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Priceless

Next meeting

All community members (old and new) are welcome to attend our next meeting on Monday, May 14 at St Stephens Church Hall (opposite Allwood Crescent) commencing at 8 p.m.

Webbs Dam submissions to HCC

After a number of meetings and quite a few man hours, the LPA has forwarded their submission to Hurstville City Council with recommendations for improvements to Webbs Dam. A copy of the submission can be viewed at our next meeting by which time we hope to have HCC's response to it. Thanks to all the members of the special sub committee for their valuable input and to Fred Freeman, Carol Reynolds, Rob Clarsen and Ian McLuckie for their assistance in compiling the report. We also thank staff from HCC, Julie McInnes and Heather Stolle.

Clean Up Australia Day

A *very small* band of workers achieved a *very big* result when they cleaned up the Lugarno boardwalk area on the day. Whilst there didn't appear to be a great deal of rubbish at first, 16 bags were filled and a few other interesting items were removed. Even bigger results were achieved by Oatley Flora & Fauna Conservation Society who concentrated on Lime Kiln Bay

near Jinna Reserve, Peakhurst, where 25 bags of rubbish were collected. A sincere thank you to those who participated and we look forward to more participation in 2008 – it is a rewarding experience!

NHW news

Highlights from Police Reports for Lugarno for January to March include 3 assaults and 2 domestic occurrences; 2 Break/Enter/Steal (club), 1 Break/Enter/Steal (residence); 1 fail to pay (service station); 5 incidents at school including 2 malicious damage; 1 stolen motor vehicle; 1 located and burned motor vehicle; 2 dog offences and 1 person search (park); 1 telecommunications offence; 1 lost mobile phone; 1 steal ('Razor' collapsible scooter). We would remind residents to mark valuable property where possible by engraving with a drivers licence number. This allows Police to identify items which may have been stolen and increases the possibility of having the stolen goods returned to their owner. This is of particular value with items such as childrens scooters, bicycles, etc. Whilst external patrols of the school are conducted it is important that the wider community report any anti social activity which may occur in or around the school premises outside of school hours.

NPWS Fuel & Weed Reduction

National Parks & Wildlife Service staff and contractors will be working in the Georges River National Park during April, May and June spraying major weed pests and inspecting bushland along the Park's boundary with residential properties to identify areas requiring fuel reduction. Signs will be placed at key locations to let residents know when work is proceeding,

Ibis in Evatt Park

Visitors to Evatt Park will have noticed the gradual increase in the Ibis population. In significant numbers these birds can cause irreversible damage to the surrounding area. Refer to the website www.earthrepair.com.au/toc.htm for information on Ibis at Lake Gillawarna in the Bankstown City Council area or our website www.mylugarno.com on why you should not hand feed birds in your garden or in parks.

Congratulations Kevin Greene

The LPA would like to congratulate Kevin Greene for his election to the Legislative Assembly in the newly established seat of Oatley in the recent state elections. He has also been appointed Minister for Community Services in the Iemma Government. Kevin's

work in the local area has contributed to his success and we are always appreciative of his reports at our meetings.

Household Chemical Clean Up

A free clean up of household chemicals for all Sydney residents will be held on Saturday 26th May between 9 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. There will be a collection point for our area at Hurstville Council Works Depot, cnr Depot Rd and Roberts Ave. Paints, pesticides, herbicides, oils and fuels, solvents and cleaners, batteries, gas bottles, fire extinguishers, pool chemicals, fluorescent tubes, acids and alkalis will all be accepted.

Lugarno PS update

You will remember last year LPA advertised the LPS's fund raising venture inviting past & present students and teachers to become part of history by purchasing a paver to be engraved with the purchasers name and mounted on a wall at the school. Over 100 pavers have been purchased to date and by the time you receive this newsletter the tiles should be laid on the wall near the Forest Road entrance. This is an ongoing venture and orders will be held by the P & C until they have sufficient to send to the supplier. It is anticipated that will happen once during each year. Details

are displayed on our website www.mylugarno.com

We also advised of the LPS's success in receiving a Commonwealth Government Community Water Grant. This funding has resulted in a water tank being installed and replacement of current bubbler fittings with low-flow, spring loaded devices. The cost of the new low-flow fittings will contribute to the Department of Educations upgrade of toilet facilities. In addition, the development of the creek demonstration site is part of the Water Grant. Hurstville City Council is contributing planting and weed matting for this site and work should start this week. The gross pollutant trap at the rear of the school will be replaced which will decrease rubbish entering the river catchment.

Other site improvements include window tinting and insulation which has already been installed through the contribution of the P & C. Federal government funding has been received for the replacement of the soft fall under the play equipment and installation of whirlybirds but this work is yet to be carried out.

Invitation to LPS Open Day

LPS has issued an invitation to the broader community to attend their Water Awareness Expo to

be held on Thursday 17th May between 11.30 a.m. and 1 p.m. as part of Education Week activities. The aim of the Expo is to improve community awareness of wise water use and water quality as demonstrated by the various ways in which these issues have been incorporated in the students learning. You will be able to visit the demonstration creek site being built in the storm water drain to filter the water that flows into the river catchment. It is anticipated there will also be displays by community organisations promoting water quality and conservation awareness.

Vale

Our sympathies go to Cindy Petinellis (Chicken shop) in the recent passing of her father.

Diary dates

Oatley Flora & Fauna

Meetings held on fourth Monday of the month at 7.45 p.m. in the Uniting Church Hall, Cnr Frederick & Letitia Sts, Oatley – see our **website** link for newsletter and program details,

Lugarno Evening VIEW

Dinner meetings held on third Monday of the month at a new venue, Victoria House Function Centre, 496 Forest Road, Bexley, 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. Contact Ellen on 9580 2991 for further information

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