



# This is LUGARNO

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Priceless

## A Message from the President

Last month's meeting was attended by about 60 residents keen to hear advice from officers from the Illawong Rural Fire Service on how to prepare homes against the dangers of the Bush Fire season. You will read more about this later in this letter with tips on how to make your home safe.

Our next meeting on Monday 9 December will be the last before Christmas. After the meeting we invite residents to join in a festive supper as we celebrate another good year for the LPA. The next meeting will be on Monday 10 February. This will be the Annual General Meeting and the election of officers for the new committee for 2003. Mark this on your calendar and plan to be there and be involved in the association.

I am sure residents will enjoy reading the briefings in this newsletter relating to the work of the LPA. I thank the present committee and all members for their support during the past year. We look forward to another happy year of working together to keep Lugarno Naturally Beautiful.

Below is a little verse I found which sums up some good ideas to include in plans for Christmas this year. I liked it and I share it with you. Pass it on to someone else. It could make a difference in these uncertain times. Festive Greetings to all!

### This Christmas

Mend a quarrel - Seek out a forgotten friend.

Write a letter - Share some treasure - Give a soft answer

Encourage youth - Keep a promise - Find the time.

Forgive an enemy - Listen

Apologise if you are wrong - Think first of someone else - Be kind and gentle.

Laugh a little - Laugh a little more.

Express your gratitude - Gladden the heart of a child

Take pleasure in the beauty of the wonders of the earth.

Speak your love - Speak it again - Speak it once again.

Rob Clarsen 0412 568236

### Bushfire season checklist

Are ground fuels cleared from around the house? – long, dry grass, dead leaves, branches, thick undergrowth?  
Is roofing firmly fixed and cleared of dry leaf debris?

Are firebreaks prepared? A well-watered lawn can be a firebreak.

Have screens and shutters been installed and underfloor areas been enclosed?

Are vents in the roof space screened with fine wire mesh?

Have flammable items been removed from around the house? Woodpile, paper, boxes, crates, hanging baskets, wooden garden furniture?

Are LPG gas tanks vented away from the house?

Do you have the emergency 000 number near the phone?

Do you have hoses long enough to reach to all sides of the house attached to taps?

Do you have a sprinkler system in your garden and on your roof?

Have metal buckets, rakes, ladders, shovels in one place for ready access in a fire?

Have battery operated radio and torches in case of electricity failure?

Be Prepared!

### Ducks

As reported in The Leader the imported ducks are on their way to a new home. Thanks to Councillor Jo Morris for not ducking this issue and finding a solution to this mucky problem.

### Neighbourhood Watch

The number of incidents recorded in the month of October in areas 18, 19

and 20 seem to have increased to 39. These areas include parts of Riverwood, Oatley and Mortdale as well as Lugarno.

The incidents reported include assault, break and enter, child/young person at risk, domestic violence, missing person, stealing, stolen vehicle, malicious damage, traffic offence, lost property and major motor vehicle accident (M5).

Prepare for the holiday season by taking precautions. Here are some good suggestions:

- Display your house number clearly.
- Ensure perimeter fences are in good order and gates secured.
- Trim trees and shrubs around the windows and doorways to increase visibility.

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- Locks on doors and windows should be quality construction and fitted with deadlocks.
- Security lights around the house provide good illumination.
- Lock cars and remove valuables from view.
- Photograph jewellery and other valuables for easy identification.
- Record serial numbers of valuables and engrave with driver's licence number.
- Report any crime as quickly as possible. If you see a crime, ring 000. For suspicious activity, contact Hurstville Police on 9375 8599 and advise what is happening.

### Thanks

Many thanks to the auditor who read the message in the last newsletter and volunteered to audit our books.

### Birthday plans

Readers of this Newsletter will be aware of the postponed plans to celebrate the LPA's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday. You will be pleased to know the 81<sup>st</sup> Birthday will be a river cruise on Sunday 30 March 2003. We shall board the boat at a location to be advised at 11.30 am and mosey up the Georges River for lunch, viewing Lugarno and adjoining suburbs from the river and gaining a renewed perspective on what makes Lugarno *Naturally Beautiful*. The cruise will be 3 hours and it is hoped the occasion will coincide

with the launching of a book on the history of Lugarno by **Glenyss Barnham**. We are hoping up to 120 people will join this historic trip and celebrate with the LPA. Cost is \$50 per person and a concession price of \$35 for seniors.

We would love to have a full boat to enjoy Lugarno, the cruise and the birthday celebrations. Please see slip at the end of this Newsletter. We shall advise of embarkation details as soon as these have been confirmed

### LPA meetings

The next LPA meeting is Monday 9 December and the guest speaker will be Joanne McCafferty, the Liberal candidate for Georges River who is interested in the work of the association and keen to hear from members about some of the local issues which concern residents. Come along and meet Joanne and join in the Christmas supper. Please note there is no January meeting. The next newsletter will be issued prior to the first meeting next year – 10 February which is also the AGM. LPA memberships will be current until renewal in February 2003.

### Beautiful Lugarno

Do you stop and notice what a beautiful place Lugarno is? Early in the morning, the light filters through the remaining gums in Forest Road, now intermingled with the soft

mauve of the jacarandas. Walkers greet each other on their way past and some stop and pick up offending rubbish.

Drivers are courteous at roundabouts and smile to indicate right of way. Workmen delight at getting their breakfast at Chivers Hill. The paper shop hums busyness. Others collect their post. The day is beginning. We are off to work. Children skip along to school. And the world seems good at Lugarno.

### Boardwalk

Construction will begin soon on the boardwalk from the old ferry ramp at the end of Forest Road up to the Edith Bay Reserve. This will be jointly funded by the State Government and Hurstville City Council. It is expected to be completed before March and will be a great addition to the protection of Lugarno's foreshore.

### Carols in the park

**Monday 16 December** - Carols in the Park presented by the Lugarno Lions. This annual event in Evatt Park is a relaxing and well-organised evening where the local community can join together in celebration and friendship. Watch for display signs for further details. Don't forget to get your Lions Christmas cake or pudding. These are not to be missed.

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### LPA's 81<sup>st</sup> Birthday celebration River Cruise

I/we ..... wish to join the River Cruise on Sunday March 30 2003

I enclose: \$ ..... @ \$50 per person or \$35 for seniors

Name: ..... Day time telephone number: .....

Address: .....

Cheques should be made payable to **Lugarno Progress Association**

Return in sealed envelope to **Yates Newsagency or Lugarno Hardware at Chivers Hill**

### WHAT'S ON?

#### NEXT MEETING

**9 December - 8.00 pm**

**(Come along and join us)**

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

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