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Priceless

A Message from the President

Uncertainty about the weather caused the launch of **Glenyss Barnham's** book on the history of Lugarno entitled *Riverside Reflections* to be held at the School Hall on the last Sunday in October. As it turned out this was a good decision as the school was the focus of many shared memories of those who returned to Lugarno for this special occasion. We are most grateful to the Principal of Lugarno Public School for the use of the facilities and congratulate the School on the occasion of its 70th Anniversary on 30 October this year.

The Mayor of Hurstville, Vince Badalati, officially launched the book and the presence of **Kevin Greene MP** and the local Peakhurst Ward Councillors and some members of the oldest Lugarno families indicated that this was a not to be missed event. Over 400 people attended the launch and this was the chance for many former and present residents to meet up with family and friends. This was a special Lugarno occasion. And the book is terrific! Every Lugarno home should have one. See below for purchase details.

Another outstanding event in the past month was the Georges River Community Awards hosted by **Kevin Greene MP**. This was a time of recognition for a member, from each of the 14 different community service groups, who had contributed to the success of that organisation. The LPA nomination went to **Howard Courtney** and a special tribute to Howard appears further in this Newsletter.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the great support given by **Hurstville City Council** to the many requests made on behalf of residents through the LPA. The response and professionalism of staff is appreciated and leads to Hurstville being one of the most successful Councils in the State.

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Last month's meeting

It was good to have **Councillor Jo Morris** and three senior staff members from Hurstville Council attend last month's meeting. A presentation was made of the plans in place for this year's display of the **Maple Street** lights. All suggestions put forward by residents through the LPA had been considered.

The route will remain the same as last year, with further consideration still being given to parking on one side of Lugarno Parade only, from the school to Poplar Place. Resources would be available to ensure agreements are adhered to and there would be an additional sign at the intersection of Forest Road and Old Forest Road saying, "Do not join this queue after 10pm". This will allow the traffic to move to Maple Street in time for the lights to be turned off at 10.30pm as per the agreement.

There will be signs indicating "Residents Only Beyond This Point"

at the intersection of Maple St and Lugarno Parade for vehicles travelling south along Lugarno Parade and another such sign at the intersection of Maple and Moons Ave from vehicles travelling west into Moons Ave. There will be additional garbage bins (now 12) located near ice cream vendors which have now been limited to four.

The Council will ensure a qualified traffic controller is in place to direct traffic into Maple St and allow residents only to travel further south into Lugarno Parade. Maple St residents will be advised of the proposed measures through a letterbox drop.

A central phone number will be made available if residents find their driveways are blocked by cars or there are other significant problems.

Other Council matters

The project to expand the Hurstville Aquatic Centre is nearing completion at a cost of \$8 million. The gym is

now open. The pool will be ready in a couple of weeks and the basketball stadium not too far off completion. There will be increased parking underneath the new structures.

Council amalgamation will not occur as none of the three Councils involved are in favour of it. Hurstville Council will be requesting some border changes which will assist with traffic flow and control.

The first section of the Lugarno boardwalk is open and people have been seen fishing from the boardwalk. The next stage is still waiting on matters relating to the weed control and the Council will advise when work will commence.

Howard Courtney

During this year the LPA has been celebrating the 81st anniversary of the inception of this community association. Howard Courtney and his family have been residents in Lugarno for nearly half that time and have been closely associated with the

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ideals and work of the LPA, serving as president and executive member for many years. Howard is now a trustee of the LPA and a regular attendee at its meetings

Howard was nominated for the Georges River Community Award, hosted by Kevin Greene, MP, by the LPA. It was noted that Howard provided active leadership, inspiration and encouragement within the local community on the things that have kept Lugarno a safe and beautiful location on the edge of the Georges River.

When there is work to be done Howard is on hand to access the firebox to contain a bushfire, to cleanup the River, to ensure appropriate development and road safety in the local area. Howard combines his passion for sailing with helping others. He was a volunteer at both the Olympics and Paralympics and now is involved in *Sailability* which is a program to assist young people with disabilities to learn to sail. Congratulations, Howard on this significant achievement and the recognition of your work by the Georges River Community Award. You are most worthy recipient.

Riverside Reflections

If you would like a copy of Glenyss Barnham's book, *Riverside Reflections*, as a special Christmas gift or just for yourself, this can be purchased at **Lugarno in Bloom** at Chivers Hill.

You can ring Glenyss at night on 9533 3214 to get your copy or place an order at this email address: riversiderelections@barnham.com.au This book will be an invaluable addition to every Lugarno home.

Spring in Lugarno

Those taking time to walk around Lugarno will have undoubtedly admired the many spring gardens that have brightened up the streets with a range of colours and perfumes and the associated birds and bees which follow in their wake.

Even the red flowering bottlebrushes lining some streets have survived being destructed by the white cockatoos and are now most attractive. Much work goes into keeping lawns tidy and the overall effect is rewarding not only for the owners but the many who pass by. Remember the words of a song learned at school:

For days work and weeks work as I go up and down

There are many gardens all about the town.

For I have passed your garden when you never knew

And to people who have gardens, I give my thanks to you.

Thanks to all those who spend so much time and effort in their gardens and are keeping Lugarno *Naturally Beautiful* (and without much water, too!)

SWS signs

Thanks to those people who requested these signs and left their names with Kevin Whitten at Lugarno Hardware. You will be contacted shortly and given the signs.

Water restrictions

Mandatory water restrictions re now in place. Fines of \$220 will apply to wasters of water who ignore the restrictions. Current dam levels have dropped to just 60.5% which is 13.5% lower than this time last year.

A reminder of the restrictions are as follows: a ban on sprinklers and watering systems at all times. A ban on hosing hard surfaces, including cars, paths and buildings at all times.

Use a hand held hose only to water gardens, a broom to sweep paths and a bucket to wash cars. The goal is to reduce water consumption by at least 7% requiring absolute compliance with mandatory restrictions.

Community notices

Perhaps you are interested in joining the **Association of Independent Retirees (AIR) Ltd.** The Sydney St George Branch meets 10-12 noon on the third Friday of each month in the downstairs auditorium of Grandviews Bowling Club. Members and visitors are welcome. You can join (\$25 per annum) by contacting Wendy Crawford on 9150 7045 or Rod Lynch on 9546 4888.

The Lugarno Evening View Club will hold its dinner meeting on Monday 17 November 2003 at 7.00pm for 7.30pm at Roslyn Gardens, 764 Forest Road Peakhurst. New members and guests are welcome. For bookings please phone 9596 0121.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the LPA will be held on **Monday 10 November at 8.00pm** in the Anglican Church Hall on Old Forest Road. On this occasion there will be a report following the recent executive planning session which undertook to review present practices and plan for the years ahead. This will provide an opportunity for some interesting discussion and ensure the LPA achieves its centenary anniversary. All members and new residents are invited to attend.

WHAT'S ON?

NEXT MEETING

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

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

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