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A Message from the President

An earlier edition of this newsletter outlined the Greenstreets programme which is being trailed at Chivers Hill. At our last meeting we had two visitors from Hurstville Council and one from Victoria who gave a great insight into the importance of the programme for the traders at Chivers Hill and consequently all the residents of Lugarno.

The intent is to develop the environmental, social and economic performance of all the businesses. All traders have been asked to review their present procedures and consider ways in which these might be improved to lead to the sustainability of our local shopping area.

On Saturday 4 September there will be a Street Party at Chivers Hill so all residents can celebrate this initiative and take ownership of the area. It is hoped this Street Party will provide the opportunity for Shops to share their ideas so that the community can get behind the programme and create more vibrancy in the area. This initiative is being funded by Hurstville City Council.

It seems that this is a way of ensuring our little shopping centre can compete with the larger corporations and continue to provide a friendly, personal and viable service. We look forward to the outcome of all these deliberations and the Street Party on September 4. Watch out for further details.

Rob Clarsen ☎ 0412 568236

Last meeting

The guest speaker, **Simon Annabel**, was prevented from attending due to an injured shoulder. He will however, attend the August meeting to provide the latest information on the Riverkeeper programme.

Simon's absence led to more available time to hear about the Greenstreets programme which is being piloted with the traders at Chivers Hill this year. Rob has made mention of this in his President's note.

Efforts are underway to get the recently relocated Lugarno Parade **No Parking** sign moved back to its original position.

Port Botany

Our member, Carol, who had taken the initiative to write to many parties to ascertain information about the expansion of Port Botany at last had a reply on behalf of the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, the Hon Craig Knowles MP.

It seems that following much community concern and correspondence, the Minister has set up an independent Commission of Inquiry to carry out investigations into the proposal. When this is completed there will be further public input. Interested persons can make submissions to the Commission during this process.

The main work of the Commission will examine all the environmental aspects of the port expansion, including need and justification, the impact on Botany Bay and transport and infrastructure implications.

It certainly seems the impact of port expansion will be great in this local area and residents are encouraged to make their concerns known to the Commission of Inquiry.

Parliament House dinner

The LPA hopes many residents will be able to take the opportunity to visit the Dining Room at State Parliament House following an invitation of **Kevin Greene**, our

local member. Dinner will be followed by a tour of Parliament House. This has been arranged for **Tuesday 31 August 2004** starting at 7pm. The cost will be \$40 per person which includes the full meal and drinks (wine, beer or soft drinks).

Please mark it in your diary and book now by placing money or cheque (payable to Lugarno Progress Association) in an envelope with your name and contact telephone number on the front and hand in to Yates Newsagency or Kevin at Lugarno Hardware. Members and friends are all welcome.

Roy Cluff

We note with sadness the death of **Roy Cluff**, long time Lugarno resident of Moons Avenue. Roy's family first came to Lugarno in 1917 when he was only a baby. He took up property himself in 1936 and has lived here with his own family ever since.

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Roy experienced Moons Avenue as a track, with no electricity and very few other facilities. He saw bushfires in 1938, 1985 and in 1994. Some of Roy's story is told in the pages of *Riverside Reflections – The History of Lugarno*.

Roy was 87 and the LPA expresses condolences to Roy's family and long time friends.

Neighbourhood Watch report

Fortunately, during the month of June, incidents of crime were kept to a minimum which indicates residents are being both careful and watchful of their and others' property.

The Police are warning that we should all be very careful to protect our identity. During any day you may write a cheque, charge some tickets to a concert, call home on your mobile phone or apply for a credit card. Chances are you don't give these transactions a second thought. But apparently others may! Internationally identity theft or identity fraud is quickly becoming a major concern. It is the taking of a victim's identity to obtain credit and credit cards from banks and retailers, steal money from a victim's existing accounts, apply for loans, establish accounts with organisations, rent property, file bankruptcy or obtain a job using a victim's name. Thousands of dollars can be stolen without the victim knowing about it for months or even years.

What can you do?

- These are some of the ideas which will help protect your identity.
- Do not give out personal information over the phone, through the mail, or over the internet unless you have initiated the contact or know who you're dealing with.
- Identity thieves pose as bank representatives, internet service representatives and even government officials to get you to reveal your identity information.
- Shred all documents, including pre-approved credit applications received in your name, insurance forms, bank statements you are discarding and other financial information.
- Do not use your mother's maiden name, your birth date, the last four digits of your social security or tax file number, or a similar series of numbers as a password for anything.
- Minimise the identification information and the number of cards you carry. Take what you'll actually need. Don't carry your social security card, birth certificate or passport unless necessary.
- Do not put social security or telephone numbers on your cheques or your credit receipts.
- Make a list of all your credit card account numbers and keep in a safe place.

- Pay attention to your billing cycles. Follow up with creditors if bills don't arrive on time. A missing credit card could mean a thief has taken over your credit card account and changed your billing address.

Watching out for all these things will protect your identity.

Next meeting

The LPA is very pleased that **Marianne Carahalios**, the new Principal of Lugarno Public School has accepted its invitation to address the next meeting. Marianne will speak about her plans for the school and continue the long link that the LPA has had with. Lugarno School.

Simon Annabel, the Riverkeeper, will also be present at the next meeting to provide an update on his efforts to look after the Georges River.

These are two good reasons to attend the next meeting and support our guests. Come and hear their presentations and stay for supper with other members after the meeting.

Membership renewal

Many thanks to those residents who renewed their LPA memberships, or made donations, after last month's plea for additional support on the membership front. Your support is both welcome and appreciated. If you haven't got around to joining up or renewing your membership for this year, then please use the form at the foot of this Newsletter. It would be great to have every household as financial members.

Next Meeting - Monday 9 August at 8 pm St Stephen's Church Hall (opposite Allwood Crescent)

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