



This is LUGARNO



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Priceless

A Message from the President

The Lugarno Ferry Cruise, celebrating the LPA's 81st Birthday, was an outstanding success. I wish to thank all those who were able to come and join in the relaxing trip down the river admiring the location and generally having a good time. It was good to see people moving around and talking with those both familiar and new to them, ensuring everyone felt part of the celebrations and enjoyed the occasion.

The success of the day depended on everyone doing their bit, very much in the same way as our community depends on everyone doing their bit. We must all work together to make this a good community. If you think the LPA can assist you, please get in touch. The community is the source of all good ideas and the means of making them happen.

I especially wish to thank the many Lugarno Businesses who supported this occasion with generous gifts for the raffle prizes. We hope residents will support these businesses in return, by shopping locally. You will find a full list of these 18 places later in the Newsletter.

The LPA committee is now looking to the future and is preparing a plan that will outline new projects. On completion this will be presented at an advertised meeting for comment and discussion by the community.

Rob Clarsen § 0412 568236

Thanks

The LPA works with the local business community to provide a safe and beautiful environment. The following places made donations to support the Ferry Cruise. Please support those places that help support the LPA. They are listed in order, driving up from the ferry:

- Lugarno Seafood Restaurant
- Foxy's Hair Salon
- Lugarno Carwash
- Lugarno Metro Service Station
- Yates Newsagency
- Rob's Pool Shop
- Lugarno Hardware
- Lugarno Bread Shop
- Blush Hair Artistry
- Lugarno Deli
- Lugarno Pharmacy
- Lugarno in Bloom
- Lugarno Fresh
- Lugarno Meats
- Riteway Grocery
- Tara Hair Salon
- Lugarno Village Upholstery
- Ray White – Peakhurst

Notes from last meeting

More on the lights

As indicated in the last newsletter, there was to be a special workshop on the Maple Street lights prior to the ordinary meeting. This proved to be a useful time with both existing problems and possible solutions being documented. The LPA will forward these to the Peakhurst Ward Councillors, before further being considered by the Council itself.

Recycling

Rebecca Brown was the guest speaker and Waste Administrative Officer from Hurstville City Council. She spoke about the economic and environmental benefits of recycling to the community. It is now possible to recycle plastic items with a 1, 2, 3 and 5 within the triangle, located, usually, on the bottom of the item. It was also mentioned that cameras on garbage vehicles monitor waste in green and yellow bins for appropriate placement of items. Bins in breach of the waste code will warrant a letter to residents advising of this. After three

such letters, bins may be removed! Being good recyclers benefits the whole community.

Taxis

Following an item in last month's Newsletter about the difficulty of getting taxis to bring people to Lugarno late at night, the matter found its way to the attention of **Graham Kell**, the Marketing and Development Manager for St George Cabs. Graham came along to address the meeting. He understood that the concern about lack of service to Lugarno did not specifically relate to St George Cabs, but to taxis in general. He suggested that if Lugarno residents did want to catch a cab from the city late at night they should go to one of the following four locations where security personnel would ensure a taxi service. Chalmers Street, Central Railway, Park Street in the centre of the city, Wentworth Hotel and the Four Seasons Hotel (previously The Regent). Taxis will always respond to a phone call if an address is given. This may be a club, hotel or theatre.

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If patrons are just waiting on a corner when they phone for a cab, it is often the case that the customer will hail a passing cab, rather than waiting for the one they have booked. This creates problems for all taxis. Graham's presentation was very professional and useful. He indicated if would always be happy to talk to anyone if there were special problems or enquiries. It is good to see that people do read this Newsletter and respond to it.

Insurance

In April mention was made of the higher rate of insurance for Lugarno households. Within the last month correspondence has been received from a large insurance company offering Lugarno residents a \$20 discount and a saving of 5% if residents have both home contents and home building policies with that insurer. Perhaps this letter was sent to people in many suburbs of maybe insurance companies read LPA newsletters too!

Next meeting Monday 12 May

It is hoped that there will be a guest speaker discussing the historical development of Sydney and the local area. It is evident following the Ferry Cruise that this is a matter of much interest to Lugarno residents. This will be an enjoyable occasion so plan to be there now. It's good to join with other residents for a chat and a coffee after the meeting which will finish at 9.30pm.

Other matters

Work on **The Boardwalk** is proceeding and will be completed in the near future. Apparently, Council has decided to put a guard rail around the walkway at an additional cost and

delay but to increase the safety of walkers.

Ducks have found their way back to the Dam in Evatt Park and are being a nuisance to young children. Please don't encourage the ducks by feeding them.

Did you notice the **new road sign** on Forest Road and understand its message? It does look a little confusing with the sign below going in the opposite direction! It is meant to make motorists aware of the number of driveways leading out on to Forest Road on the bend and to advise them to slow down to allow owners safe exit from their properties. Hope this works as this is a dangerous corner.

Mancini's, Italian and Woodfired Pizza Restaurant opened in Chivers Hill recently. Welcome and congratulations to the owners who have been waiting some time to open their doors to customers who have been lining up to try the new taste.

Historical note

Next time you are passing the Uniting Church in Forest Road, notice the **Stone Wall** in the front of the Church grounds. It is built from stone that was part of the Memorial Wall and Gate of the former Methodist Church in Forest Road Peakhurst originally constructed in about 1850 - 60. The stone was brought to Lugarno for the Wall to mark the uniting of the Peakhurst Methodist Church and the Lugarno Memorial Church on 7 November 1976.

The Peake Family

If you look on the inside the Wall you will see three plaques or tablets from the original gate which record the names of the Peake family, famous early settlers in this local area.

Isaac Peake born 1838 died 1920 and Martha Peake born 1843 and died 1932.

Jacob Peake born 1840 died 1897 and Elizabeth Peake born 1845 and died 1939.

The gates are dedicated to the memory of Mr and Mrs Thomas Peake being the first couple married in this Church.

Community news

New members and guests are welcome to join the **Lugarno Evening VIEW Club** at their dinner meeting at Roslyn Gardens, 764 Forest Road, Peakhurst on Monday 19 May at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. The speaker on this occasion will be Stephanie Thomas on preparing girls for the Duke of Edinburgh Award and their recent trip to Nepal. For bookings and details phone 9596 0121.

New art classes are available at the **St George Creative Arts and Crafts Centre** at Penshurst. **Scrapbooking** – a means of preserving your family history in photos and journaling, and **Creative Textile Design for Beginners** – using a range of techniques to create cards, T-shirts, bags, etc, will be demonstrated as part of the programme. Phone 9153 5892 or 9579 3331 for more information.

Oatley Flora and Fauna Society has sent its program for 2003. Meetings are held on 4th Monday of the month in the Uniting Church Hall on the corner of Frederick and Letitia Streets, Oatley starting at 7.45 pm. Visitors are welcome to attend meetings and field days on Saturdays. For further information contact the Secretary at PO Box 52 Mortdale 2223.

WHAT'S ON?

NEXT MEETING

Monday 12 May - 8.00 pm

(Come along and join us)

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

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