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Priceless

A Message from the President

A great night was had on Wednesday 31st October at the Illawarra Catholic Club for the inaugural Georges River Community Awards. As well as the LPA, other community groups in attendance included Lugarno Lions, Oatley Lions, Oatley Flora and Fauna, Hurstville Rotary and Learning Links. Each community group had nominated a volunteer as an Award recipient.

The LPA nominated Graham Whitelaw who is both a member of the LPA and a very keen volunteer in a wide range of organisations that seek to look after the Georges River. These include the Riverkeeper Programme, the Georges River Environmental Alliance and a recently formed new organisation called the Botany Bay Catchment Alliance. This organisation will seek to look after all the waterways that feed into Botany Bay, which includes the Georges River. Graham is the inaugural President of this group.

Graham was at the dinner to receive his award and we would like to congratulate him again and thank him for all the hard work he has done in relation to the Georges River.

Also a thank you to Kevin Greene, the Member for Georges River for organising the evening which was very enjoyable and nice to meet some of the members of the other local community groups. We are already looking forward to next years evening!

A quick update on the works to Evatt Park – Council have indicated that the road and car parking works recently approved are scheduled to be finished before Carols in the Park.

We only have two meetings left for 2001, so we look forward to seeing you at one of those meetings!

Rob Clarsen ? 0412 568236

Lugarno water pressure

Some months ago an issue was raised regarding water pressure to some parts of Lugarno. Kevin Greene took the matter up for us and we have recently received a response from the Minister for Energy.

“Sydney Water has advised that there have been several instances in the past where under elevated maximum demand the pressure to around 75 homes in Lugarno Parade has been slightly less than the required standard. A proposal is currently being drawn up to increase pressure to these homes through new booster pump technology”.

Kevin has further advised that funding for this work has been approved in general and Lugarno is high on the list to have something done, but it will still take about 12 months. Sydney Water says that the Authority's minimum water pressure is generally being met in Lugarno and on occasions when it is not, a rebate is given on water bills.

We had some discussion on this response at the October meeting and it was agreed that unless we keep the pressure on it might be much more than 12 months before Lugarno has its pressure problems resolved. Hence if you have experienced a water pressure problem, it was suggested that

individuals should write to both our local member and also the Minister for Energy and Sydney Water.

The LPA will also continue to write every 3 months or so, but letters from individuals who are effected is also important. The addresses to write to are:

*Mr. Kevin Green
Member For Georges River
8 Ormonde Parade
Hurstville NSW 2220*

*Mr. Kim Yeadon
Minister for Energy
Level 34
Governor Macquarie Tower
1 Farrer Place
Sydney NSW 2000*

HCC Citizen & Sportserson of the year awards

Hurstville Council is calling for nominations for Hurstville "Citizen of the Year", "Young Citizen of the Year" and "Young Sportserson" Awards for 2002.

The Awards are presented in recognition of community service and sporting achievements. Persons nominated must be a resident of Hurstville City or attend a school in the Hurstville City area.

If any LPA members wish to nominate anyone from Lugarno, then please send us a letter outlining the nominee's relevant community service or sporting achievements. Any documents to support the nomination can also be attached. Please provide your details, so we can contact you about the nomination.

Nominations are due by Friday 16th November 2001.

Frontside Skate

You will remember some months ago we wrote in the newsletter about Frontside Skate, a non-profit totally mobile skate facility developed and managed by local churches and supported by Community Groups and Hurstville

Council. Well Frontside Skate has been going for 6 months now, it has over 350 members and an average of 50 skaters per week. There have been 2 broken arms. Monthly mini competitions are now being run to provide experience in a competition environment. New ramps are being built that will bring new challenges to skaters and riders alike.

Frontside Skate does however require financial support from the Community. The truck used to transport all the equipment costs around \$3000 to register and insure. There are on-going costs related to maintenance, administration, ramp construction and other costs. Skate costs around \$5000 per year just to keep on the road. At the next LPA meeting, we will be discussing possibly making a donation to Frontside Skate for 2002 as many Lugarno children use the facility.

During November and December Frontside Skate will be at Peakhurst Catholic Church, Olds Park and Penshurst Park. It will also be appearing on some Friday nights between 5-7pm at the Baptist Church in Forest Road, Lugarno. Skating will be free on Fridays and there will be a BBQ

afterwards. Call Scott Morrison on 0438 131972 or 9153 6300 to get exact dates and locations.

Vandalism in Lugarno

Vandalism continues in Lugarno. We have had reports of shaving cream been placed on cars in Moons Ave, side mirrors broken off and door windows broken while cars have been parked on the road. More cars have been stolen.

Vandalism was discussed extensively at our last meeting and a letter has been written to our local member to request assistance in how we as residents of Lugarno can try and ensure the vandalism that is occurring can be contained and the perpetrators caught. As a community we must keep our eyes and ears open, lock our cars and take remove valuables.

If you report a matter to the police, please also let the LPA know. We can ensure the matter is followed up via Kevin Greene, some action taken or responses obtained. The level of vandalism in Lugarno has increased markedly over the last 5 years and we must try and do something to contain it. So if you know anything please let the police know. You can do it anonymously through the Crimestoppers line.

WHAT'S ON?

NEXT MEETING

Monday 12th November - 8.00 pm (Come along and join us)

St. Stephen's Church Hall (Opposite Allwood Crescent) – please come along and see what we do as we will be seeking new office bearers at our February 2002 meeting

Peakhurst Garden Club

Next meeting (1st Friday each month) December 7th at 10.00 a.m. – St. Matthews Uniting Church, Whitegates Ave, Peakhurst

Lugarno VIEW Club

Dinner meeting Monday 19th November at Roslyn Gardens, 764 Forest Road – 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm. New members & guest most welcome. Please ring 9579 1257.

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