disinclined to move, so we hung it and sock on the lime tree the following day. I watched for a while and there was no movement but it slipped off during the next hour.

We think the gliders came in on towels hung on the verandah rail to dry off, and have been keeping an eye open but haven't spotted any since.



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Plant Profile Giant Parramatta Grass (*Sporobolus fertilis*)

My apologies in advance if this review of GPG seems a little 'late', given the extent of the problem on the mid-north coast (in fact, the subtropical east coast), but I hope this is a reminder to all of us of the need for ongoing management of even our most widespread plant pests. Giant Parramatta Grass (GPG) is, by far and away, the best-known introduced grass of this region. It is an accidental arrival into Australia and has quickly become widely naturalised, principally in areas with over 700 mm of annual rainfall. GPG has been declared Noxious in NSW and QLD for some years and is one of many weedy sporobolus grasses, or WSG's, that also include a couple of species of giant rat's tail grasses. Further, there are several native sporobolus grasses, but for reasons of brevity let's focus on GPG.

Giant Parramatta Grass is principally a weed of pasture which has the potential to spread quickly and greatly reduce the carrying capacity of land and also affect stock condition. When very young or regrowing after slashing, the plant offers some nutrition and palatability, but once the plant ages the silica content of the leaves and stems drastically increases and the plant loses its appeal to stock. Stock which graze heavily on GPG can develop worn teeth which further



affects their ability to feed – hence the loss of condition. As for many plants of comparatively low palatability, stock unwittingly encourage the spread of GPG by the selective pressure they put on desirable plants. As the tastier plants are selected and eaten, the available room for GPG increases. Note, though, that applying this differential pressure is part of pasture preparation for follow-up control such as wick-wiping.

For a complete wrap of **identification, issues and management** of Giant Parramatta Grass I strongly recommend reading the WSG Best Practice Manual which can be found at http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0007/434626/Weedy-Sporobolus-manual.pdf.

Peter Michael

FURTHER INFORMATION - Port Macquarie-Hastings Council (Noxious Weeds Officer) 6581 8111; **NSW Dept. of Primary Industries** www.dpi.nsw.gov.au or 1800 808 095; **Weeds Australia website** www.weeds.org.au



Giant Parramatta Grass is a clumping grass up to 1.6 m tall with seed heads up to 50 cm long.

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9	10	11 Pottery—10am	12	13	14 Yoga 8am	15 Rural Fire Brigade AGM—2pm
16	17	18 Pottery—10am	19	20	21 Yoga 8am, Singing Workshop—10am-12pm, Christmas in July—5:30pm	22 All Saints Church—2pm
23	24	25 Pottery—10am Women's Health Day—10:30am,	26	27	28 Yoga 8am, Farmers' Market—8am—12pm, PPA AGM—2pm	29 POA AGM 2pm

Look through the *Pitchfork* for all the details of the events and programs found in the calendar.

Hastings Farmer's Market

The Hastings Farmers' Market is the market with a truly rural feel and friendly atmosphere - the place to meet people you don't often connect with and to buy the freshest produce, probably harvested the day before. The market will be held rain, hail, or shine at the **Wauchope Showground Saturday, 28 July from 8 am to 12 noon.**

Women's Health Day

WHERE: Wauchope R.S.L. Club

WHEN: Wednesday, 25 July 2012

TTME: 10.30am—1.30pm

WHAT: Pregnancy Checks, Information on Contraception, Blood Pressure Checks, Drink checks, Information about drugs & alcohol, Information on services available; FREE MORNING TEA AND LUNCH + LOTS OF GIVEAWAYS

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Pappinbarra Rural Fire Brigade News

PAPPINBARRA RURAL FIRE BRIGADE NOTICE of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to be held at PAPPINBARRA FIRE SHED on SUNDAY, 15 JULY at 2:00pm. All members are requested to attend. Agenda to include election to fill executive and field positions.

The AGM will be directly followed by a General Meeting. Agenda to include planning for the hazard reduction burn of the crown land adjacent to our fire shed which has now been approved (the burn to be carried out as a combined training exercise with other brigades, once the contractor has made the required control lines at the site).

Secretary: Andy Jarrett Ph A/H: 6587 6181

Fire Permits to burn off are not required until further notice.
Prior to a burn you are required to give your neighbours 24 hours notice in advance.

IN CASE OF FIRE – CALL 000

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS, the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of OUTBACK ASSOCIATION will be held on SUNDAY, 29 JULY COMMENCING at 2.00pm at RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, UPPER PAPPINBARRA. The AGM will be directly followed by a General Meeting.

