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## A Message from the President

The Georges River is a significant feature of the Lugarno area. This was more than evident during the recent LPA cruise along the River. The LPA has long been concerned about improving the water quality by filtering outflow into the River and by being involved in regular cleanups along the river banks.

Despite these efforts, the advent of recent rainfalls has brought more pollution and the LPA has been interested to in initiating a coordinated approach by all the Councils through which the River flows. To this end I am very pleased that a new Riverkeeper has now been appointed and has accepted our invitation to attend the LPA meeting on 11 August 2003. **Mr Simon Annebel**, will speak on his role as Riverkeeper and the plans of Councils to restore the Georges River to a place of clean water and natural beauty. Advance notice is given of this meeting so many residents will have the opportunity to attend.

I would like to welcome all new residents to Lugarno and hope you are enjoying the many benefits of living in this area. You are invited to come and join in the workings of the LPA and experience the community spirit.

Rob Clarsen ☎0412 568236

### Last meeting

It was interesting to have a representative from Sydney Water, **Jim Fairlie**, present at the last meeting. He provided maps and action plans of the work to be done in Lugarno to address the water pressure issue that he indicated was long overdue for attention. Jim accredited this development to the continued efforts of Kevin Greene on behalf of Lugarno residents.

### Amalgamation

The critical issue of possible amalgamation of the three Councils in the St George area was a matter for discussion at the last meeting. Some additional correspondence was then tabled outlining concerns about the loss of services and representation if the proposal went ahead.

**Kevin Greene** indicated he was quite in favour of the proposed amalgamation because this would optimize all Councils resources by establishing quality facilities that could be shared by all residents in the St George area. There was a strong sense of community and many shared interests throughout this district. Presently it could be thought there was over representation of each Ward, considering the size of the three Councils compared with, say, the Sutherland Shire.

Kevin also indicated he thought Council amalgamation in our area was unlikely to occur before next March but it would be a consideration for the future.

### Parking at Chivers Hill

It has been noticed that some people are engaged in long term parking at Chivers Hill. Apart

from breaking the law this causes difficulty for those wanting to pop in and do their shopping. We don't really want the law enforcement council officers coming along. So if you work at Chivers Hill or are expecting to have a long appointment, please consider others and park around the corner.

### Give way sign in Banksia Ave

The meeting determined to write to Hurstville City Council about this sign. This has been done and at the time of writing this Newsletter, a reply had not yet been received.

### Water quality

It is good to note that Hurstville Council is serious about the business of improving water quality. They have received a grant from the State Government

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to ensure business waste – oil, grease and waste water does not enter storm water drains in the town centre. Everyone has a part to play in taking care of water quality.

### Small Business Awards

It is good to see that **Yates Newsagency**, Chivers Hill has been nominated as a finalist in the St George Small Business Awards as promoted by the Leader. Yates Newsagency is a great supporter of the LPA, and in return congratulations are due to this business which provides cheery and efficient service to the local community.

### Community news

It's a good time of the year to catch up walking that is recommended to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Residents in this area are fortunate to have the Georges River National Park right on their doorstep.

This Park is based upon a scenic riverine environment of wetlands, forests and woodlands. It conserves 354 hectares of steep sandstone terrain on the foreshores of one of Sydney's major river systems.

The Park contains evidence of Aboriginal occupation which is important to both the Gandangara and the Dharawal people. Sites within the Park include shelters with art, middens, and occupation deposits, axe grinding grooves and rock engravings.

The area was first opened up to European settlement in 1795 when George Bass and Matthew Flinders spent nine days exploring the Georges River. For their discovery of suitable farmland on the upper reaches of the River, Bass and Flinders were granted land near Prospect Creek, which is now Georges Hall.

The Park preserves a very wide range of ecological communities of which some are very rare. The sandstone woodland occurs, among other places, on the river foreshore at Lugarno. Here there are sandy soils containing a sandstone substrate with a strong shale influence that is typically found on ridges and upper slopes. Also in this woodland can be found a diverse shrub understorey such as *Pterostylis Saxicola*, the threatened orchid.

The Georges River National Park is a great place for picnics, fishing, boating and has short easy walks. When using the Park please help preserve the precious natural and cultural heritage that is so accessible to Lugarno families.

### Next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 14 July. Mr Jim Fairlie, Customer Relations Officer from Sydney Water will again attend to provide an update on the water pressure issue. All LPA members and residents are invited to attend to keep the finger on the pulse of local issues. Come along and stay for supper!

### LPA membership

If you are not already a financial member of the LPA for 2003 please consider joining up now. Membership is just \$5 a family or \$3 concession. Complete the form below, place fees in an envelope with your name and address on the front and lodge at Yates Newsagency, Lugarno Hardware at Chivers Hill or Lugarno Estates at Lime Kiln Road.

### WHAT'S ON?

#### NEXT MEETING

Monday 14 July - 8.00 pm

(Come along and join us)

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

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