



# This is LUGARNO



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## A Message from the President

The LPA likes to support other groups and clubs that are working within our community, especially by highlighting their events in this Newsletter. Sometimes timing makes this difficult and I suspect by the time families get this note the **Lugarno Lions Spring Fair** in Gannons Park will be over.

I congratulate the enthusiastic and hardworking Lugarno Lions who are so active in the community raising money (by the most innovative means!) to support excellent causes. It is also terrific that so many local families go to support occasions like the Spring Fair. All of the efforts and contributions go to make a successful community.

The next big community activity will be on Sunday 26 October when the Mayor of Hurstville, Vince Badalati will launch Glenyss Barnham's book on the history of Lugarno. This book will be a wonderful asset to local history collections with many photographs and interesting details. All are welcome to come to Evatt Park (see more details below) and join in this occasion. We hope to see you there.

Rob Clarsen ☎ 0412 568236

### Last meeting

The guest speaker last meeting spoke about the role of the Youth Liaison Officer working in the Hurstville community area. This position was introduced following the Young Offenders Act of 1997. The Act changed the way that police and the justice system deal with young people who have offended.

The new legislation aims to divert young people away from the formal justice system, ie court. It achieves this through warnings, police cautions and youth justice conferences. By involving families and victims in face-to-face conferences, young offenders can take responsibility for their actions, make amends in some form to the victim and develop in a responsible, positive and socially acceptable way.

It was noted that there has been a decrease in crime in this area but patrol cars are available to come if

there are reports of inappropriate behaviour. It was noted that the changes in the system seem to be effective and are leading to positive outcomes.

We were pleased that Senior Sergeant Rick Simpson was able to attend in place of Ally Watts who was ill.

### Council approval

A letter has been received from Hurstville City Council advising that following due consideration of the matter, a Give Way sign will be placed at the juncture where Banksia Ave meets Moons Ave. The work will proceed shortly.

### Can do community awards

The LPA is to enter a nomination into the **Can Do Awards**, an initiative of federal government department of FACS. The intent of the awards programme is to encourage communities to address their own local issues and celebrate their achievements.

The programme provides incentives for communities to embrace and showcase innovative and effective strategies that strengthen community life. The meeting agreed that here was a match with the aspirations of the LPA and declared that an application on behalf of the Association should be submitted. This seemed an appropriate project to be undertaken in the LPA's 81<sup>st</sup> year of community service.

### Getting ready

With the end of the year approaching residents should prepare for the fire season. Mention has been made how grasses and foliage should be kept away from the house and fences and gutters should be checked for litter.

### SWS signs

At a community level, the LPA can organize SWS signs to placed outside homes on street level

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where a water source, such as a swimming pool, is available, should the fire service need extra water when fighting fires. If you would like one of these signs, please write your name and address on a slip and leave with Kevin Whitten in Lugarno Hardware at Chivers Hill and then the fire service will deliver the signs to your home.

### Pumps

Depending where you live, that is, backing on to a bushy area, you may like to have a water pump on hand and these are available at good rates from the Lugarno Pool Shop at Chivers Hill or through Aussie Pumps.

### Fire boxes

It was thought that a contact was needed for the new community fires boxes that have been located in Lugarno. Kevin Greene will follow up this matter with the Assistant Fire Commissioner. Kevin also mentioned that the Council was making an assessment of the need for any back-burning in the Lugarno area.

### Water pressure

Despite the best efforts of Sydney Water to improve the pressure in taps of many Lugarno households, there is a further delay relating to the power connections. It is expected this work will be completed by the end of October.

### Alcohol Summit

Kevin Greene mentioned he had attended the recent alcohol Summit and that there had been some worthwhile outcomes. He

indicated statistics show there are decreasing crime rates across the Hurstville LAC and quite low in Lugarno. It had been noted at the Summit that 70% of alcohol consumption is carried out in homes, not at clubs or pubs. As has already been indicated in the media there was extensive discussion on the facts and results of underage drinking.

### Community awards

Each year Kevin Greene hosts an event for local groups to nominate a member, who has provided outstanding community service, to receive a recognition award on this evening. The LPA has been invited to nominate such a person. This presentation has been set for Thursday 23 October and the LPA is proud to nominate **Howard Courtney** to be the recipient this year. Congratulations Howard, a well deserved recipient. A full report of Howard's award will appear in this Newsletter after the presentation evening.

### Sailability NSW

This is a remarkable programme operating out of Kogarah Bay and provides opportunities for young people with disabilities to become involved in sailing. If you know anyone who would benefit from the programme, please refer them to the LPA at the address on this Newsletter.

### Book launch

*The Back to Lugarno* event is set for Sunday 26 October in Evatt Park. This occasion is to launch local resident Glenyss Barnham's

new book on the **History of Lugarno**. This will occur now at 12.00 noon with the Mayor of Hurstville City Council, **Vince Badalati** performing the honours. Families are invited to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy reminiscing and meeting old friends around the area of Webb's Dam. It is hoped everyone will spread the word and invite former residents back to Lugarno for a day of reunion and celebration. It is expected that some descendants of the original pioneers and early settlers in the area will be keen to return for this special occasion.

### Next meeting

There will be plenty of opportunity to talk over local issues at the next meeting on Monday 13 October as there is no guest speaker scheduled for this occasion. Please come along and join in the meeting and stay for supper afterwards. It was good to see some new faces last meeting and we would like to meet some more people next time.

### Better early than late

Residents will be receiving this Newsletter earlier this month as the distributor is taking a break (first in 15 years) in the school holidays. It is expected many families also will take advantage of enjoying some vacation time this Spring, so an early Newsletter may suit many other families as well.

## WHAT'S ON?

### NEXT MEETING

**Monday 13 October - 8.00 pm**

**(Come along and join us)**

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

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