All positions will be declared vacant so please consider doing your bit to help organise POA events for the coming year by standing for committee. Both President and Treasurer would like to stand down – replacements are needed!

Sue Frost, President

Beechwood Post Office – Part 2 – Eric and Esma

Eric and Esma entered the business world in 1972 when they established the first smash repairs in the Hastings at what is now known as JTS Smash Repairs. They sold to John Terry and Steve Green in 1984 and entered the wine industry, conducting a wholesale and retail business from the little white shed behind the Beechwood Hotel, marketing wines from the Murrumbidgee area.

In 1993, Australia Post offered them the licence of the Postal Service in the Beechwood area. This required a building fronting the main road so while this was being built the service was run from the shed. To maintain a heritage look to the village, Eric and Esma built the current Post Office in the style of the blacksmith's shop that was situated on the block. In 1994 the Post Office was moved from the shed to the new building. Daily

house to house delivery of letters and parcels in Beechwood was initiated by Esma and Eric for the first time in the village's history.

Erica and Esma are very conscious of customer relationships, having worked in the business world serving the public for the past 40 years. Their motto is to treat your customer and his property as you would like your own to be treated. The services that they offer at the Post Office and Wine Cellar include all postal services including parcel posting and pick-up, BPAY and banking 7 days a week Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 6pm, Saturday and Sunday 9am to 12noon.

Erica and Esma have enjoyed the patronage of the locals over the past 19 years!

Spider Project Update

Sunday the 24th was a glorious day for the second meet-up of the Spider Project that was featured in the May Issue of *Pitchfork*. We had spinners sitting in the sunshine, adding to the growing pile of spider web while a horde of children roamed around. People were forming a clay head, macheing an abdomen and sculpting some strange and wonderful bits of anatomy. We welcomed some newcomers and Belinda Gibson from the Glasshouse came to see how things are coming along.

The Spider Project meets once every two months to transform stuff that's destined for the dump into a giant, realistic-as-possible Orb Spider and web, that will inhabit the Glasshouse during Summerfest 2013. If you're crafty and interested in getting involved, contact bryony@bordnet.com.au

Bryony Anderson



Amy Hubers, Anne Bryson and Leo Hubers shape the spider's head with clay.

Regular Events

First Friday Family Night

When: 1st Friday of the month, 6pm onwards

Where: Hollisdale Hall

What: BYO drinks and nibbles, low cost BBQ including vegetarian option, member's draw (cash prize) and raffle

Contact: Julie-Anne Murphy 6585-6309

Yoga

When: Every Saturday morning, 8 - 9:30am

Where: Hollisdale Hall

What: \$15 (mats are provided)

Contact: Amy Hubers 6585-3470

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PPA/POA Matters

PPA Committee meetings – monthly at 5:30pm on Friday the week before First Friday Family Night – all welcome.

Facilities for Hire

Hollisdale Hall – contact Jan Childs 6587-6055. Upper Pappinbarra facilities and tennis court - contact Jan Brown 6587-6159

All Saints Church

Services are held **every fourth Sunday at 2 pm** with a cuppa 'off the back of the ute' around **2.45p.m.** All welcome.

Upcoming events...

August - Annual Bush Dance

With the *Jugged Hare* - **Saturday, 25 August at the Hollisdale Hall.** Last year we had to contend with summer heat and hundreds (thousands?) of Christmas beetles so this year it's a winter event. It's a great, warming night out for dancers of **all ages**. *Jugged Hare* have a great 'caller' so no previous experience required. Adults \$15, children under 16 free - see August *Pitchfork* for details.

September - Greg Ostler Memorial Shield Cricket Match

This annual, all-day game between Upper and Lower Pappinbarra Valley teams is a great family event for players of all ages that leaves the MCG for dead. See August *Pitchfork* for details.

Pitchfork

Circulation

Pitchfork has hardcopy and email circulation of approximately 260, now including Kooree Island Road. It comes out on the Friday **before** First Friday Family Night – **Friday, 27 July** for the August Issue. Material for the August Issue to Editor by **Wednesday, 18 July.**

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PPA Membership Fees for existing and new members are now due and should be paid by 31 July, 2012 for you to be financial.

(Note: If you only joined in the last 3 months, you are financial until June 30, 2013).

Renew/join and help keep the Hollisdale Hall and community events alive.

PPA Membership 2012-2013

\$5 per adult

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Member Names: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Payment amount: _____

Send cash or cheque made out to "Pappinbarra Progress Association" to: Jan Childs, 1301 Pappinbarra Rd, Pappinbarra NSW 2446.

