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Priceless

A Message from the President

Second thoughts are best. We know that is true in a whole range of experiences in every day life. So the LPA Committee has decided to postpone the 80th Birthday dinner scheduled for 15 November until the middle of March next year.

Local residents will know there is the dinner on Wednesday 30 October for the presentation of Community Awards at the Catholic Club (see full details below) and another special dinner organised for the benefit of the Attia family on Saturday 26 October at Club Menai. (Please contact Yates Newsagency for details and bookings).

The LPA wants residents to support both these occasions so the Birthday Dinner following close behind especially in the busy lead up to the Christmas season, may be one dinner too many. I thank those residents who have already booked – you will be contacted and your money refunded – we hope you and many others will join in the celebrations in March next year. There will be details in future newsletters.

Rob Clarsen ? 0412 568236

Notes from the last meeting

There was much discussion about the proposed development in Evatt Park which will result in an additional storage and amenities building adjacent to the existing buildings. It was resolved to write to Hurstville City Council requesting an additional two months for residents to inspect the plans and make any submissions.

This letter has been written pointing out the short time span and limited hours have created difficulties for residents working outside the local area to view the application and respond. At this stage no reply has been received.

The Council does listen

When residents speak the Council does listen. There is to be a review of Council's decision to withdraw Australia Post as an option for paying rates. This will occur before the next instalment is due. Await further details.

Bushfires

Now is a good time to start making sure your home and property is bushfire-proof. This will mean checking the guttering is clear of twigs and generally clearing the undergrowth that is close to your property. It promises to be a hot dry summer so prepare now.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the LPA is Monday 14 October from 8 – 9.30 pm in the Hall of the Anglican Church in Old Forest Road. Tea, coffee and biscuits will provide an opportunity for chatting and getting to know other residents who are interested in keeping Lugarno Naturally Beautiful. Plan to be there and mark your diary now.

Howard's Historical Corner

Here is more information about Thomas Holt who owned most of the land between the Georges and Hacking Rivers and was responsible for naming Lugarno. Although Holt greatly influenced the development of this area, he actually lived in a magnificent

house at Marrickville named "The Warren" which was demolished in 1922.

Holt did, however, build "Primrose House" for his daughter at Dolls Point, which still exists. Holt saw himself as a member of the landed gentry who liked to hunt and was one of those responsible for introducing the rabbit, hence the name of his Marrickville home.

Coming up

Wednesday 30 October:

2002 Georges River Community Awards will again recognise the work undertaken by members of our community. The LPA will be nominating a worthy member of our community. This night of celebration of community achievement and recognition is hosted by Kevin Greene, MP, Member for Georges River. This will be held at the Illawarra Catholic Club, Hurstville starting at 7 pm – cost \$25. Please contact Kevin Whitten at Lugarno Hardware, Chivers Hill to make your booking by Friday 25 October. This is a great

community night and not to be missed.

LPA meetings:

?? Monday 11 November

?? Monday 9 December

Community news

There will be a Gala Variety Concert on Friday 11 October at 7.45 pm at the Riverwood Legion and Community Club, Little Street, Riverwood. For tickets contact Peggy Turner on 9153 9341. Adults \$10 - children \$5. Bistro opens 5.30 pm. Alan Skeed and the Club Band and other entertainers will help raise funds for youth projects in our area.

Evatt Park

At a recent meeting the question was asked, "Why is Evatt Park so named?" Doc (HV) Evatt was a Federal MP and Australia's first representative to the United Nations, but what connection did he have to Lugarno? It seems his name was on the top of a political list of people to have places

named after them. Perhaps Lugarno Park would be a better name, or is there a name out there with more local appeal? Please bring along any other suggestions to the next LPA meeting on 14 October.

Meals on wheels

Everyone knows what a valuable service **Meals on Wheels** is to the community. It provides meals to the frail aged, the disabled and their carers. It is organised under the Home and Community Care Programme and is jointly funded by the State and Federal Governments.

If you would like to be a volunteer to assist in this programme you can join this active and vital community organisation by ringing 9579 5253. This is a great way to meet people and brighten up someone else's day. A light lunch is provided to all volunteers and a small payment to cover travelling costs.

WHAT'S ON?

NEXT MEETING

Monday 14 October - 8.00 pm

(Come along and join us)

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

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