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LPA meetings

Following the election of the 2005 Executive Committee and subsequent Executive Committee Meeting, the LPA will now be meeting on a quarterly basis in February, May, August and November. Our Newsletters will reflect this change by being distributed quarterly before each meeting.

The Executive Committee has found that they receive a wide variety of issues for General Business, many of which require prior research and preparation. It would be appreciated, therefore, if issues to be considered for General Business could be forwarded in writing to the Committee two weeks before the General meeting so that appropriate action can be taken. Please note that the Committee can be contacted by e-mail, post or Lugarno Hardware.

Whilst the main objective of the LPA is to act in the best interests of the ratepayers and residents of Lugarno, we would point out that in some instances residents' concerns can be dealt with by contacting relative organisations directly. Should satisfaction not be achieved then the LPA may be able to offer support.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 9 MAY AT 8 PM
ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH HALL (OPPOSITE ALLWOOD CRESCENT)**

Proposed Optus Mobile Phone Base Station

Most residents would now be aware of the above Base Station planned for installation at 1020 Forest Road, Lugarno. Unfortunately the receipt of information by the LPA did not allow sufficient time for wider consultation prior to the cut off date. For questions relative to the Lugarno proposal, contact Ms Jennifer Kropp at consultants Connell Wagner on tel: 02 9465 5428, fax: 02 9465 5786, email: kroppj@conwag.com or by post to PO Box 538, Neutral Bay, NSW 2089.

For further information on a range of issues relevant to the placement of mobile phone

facilities see www.emr.aca.gov.au or phone (02) 6219 5555.

Council Works in Cypress Drive

Victor Lampe, the Director of Service Delivery from Hurstville Council, attended our March Meeting and gave a presentation on planned Council Works in Cypress Drive. Residents had reported to Council that rocks had been falling from the escarpment created when the road was originally built. The cause of this problem is difficult to know, but could be linked to building pressures, lack of stabilizing vegetation, the dry spell and clay expansion due to growing tree roots. This is a major safety issue

and Council has erected temporary barriers while further investigation is being carried out. Independent consultants have presented Council with a range of possible solutions that include:

- The use of mesh to prevent further rock falls
- Stabilizing bolts inserted into the hillside
- Removal of some trees that are causing the rocks to break away

Council will also be looking at beautifying the area after the works are completed. This may include the planting of new trees and vines to cover the mesh.

Allwood Crescent Traffic Study

Following a request from an Allwood Crescent resident concerned with speeding vehicles, Council Officers undertook a site inspection and set up a speed and volume count along Allwood Crescent. From data received, the 85th percentile speed was between 53.8 and 55 km/h. As a result of this data and the site inspection it has been decided that no further action with regard to traffic calming is required, however, due to the steep descent and winding nature of Allwood Crescent it has been recommended that two warnings signs be erected to highlight the nature of the roadway.

Tutors needed Lugarno Public School

Lugarno Public School is an important part of the broader Lugarno Community. The school is starting a tutor program where we need parents, grandparents and/or local community members to assist with one on one literacy support for students experiencing some difficulty or just in need of some extra practice. Tutors will receive training. As well as assisting the students, this program aims to forge stronger links with our local community and no doubt will provide tutors with a great deal of personal satisfaction. If you can spare an hour, or a few hours each week or fortnight and would like to assist in the program please ring the Principal, Marianne Carahalios, at Lugarno School on 9153 9843.

Red Shield Appeal

The Red Shield Appeal is an annual nationwide appeal to meet the budgetary needs for the Salvation

Army's many community service programmes. If you can spare just 2 hours of your time as a collector or driver on Sunday 29th May between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, please contact Kevin Greene's office on 9580 9349.

World's Biggest Morning Tea

On Thursday, 26th May, at 10 a.m. St Stephen's Anglican Church, Lugarno, is again holding a "Biggest Morning Tea". There will be a guest speaker and display of teapots, as well as a sale table with craft items, cakes etc. The cost is \$5.00 and all proceeds will go to the Cancer Council.

Tsunami appeal

Lugarno Lions would like to thank all those who contributed to the International Lions Tsunami Appeal. Over \$25,000 was raised locally.

2005 Woman of the Year, Georges River Electorate

The 2005 Woman of the Year for the Georges River Electorate was local Lioness, Joan Loch. Congratulations Joan.

Neighbourhood Watch

In Lugarno during February, 2 Break, Enter & Steal, 1 B & E with Intent to Steal, 2 Malicious Damage and 1 Assault took place. Several of these incidents related to Lugarno Public School. This reminds us of the need for constant vigilance and to report any suspicious activity to Police.

Clean Up Australia

There was not a lot to be achieved at Webbs Dam due to the excellent job being done by Hurstville Council in

Evatt Park. Thank you to those residents who turned up but who moved on to a more productive site. Fortunately the LPA members who turned up early were able to clean up an "unholy" mess left near the BBQ by unknown members of our society who had obviously consumed too much alcohol. If any residents witness such antisocial behaviour in the park, please report it to Hurstville Police - Phone 9375 8599.

Oatley Flora and Fauna reported a very successful day having removed 25 bags of rubbish, several tyres and other materials from the banks of Lime Kiln Bay. They were helped by the use of kayaks supplied by Sharyn Cullis (Georges River Environmental Alliance).

The LPA would appreciate input from residents prior to Clean Up Australia 2006 regarding worthwhile sites in our area needing attention.

Diary Dates

Oatley Flora & Fauna Conservation Society

Meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 7.45 p.m. in the Uniting Church Hall, cnr Frederick & Letitia Streets, Oatley. Check their website for further details: www.off.oatleypark.com

Lugarno Evening V.I.E.W. Club

Meets monthly on 3rd Monday. Contact the Secretary on 9533 3124 for further information.

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