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**The next meeting will be held on Monday 14 November at 8 pm  
St Stephen's Church Hall (opposite Allwood Crescent)**

## **LPA 2005 Membership Fees can be still be paid at Lugarno Hardware**

### **Bushcare Programme**

Postscript to our last newsletter – congratulations to all residents who contacted Hurstville City Council expressing concern over the proposed funding reduction to the Bushcare Programme. On this occasion the Council listened and "people power" achieved the desired outcome being the retention of the programme at current levels for the moment. See "Bushcare Report" later in this newsletter.

### **LPA dinner**

Members of the LPA and other interested Lugarno residents are invited to attend a dinner to be held at Café Lugarno on Friday evening, 9th September, at 7-7.15p.m. The cost is \$30/head, which covers bread, nibbles, choice of mains, dessert, tea & coffee. Numbers are limited, tickets available at Lugarno Hardware.

### **Chivers Hill shopping precinct**

Until there are changes to current arrangements regarding traffic safety at Chivers Hill it is up to all of us to exercise courtesy and care to avoid the possibility of

accidents. Some ways you can assist are:

- Proceed into parking area in order to avoid the banking of traffic in the roundabout at Grandview Crescent.
- Vision is limited as vehicles reverse from angle parking – exiting vehicles should reverse slowly and through traffic should be vigilant and proceed with caution.
- Parents should supervise their children at all times due to the very regular movement of vehicles in the shopping precinct. Parents should also advise children of their obligations when riding bikes, scooters, skate boards, etc. in areas where pedestrians and in particular elderly pedestrians may be walking.

### **Webb's Dam, Evatt Park**

Current suggestions for improvements at Webb's Dam include:

- Improvements to the safety of the Dam
- The removal of the board walk

- Gross pollutant traps to catch rubbish before it enters the dam
- A refuge island for bird life
- A water fountain to aerate and improve the quality of water

Please direct any comments re the above to the Secretary, LPA, PO Box 21, Lugarno 2210.

### **Lugarno the winner!**

Lugarno area has two more award winning businesses to add to the growing list. This time its IGA and Michael's Art Studio Hairdressing, winners in the 2005 St George Leader Small Business Awards.

To thank residents for their support and to celebrate their win, Robert & Zena, sponsored a free BBQ and drink at Chivers Hill on Saturday, 9th July. Lugarno Lions provided the labour & equipment and received donations totalling \$700 from the day.

### **Bushcare report**

**Evatt Park Bushland** – The well known walking track below Webb's Dam to the Georges River travels through different

plant communities, which include many diverse plant species. It begins with the temperate rainforest, progresses into an open woodland with a moist heath understorey and then moves into a dryer open woodland along side the Georges River. This track is popular with bush walkers and fisher people.

Evatt is a very diverse park and now is a great time for walking as most of the native flowers including wattles, pea flowers and small orchids are blooming. Fauna sightings include Snakes (Red Belly Black, Whip and Green Tree), Lizards (Blue Tongue, Water Dragons and Bearded Dragons), Possums (Bushtail and Ringtail), Echidna, numerous bird species, Stinging Ants, Marsh Frogs and lots of insects and spiders.

A small number of Bushcare volunteers work in the Evatt Park Bushland in an endeavor to retain its natural beauty. Last month they removed the red berries from the asparagus ferns to prevent birds from spreading this weed further (see **Grow Me Instead**)

Anyone needing weed identification can bring plant specimens to the **Bushcare Stall at Lugarno Lions Spring Festival**. Volunteers can advise on eradication techniques.

Help spread the word – More volunteers are needed for Bushcare in Evatt Park, help make a difference. Volunteering can be weekly/fortnightly, every second month or whenever you can make it during the year on the allotted days. Every little bit helps. The session is usually in the morning for 3 hours with a tea/coffee break. Contact

Bushcare Officer, Heather Stolle (0425 291 879)

### Grow me instead

David Buchanan, a qualified horticulturist from Altra Nursery, spoke at our August meeting on the Grow Me Instead programme which has been initiated by the Nursery & Garden Industry NSW & ACT. David's talk was most informative and concentrated on certain popular plants that we grow in our gardens that have the ability to invade and in some cases overcome our native bushland. These plants can escape through movement of soil and water run-off, ingestion and dispersal by birds or small mammals or as seeds carried by wind. Altra Nursery has leaflets available that advise alternative plants to those identified as possible offenders.

### Boggywell Creek Boat Regatta

The LPA welcomes sponsors for its entry into the Boggywell Creek Boat Regatta to be held at the upcoming Lugarno Lions Spring Festival. If you wish to advertise your business on our boat, sponsorship forms are available from Lugarno Hardware.

### School reading programme

Students & staff at Lugarno School would like to thank community volunteers who are assisting with the reading tutor programme. Students are benefiting greatly from the programme but there are always children in need of assistance. Even half an hour a week can help to support a child's literacy. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Gina Makryllos on 9153 9843. Lugarno School

values strong links with the local community.

### Diary dates

#### Oatley Flora & Fauna

Next meeting Monday, 26th September at 7.45 p.m. in the Uniting Church Hall, cnr Frederick & Letitia Sts, Oatley. Guest Speaker Ashley Hay, author of "Herbarium" *Australia's Collectors and Collections*.

#### Lugarno Evening VIEW Club

Next meeting Monday, 19th September. Fashion Parade of Stafford Fashions Monday, 26th September. \$10.00 includes light supper at Roslyn Gardens, 7 for 7.30 p.m. Contact the Secretary on 9533 3124 for further information.

#### Lugarno Lions

The 26<sup>th</sup> Lugarno Lions Spring Festival will be held on Sunday, 18th September at Gannons Park.

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The LPA website is looking good. If you have any items of interest relating to Lugarno which you would like to be considered for posting on the website please address your enquiry to the Secretary, PO Box 21, Lugarno, 2210.

#### Next meeting

Will be on Monday 14th November 2005. Michelle Whitehurst, Traffic Engineer from Hurstville City Council, will brief us on this years traffic arrangements for the Maple Street Lights and traffic and safety issues at Chivers Hill shopping precinct.

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