

Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group Newsletter Issue 12, January 2013

Dear Hill Endians and Tambaroorians,

Great News! Our website is up and running! It has been a long haul but it has certainly been worth waiting for.

A goldmine of information at

<u>www.heatgg.org.au</u>

See what our small band of volunteers has achieved in the past two years. Produced with assistance from a grant from Bathurst Regional Council and the web building skills of Eva Blanda from Zdesign we are proud to present it to you and hope that you will visit it regularly to see what new resources we have added. Web sites are never really "finished". They are a living growing resource and as well as us contributing new items they also rely on input from those who visit to expand on the core material that we are delighted to provide.

Preparing the material to go on the site has been a mammoth undertaking. The hundreds (possibly thousands) of hours spent on copying, indexing, transcribing and preparing the original material has just been a start. It then has to be put in a format that will make it easily accessible to all on the webpage and it has been a real learning curve for all those involved. No chance of our "grey matter" going stale!

Because our group does not have a permanent location which is open regular hours, the decision was made to bring the resources to the researchers via this site. We have been fortunate that we have been allowed access to material that has been collected over years of research and is held in private collections and is generally not available elsewhere.

We have also collected together in one place many other resources that are scattered throughout the World Wide Web, thus hopefully making the research journey a little easier.

The site also aims to promote the Group's activities both in Sydney and in Hill End and provides material which visitors will find useful when visiting the locality.

Another important aspect will be the facility for you to contribute items of interest and also to seek assistance through the "Can you help?" page. Here you can post your queries and hopefully the resources of others may assist you in breaking down your Hill End or Tambaroora research "brick walls".

