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A Message from the President

"The NSW State Government has allocated up to \$574,650 for Georges River Foreshores Improvement Programme projects in the Georges River electorate of Member for Georges River, Mr. Kevin Greene. The grants are part of over \$2 million for new Georges River foreshores projects approved by Deputy Premier and Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning, Dr. Andrew Refshauge.

Of the \$574,650, \$476,300 has been allocated for Hurstville Council's Lugarno Boardwalk and Jetty. Council will enhance community access to the foreshores by building a boardwalk and pathway, which will include the site of the heritage ferry-crossing jetty. Council will carry out bush regeneration to protect the foreshores of Edith Bay and the Georges. River. Signage to enhance community appreciation of environmental and heritage values will be installed."

The above is quoted from a press release on 15th June 2001 announcing that Hurstville Council has been successful with their application for funding for a Lugarno ferrywalk around Edith Bay. The grant that has been announced by the State Government is the result of almost 18 months hard work by Peakhurst Ward Councillors, in particular Councillor Philip Sansom and Kevin Greene, our local state member to achieve funding for this project.

Some 18 months ago LPA together with the Riverkeeper Programme, raised with Hurstville Council the idea of some type of access to the Georges River on the historic ferry site at Edith Bay. While the initial plan included such elements as a pontoon and jetty as well as the ferrywalk, the eventual concept was modified to become a boardwalk and pathway in order to accommodate local community concern that was raised should a pontoon or jetty proceed.

While the funding has now been received for the ferrywalk concept, there is still a great deal of work to be done. Hurstville Council will be exhibiting a final proposal for the concept to allow further community input and involvement. They will keep LPA informed and we will be having special meetings for all members of the LPA and Lugarno residents to attend to gain feedback and comment. Our newsletter will carry frequent updates as it has done over the past 18 months regarding progress of the ferrywalk.

The ferrywalk concept is the result of an idea being initiated by the community and then being taken up by our local representatives and then on to our state representatives. The hard work by Philip and Kevin in securing the funding from the State Government is greatly appreciated and we look forward to a community asset being created for the enjoyment and recreation of local families.

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Bus shelters

A recent Hurstville Council meeting resolved the matter of possible locations for the new bus shelters. Some of these were to have advertising and some were to be non-advertising bus shelters. Bus shelters have been a matter we have pursued with Council over

the last 18 months or so and in particular Councillor Joanne Morris during 2000 and Councillor Chris Lee and Kevin Greene in the early months of this year have taken the matter up for us. It now appears that Lugarno will be getting some new non-advertising bus shelters. The locations are to be Forest

Road/Boronia Parade and Lugarno Parade/Moons Avenue intersection. Also the seat in the bus shelter on Old Forest Road near Allwood Crescent is to be replaced. So we would like to thank Council and in particular Peakhurst Ward Councillors Morris and Lee and Kevin

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Greene for pursuing this matter on our behalf. Also thanks to Councillor Lee for attending our May meeting and providing some updates on various matters affecting Lugarno.

Local matters of interest

We had a very fruitful general business discussion at our last meeting in May. A couple of issues came up that the LPA would pursue. They include:

- The installation of the pedestrian crossing outside Lugarno School has meant that to stop, park and post a letter in the post-box opposite involves illegally parking. After some discussion and debate it was agreed that the LPA would write to Australia Post to see if it would be possible to relocate the box from its current dangerous position to the front of the school's dental surgery

Kevin Greene took this matter up with Australia Post and has reported they will be proceeding to relocate the post box to outside the dental clinic in front of Lugarno Public

School. Kevin has briefed his representative on the Hurstville Traffic Committee to ensure a smooth passage for the relocation.

- Some of our members have queried the pressure behind the water supply in Poplar Place and also parts of Forest Road. We will be writing to Sydney Water to see if they have an explanation or whether it might be a deterioration of the mains

Kevin Greene took this up with the Minister for Energy who is investigating the matter with Sydney Water.

- The Riverkeeper, Meredith Cann-Duff has resigned and taken a job with Noosa Council. As a result the Riverkeeper programme is looking for a Riverkeeper. Bankstown Council is currently responsible for the programme and we believe will be advertising soon for a replacement

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monthly newsletter to you and you'll get it sooner! Our e-mail address is: LPA40@hotmail.com

Lugarno VIEW Club

The VIEW club holds dinner meetings on a regular basis at Roslyn Gardens, Peakhurst. In August they have well known club entertainer Johnny Pace attending as it is their birthday meeting. The theme for the night is "black and gold" and all members and guests are asked to join in the spirit of the night and dress in "black and gold". New members and visitors are most welcome. For more details please call Margaret Torrens on 9579 1257.

Next LPA meeting ferrywalk focus

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 13th August. We intend to focus on the ferrywalk and Councillor Philip Sansom & Kevin Greene will be attending to hear your comments and feedback on how the ferrywalk should progress. Please come along and have a look at the concept and provide us with your feedback.

WHAT'S ON?

NEXT MEETING

Monday 13th August - 8.00 pm

(Come along and join us)

St. Stephen's Church Hall (Opposite Allwood Crescent) – tea & coffee available after the meeting
Peakhurst Garden Club

Next meeting (1st Friday each month) August 3rd at 10.00 a.m. – St. Matthews Uniting Church, Whitegates Ave, Peakhurst

Lugarno VIEW Club

Dinner meeting Monday 20th August at Roslyn Gardens, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm - Guest entertainer Johnny Pace

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