



This is LUGARNO



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Priceless

A Message from the President

As regular readers of the newsletter and attendees at the LPA meetings would know, the increase in vandalism and crime in Lugarno has been a major concern for the LPA and residents for 2001. We recently wrote to our local member and asked that we join with the Police to try and work together to reduce vandalism and crime in our suburb. Kevin Greene kindly organised a meeting for the LPA with the Hurstville Local Commander, Paul Lowe last Monday. It was a very fruitful meeting and a full outline of the suggestions made by Paul are in the main text of the newsletter. He also mentioned that Lugarno residents were very vigilant in reporting matters to the Police and this was of great assistance. He noted that Police cars do have to patrol Lugarno on a daily basis and record it in their log book. The incidence of crime in Lugarno is low compared to other areas within the Hurstville command, but if we can provide hard evidence of what we have seen, such as number plates, descriptions, times etc, then the Police will respond as they always prefer to attend incidents where descriptions and information are good as they will have much more chance of solving the crime and being able to "close it off" for the record.

Paul also noted that he grew up in Lugarno and so the officers at Hurstville always know to pay special attention to Lugarno!

For 2002, the issue of investigating a surveillance camera being set up somewhere in Lugarno (probably near the Chivers Hill shops) will be put on the agenda for the LPA. This has been suggested by some Lugarno residents and may have some merit, although a lot of research will have to be undertaken. As Lugarno only has one way in and one way out, such a camera could be very useful in tracking non-local cars and also monitoring vandalism at the Chivers Hill Shopping Centre.

Our meeting on December 10th will be the last before Christmas and as well as our last for 2001. We will have serve Christmas cheer and nibbles after the meeting, so please come along if you are a member for the last meeting of 2001.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Rob Clarsen ☎0412 568236

New arrivals in Lugarno

We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Lugarno's new car wash service. It's a great service, well priced and serves a great lunch and cup of coffee! So go along, get your car washed and support another local business.

The Australia Post shop has moved from Lime Kiln Road Shopping Centre to the Yates Newsagency, Chivers Hill Shopping Centre. Ian and his team will be able to offer all the services previously found at Lime Kiln.

Also coming soon is a Woodfire Pizza shop. The pizza shop will be

taking over the Big Daddy's hamburger shop and the owners already have a woodfire pizza shop at Dulwich Hill and Belfield

We can look forward to some great new businesses starting in Lugarno for 2002.

Lugarno water pressure

The timeframe to have the water pressure looked at in Lugarno has been taken up by Kevin Greene with Sydney Water. The comment was made at our last meeting that if the water pressure is poor, how is Lugarno going to fare in the event that we have a bad bushfire season. Kevin agreed and is taking the

timeframe issue up with Sydney Water.

Lighting Riverwood Plaza

We hope to have this matter looked at by Hurstville Council through the Community Safety Committee's lighting audit. Kevin Greene has also written to Council on this matter, but apparently we understand that the owners of the Plaza have not always been very co-operative regarding such matters. Certainly the lack of response to our two letters is not very encouraging.

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Neighbourhood Watch statistics October 2001

Since our meeting with Hurstville Police, we have been able to again obtain the statistics for Neighbourhood Watch in Lugarno. This allows us to let you know what is being targeted in the area so you can be especially careful in these areas.

Break and Enter

Lugarno School

Stolen Car

Moons Avenue

Stealing exterior lights

Woodlands Ave

Vandalism & Crime

As mentioned in the President's Comment, we had a very useful hour long meeting with Hurstville Local Commander Paul Lowe last Monday. Paul gave us a wide range of suggestions which we as a community can adopt:

- If you think there is something funny happening next door, then let the Police know. This includes windows being blackened, noise during the night etc.
- Always provide a description of any person you believe looks suspicious. Likewise always try

to obtain the registration number of any car you think looks suspicious.

- In order to ensure the statistics for crime in Lugarno are correct, it is very important that all matters are reported either to PAL or Hurstville Police. If you want to talk to Hurstville Police, ask for the Duty Officer who will ensure a car is sent to investigate any incidents. Their phone numbers always appear at the end of our newsletter.
- Often when large parties are held, there is an increase in vandalism as people leave the party. If you know a party is being held in your street, try and move your car off the road and ensure it is locked.

Paul advised that at the moment across Sydney, there is a problem with car stealing. So be vigilant with your car. Ensure you take all valuables out, ensure it is locked, try and get it off the road.

Lastly, Paul advised that sadly much of the petty vandalism in Lugarno such as tyre slashing, broken mirrors and letterbox damage, is caused by locals. The children of Lugarno are a part of our community and we must impress upon them that damaging community or private

property is not "cool" but really rather silly and could lead them into serious trouble. If your children know who is doing the damage and vandalism, encourage them to suggest it be stopped, as it serves little purpose but to create unnecessary expense to the community of which they are a part.

Lugarno residents are very proactive with their reports to the Police and Hurstville Police has indicated they will respond.

Lugarno View Club

The View Club will have its Christmas Dinner meeting on 17th December 2001. The "Bell Singers" will be performing and visitors and new members are most welcome.

Next Meeting

The next meeting on 10th December will be our last for the year and some Christmas cheer will be served after the meeting. The weather is warm, so we look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

WHAT'S ON?

NEXT MEETING

Monday 10th December - 8.00 pm

(Come along and join us)

St. Stephen's Church Hall (Opposite Allwood Crescent)

Lugarno VIEW Club

Dinner meeting Monday 17th December 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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