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Priceless

A Message from the President

This letter contains news and notes following the last meeting of the Progress Association held on Monday 8 July. It was a special meeting with members venturing out on a cold evening to meet Councillor Vince Badalati, Hurstville City Mayor and hear him speak on a number of developments relating to our Council as detailed in this letter.

I encourage all Lugarno residents to join our Progress Association which celebrates 80 years since its inception. This way we can all work together to ensure Lugarno, this lovely place where we live, remains a naturally beautiful environment. We need your membership and continued support and look forward to seeing you at meetings during the rest of the year. All new residents are especially encouraged to attend.

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Meeting 8 July 2002

Highlights - Mayor's address

Hurstville City Council proposes to spend about \$60m in the coming financial year on major projects which will benefit the whole community including:

- upgrade landscaping, lighting, seating & outdoor dining facilities;
- setting up a trial graffiti removal service;
- developing a Crime Prevention & Community Safety Plan;
- appointing a Commercial Manager to make the best return on property investment;
- ensuring annual rate increases are pegged to a minimal level below the CPI;
- widening the Belmore Road Bridge to 4 lanes to increase the traffic flow around Riverwood;
- issuing a sustainability guide to all homes indicating ways to reduce energy costs;

- upgrading the Aquatic Leisure Centre with additional facilities such as learn to swim and toddlers' pools, a function room, gym, outdoor water slide and extra parking.

Councillor Jo Morris

Also attended the meeting and gave assurances she would follow up some matters raised at the meeting:

- Pedestrian safety for students around Lugarno Public School, particularly in Hillcross Street and also the entry to Evatt Park from Forest Road
- Provision of calming devices and No Stopping signs to ensure safety of pedestrians using the Allwood Crescent walkways to Evatt Park
- Consideration to solving the Duck Muck around Webbs Dam walkways in Evatt Park

Q & A from the floor

- Q *What is happening to the road at the Riverwood station?*

A The road over the railway at Riverwood is being widened to four lanes; the widening will be on the Eastern side and involves \$2.3m from Federal, State and Local Government.

Q *Why does Council allow Energy Australia to prune the trees the way they do?*

A Council has approached Energy Australia many times and has been unable to change their practice. Councils are legally unable to control Energy Australia. Our Association is writing to Energy Australia about this matter.

Q *Will the extensions to the Hurstville Leisure Centre take more of the park and playing field?*

A No the extensions are to be within the existing footprint, which means that some of the present landscaping will be removed.

Q *Why was the play equipment removed from Evatt Park?*

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- A All equipment has a life span and it needed replacement. At the same time there are now new standards and the decision was taken to replace. It will be installed soon.

Community news

Lugarno VIEW Club will be having their birthday dinner 19 August and 16 September. The guest speakers will be Janet Seath and Frank Scaysbrook who were the surrogate parents for the African burns victim Safari. Safari was seen on the TV show RPA. VIEW Club contact number is now 9579 1257.

Coming events

Saturday 17 August – Membership Drive at Chivers Hill Shopping Centre from 0800/1200. This will be a chance to meet the volunteer LPA committee members and join up for \$3 pp or \$5 per family.

Membership drive – why we need members

Over the 80 years of operation LPA has many achievements to its credit. A large representative membership provides a strong

voice when dealing with Local Council, State Government, RTA or any other body which may be needed to sort out a problem and improve the community for residents.

Becoming a member provides support to the committee of the day to activities on behalf of the residents. The low membership fee allows that day-to-day business to function and produce this newsletter which is distributed to 2000 households in Lugarno. Being a member doesn't mean you have to come to meetings that's just a bonus! At meetings you can hear guest speakers, speak with our local Councillors and State Member as well as meet other community members and raise general business agenda items.

Fill out the slip below and return in an envelope to Lugarno Estates at Lime Kiln Road or Lugarno Hardware or Yates News Agency at Chivers Hill. Better still come and hand it to an Associate Committee Member at the Membership drive at Chivers Hill on Saturday 17 August and say hello. Don't worry, all executive positions of the Association are filled for this year so you won't be conscripted but you will see how

good it is to be involved and working positively for our local community.

Next meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 12 August and will finish by 9.30 pm The guest speaker for the evening will be a garden expert from Mary Moodie's Nursery. Don't miss out on expert tips for colourful blooms and good gardening advice plus the chance to win a lucky door prize. Bring a friend or neighbour and enjoy supper and good will.

Howard's Historical Corner

Another theory on the naming of Lugarno

In the mid to late 1800's Thomas Holt MLA owned most of the land between the Georges and Hacking Rivers. Because of the twisting of the Georges River he thought it looked like a series of lakes and named Como and Lugano after similar areas he visited in Europe. The spelling was changed to reflect the way it was pronounced.

LPA 2002 Membership

Name:..... email address:.....

Address:

Phone number:.....

Type of membership: Family \$5 ☐ Individual \$3 ☐ Pensioner \$2 ☐

Please tick if a receipt is required ☐

Cheques should be made payable to Lugarno Progress Association

WHAT'S ON?

NEXT MEETING

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

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

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