



This is LUGARNO



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Priceless

A Message from the President

It was good to meet residents at the membership drive last month at the Chivers Hill Shopping Centre. Thanks to all those who dropped by to join up, have a chat, pass on ideas or concerns, or simply took a form to think about joining up later. We were greatly encouraged by this support which assists when we are negotiating with the Council or other bodies to get things done. Membership fees, which are due for renewal now, also allow this Newsletter to be printed and distributed.

There was a great turn up at the Annual General Meeting and I am pleased to report that all executive and committee positions were filled for 2003. I am happy to carry out the role of President for another year and I thank all other office bearers for their willingness to continue the great work the LPA has provided for our local community over the past 81 years.

Rob Clarsen § 0412 568236

Notes from last LPA meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held and as mentioned in the President's note, all executive positions were filled for the new year.

Kevin Greene **MP** attended as usual to keep his finger on the pulse of local issues.

He agreed to follow up on these matters:

- cleaning of Webbs Dam while water level is low
- the installation of a GPT to restrict rubbish flow into Webbs Dam;
- cleaning of drainage pits and sweeping programme in Lugarno;
- the inclusion of Riverside Drive in street sweeper programme.

Kevin indicated he would soon be calling on Lugarno residents in a lead-up to the coming election.

A number of residents from Maple and adjoining streets were

concerned that despite the provisions introduced to ease the problems associated with people visiting the **Christmas lights**, there were still issues that needed to be addressed. As a result it was determined to hold a meeting, focussing just on this matter, to find ways to improve the situation. Details about this meeting will be advised shortly.

Next LPA meeting

This will be on Monday 10 March 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, **Mr. Phil Da Pra**, who is one of Hurstville Council's tree management officers. Phil will provide advice on the tree preservation order and be able to arrange tree inspections, if required. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

Many have been concerned about the loss of trees, particularly along

the signature street in Lugarno – Forest Road. The LPA has some ideas about redressing this situation and these will be presented at the next meeting.

LPA Membership 2003

It is now time to renew membership for 2003 and the AGM confirmed the fees at \$5 a family or \$3 concession. As has been mentioned before, the LPA would like to have every household having current membership to give strength to the Association's representations and to provide funds for the distribution of the Newsletter. **Lugarno Hardware and Yates Newsagency** at Chivers Hill and **Lugarno Estates** at Lime Kiln Road will accept membership fees. Please seal money in an envelope with your name and address.

Noticed

It was good to see many people, mainly men, making a furtive dash into the Chivers Hill specialty

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shops and coming out with flowers, chocolates and some interesting bottles, to surprise their Valentine. Our local restaurants had extra bookings too. It is always nice to be appreciated and better to be surprised.

Community news

Many thanks to the **Evatt Park Bushcare Group** who have made such a great contribution in cleaning up the area beyond Webbs Dam. If you would like to join this group they meet on the first Saturday of each month from 1-4 pm. Those wishing to join this volunteer programme can ring 9330 6228 or 0411 744715 or register on site. This worthwhile programme could do with your support.

Clean Up Australia Day

This is scheduled for Sunday 2 March. Volunteers are welcome to don rubber boots, gloves, hats and sunscreen and meet at the end of Murdock Crescent at 8.30 am. There you will be ferried across the river to clean up the area that has been allocated. For further details contact Rob Clarsen on

9153 5158. Even a few hours will make a great difference in Keeping Australia (and Lugarno) Beautiful.

Greek School

This is an opportunity for students K-6 to attend Modern Greek language classes every Monday from 4.15 to 6.15 pm at Peakhurst South Public School. There are qualified teachers and bilingual books to promote successful learning. This project is sponsored by the Greek Community of Lugarno District Inc. for more information ring Julie on 9534 1635 or 0400 214240.

Take a walk

If you have time for a stroll around Lugarno in the middle of the morning of a weekday, these are some of things you might see:

Evatt Park – people enjoying morning tea beside the Dam, a painter with his easel capturing the tranquil scene, the newly installed play equipment brightly attractive bringing pleasure to some young children;

Forest Road – footpaths, broken and dangerous in some places,

branches of trees overhanging some footpaths, some cars going too fast, but there are cheery gardens, people waiting at the bus stop, the postman on his rounds, *The Leader* in the driveways and the voices of happy children enjoying their recess at the school.

River Cruise

There is still room for you to join the Lugarno Ferry River Cruise on Sunday 30 March from 12 to 4.00 pm. This will start at Sans Souci and cruise leisurely up the Georges River and back. Lunch will be provided and BYO drinks. Apart from the presentation by **Glenyss Barnham** about the history and development of Lugarno, there will be plenty of time to move around the vessel and join in the company and fun of like-minded residents.

Cost is \$35 for seniors, \$50 for non-seniors. Tickets will be put in your letterbox following payment. We are looking forward to a great occasion.

LPA's River Cruise Celebration

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

Enclosed is \$..... @ \$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

Monday 10 March - 8.00 pm (Come along and join us)

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

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