



This is LUGARNO



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Priceless

A Message from the President

It is great to see the LPA memberships being renewed for 2003 and to welcome new members as part of this active local group. We are continually aware of how lucky we are to live in this lovely suburb and it is by working together with a good community spirit we can maintain the relaxed and healthy lifestyle that comes with living in Lugarno.

The response to Clean Up Australia Day on 2 March was typical of local residents caring about preserving the natural environment and being prepared to remove accumulated rubbish from the edges of the Georges River. This was a great job well done.

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to a great 81st LPA Birthday Celebration on 30 March, as we prepare to cruise the River in the 'Lugarno Ferry' one more time. The Committee is greatly encouraged by the response to join in this occasion and we are assured of a memorable trip with good cheer and jolly company.

Rob Clarsen ☎0412 568236

Notes from last LPA Meeting

It was good to have **Phil Da Pra**, Tree Management Officer with Hurstville Council, address the meeting as to the many issues involved in both the preservation and removal of trees in the local area. As well, Phil took the time to answer the personal concerns of many residents and outlined the application process to have trees inspected.

Phil also left literature about *Making your Garden Bush Friendly*, *Living with Trees and Noxious Weed Eradication* and a *Directory of Approved Contracts* (for tree pruning or removal.). These leaflets will be available at the next meeting or from Hurstville Council.

As promised, Kevin Greene, M P, followed up on local issues with these responses:

- Webb's Dam was cleaned in December last year and will be cleaned again by early March,
- A GPT (a net to trap rubbish) at Webb's Dam is being assessed along with possible sources of funding,
- draining pits are attended to regularly as part of routine

maintenance and have been given priority in times of drought,

- The sweeping of streets in Lugarno is on a 3 to 4 week cycle and Riverside Drive is included in this program.

The meeting noted that there was difficulty cleaning the streets when cars are parked at the kerb and that sometimes the sweeper travelled too fast to be effective. Residents should follow up any individual concerns with the Council's Manager of Technical Services on 9330 6205.

Special Meeting

Notice is given that there will be a meeting, as previously determined, to discuss any outstanding problems associated with the Maple Street festive lights. This will be on **Monday 14 April from 7-8 pm** in the Anglican Church Hall, Old Forest Road.

Residents who have concerns, or more importantly solutions, to the problems created by visitors and their cars, are invited to attend.

The meeting will take the form of a workshop, which it is hoped will result in a set of positive outcomes or recommendations which will be

forwarded to Hurstville Council for further consideration.

The LPA will carry out the role of facilitator in this meeting and expects all those attending to do so in a spirit of goodwill. The meeting must finish at 8.00 pm when the regular LPA meeting will start.

Next LPA Meeting

This will be on Monday 14 April from 8 – 9.30pm in the Hall of the Anglican Church in Old Forest Road. Apart from the regular business of the meeting there will be a guest speaker, who will discuss the significance of careful recycling for the local community. All are welcome to attend and join in supper at the close of the meeting.

LPA Membership

All Lugarno households are invited to join the LPA. Membership is \$5 a family or \$3 concession. A high membership will give strength to the Association's representations on behalf of the community and will provide funds for the printing and distribution of the Newsletter. Thanks to all those who have already renewed for this year.

Please seal money in an envelope with your name and address and

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Boardwalk

Progress on the Boardwalk is well underway and now about half completed. This will be a great asset to the local community and a good way for residents to experience the pleasures of the natural environment. It is good to know that the stone wall, originally built in the 1950's, is being incorporated in the design.

Postcode

Lugarno residents are probably aware that insurance premiums (for house, contents and car) are based on the theft and general crime rate for the entire area covered by the same postcode. Statistics available from the police through the Neighbourhood Watch program indicate Lugarno has a low incidence of crime, yet this is averaged out by insurance companies using all suburbs with the same postcode to determine the premium rate.

Anecdotal evidence indicates this leaves Lugarno with rates which are 30% higher than say, Oatley, even though crime rates in Lugarno are less. Previous efforts to change the postcode have proved fruitless, so residents are urged to press insurance companies to find other criteria for determining premiums. The LPA would be interested to hear from any resident who has been successful in this regard. Contact through address or phone number on this Newsletter.

Taxis

There have been some reports that Lugarno residents are finding it hard to get a taxi to take them home, particularly late in the evening. It seems drivers are refusing fares to Lugarno on the basis that they are unlikely to pick up a return fare on the way back to base. The LPA is interested in this issue but would need more evidence re the instances when this has occurred (times, location and companies). Forward any information to the LPA as indicated on this Newsletter.

LPA Website

The LPA has its own website and this is being updated to reflect the current situation and range of activities presently being covered by this Association.

The site can be accessed through www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au/lugarno.html. More information about this website will be mentioned in future Newsletters. Check it out now.

Community News

Hurstville City Council is having a Tree Give-Away at Mortdale Memorial Park on Sunday 6 April from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm. All Hurstville residents are invited to bring their **rate notice** and receive two free indigenous trees. As well as collecting free trees, residents will see information displays on recycling and noxious weeds. There will be gardening advice as well as a free BBQ.

Clean Up Day

Sunday 2 March was a good day for

cleaning up. Some 19 people turned out to help. Some were as young as 7 and others considerably older! Everyone had a part to play. Thanks to **Mark** and **Mitchell Emery** and to **Paul** and **Mitchell Saba** for providing their boats to help workers across the River and for bringing back all the rubbish for collection. In all, about one tonne of rubbish was collected consisting of many bottles, thongs, styro foam, plastic bags and many other objects that should never have found their way to the River. Thanks to all who helped.

River Cruise

By the time you are reading this, all those who have booked in for the River Cruise on Sunday 30 March should have received their tickets. They were hand-delivered to your letterbox. All details were sent in an accompanying note, indicating that now it is a larger boat, it will not be BYO, but you will be able to purchase drinks on board. This will be a much more convenient arrangement.

The only other reminder not mentioned in the note, is that Sunday 30 March is the day that daylight saving ends. If you forget to adjust your watch you will arrive at 11.00 am and wonder if the cruise has left without you!

This promises to be a grand celebration of the LPA's 81st Birthday with about 150 residents and friends booked for the '*Lugarno Ferry*' cruise down the River. In the event of rain the cruise will not be cancelled. Should there be any further enquiries please ring Rob on 0412 568 236.

WHAT'S ON?

NEXT MEETING

Monday 14 April - 8.00 pm

(Come along and join us)

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

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