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Next meeting

All community members (old and new) are welcome to attend our next meeting on Monday, November 12 at St Stephens Church Hall (opposite Allwood Crescent) commencing at 8 p.m.

Lugarno Progress or Preservation

At a recent Committee meeting discussions took place as to how much more **progress** needs to take place in Lugarno. It would seem that one of the most active roles our Association could play at the present time is that of **preservation**. Preservation of what remains of our trees and flora and fauna in general which is what put Lugarno on the map in the first place and what makes it a popular place in which to live. Unfortunately all too often lately one wakes up to the roaring of the chain saw or tree chomper removing more trees from building sites or making grotesque sculptures of the street trees which remain. Admittedly there has been some natural attrition due to drought conditions but the Council's wood chip pile adjacent to Roberts Road tennis courts would alert one to the fact that lots of tree cutting has been taking place. To this end we are calling on any community members who would like to lead a project aimed at bringing some "green" back to Lugarno so we can again be proud to call it "Naturally Beautiful Lugarno". We will be making this subject the focus of our next meeting.

The following article appeared in the OFF (Oatley Flora and Fauna

Conservation Society Inc.) News, September/October 2007:

Where have all the trees gone?

For more than 50 years OFF has been protesting about the destruction of trees by councils, developers, householders and others. Our feelings about such actions are well expressed in an article entitled 'Where have all the trees gone?' by Melina Amerasinghe, OFF Committee member. This may be viewed on our website at www.off.oatleypark.com. Our feelings were also stimulated by Bob Beale's talk at the last monthly meeting about his forthcoming book, 'If Trees Could Speak', due for release this month. O.F.F. has therefore decided to create a **register or database of local trees**, significant for their size, history, rarity or whatever. Please send your **suggestions to Secretary**, Faye Coughlan, PO Box 52, Mortdale, 2223, for trees to include in this database. You are also invited to forward any stories you may know about local trees.

Webbs Dam

As you are aware, the LPA has done as much as possible to bring about improvements to Webbs Dam and Evatt Park and now we must wait until Hurstville City Council apportions funding to do so. More recently the Committee submitted an application for funding through the WSN Environmental Solutions Grass Roots Programme to construct a floating artificial rock pontoon featuring a waterfall for water

aeration and visual enhancement of the dam. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful due to the number of applicants that better fitted the criteria required. In the meantime if we see any further funding opportunities available for which we can apply we will do so.

Lions Festival & Regatta

Once again the Lugarno Lions Festival was a big success raising some \$30,000.00 to return to areas of need within the community. Thanks must go to the tireless workers who are responsible for organising this very successful event enjoyed by us all. The Progress Association, having provided a perpetual trophy for the Boggywell Creek Regatta, were winners by default – something akin I understand to Steven Bradbury's ice skating win at the Winter Olympics! A special thanks to Rob Clarsen for the vessel and Brad Gorman for volunteering as a crew member.

NHW News

Highlights from Police Reports for Lugarno for July, August and September include 2 Assaults; 1 robbery (person); 1 steal from residence; 2 steal from residential yards; 1 Break/Enter/Steal (residence); 3 Break/Enter (residence); 2 Break/Enter (LP school); 1 trespass (LP school); 4 malicious damage (LP school), 1 malicious damage (residence), 2 malicious damage (public phone & park); 1 abandoned vehicle; 2 lost property; 2 located property; 3 traffic offences so beware, the Police are there. Police conducted a number of external patrols of the

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school. These statistics indicate an increase in break ins and stealing offences therefore we must continue to **remain observant** and report any unusual activity to Police. **Nobody wants to become a statistic.** See bottom of this newsletter for contact phone numbers.

LPS Anniversary

Lugarno Public School will celebrate its 75th Anniversary in 2008. If anyone has historical memorabilia relating to the school, the P&C Committee will be asking for it early in the new year.

Wildlife sightings

Within various bush land areas from Oatley Park to Lugarno residents have reported sighting a wallaby, a ringtail possum and an echidna. A pair of Dusky Moorhens have chosen Webbs Dam to bring up their new chicks. Of course you can't help but hear the raucous cry of the migratory Channelled Billed Cuckoo who visits at this time of year. Our friend the Koel does not seem to have been as evident as in previous seasons. Unfortunately an adult brush tail possum met its end in Allwood Crescent by what would appear to be a fox. It is a known fact that there are foxes present around the area and we would remind residents not to leave food around which may attract them and to lock up pets, particularly young ones, at night time.

"Bushcare" notes

The Birds in Backyards programme has just produced new Guidelines for developing urban bird habitat. Funded by a NSW Environmental Trust Grant, this project has produced the Guidelines for several different user groups including domestic gardeners and Bushcare volunteers.

These can be downloaded at www.birdsinbackyards.net/spaces/guidelines.cfm Even a casual observer will have noticed bird diversity is on the decline in urban areas indicating a failure to maintain a suitable habitat for some species. Smaller birds that were once so common in our gardens have given way to more aggressive varieties. Other urban specialists such as Golden Whistlers and Eastern Spinebills will disappear altogether from our suburbs if the remnant bushland upon which they depend is not maintained and restored.

New Limes Café

We welcome Alicia Weegen (nee Medcalf) formerly Dolce Express Oatley, together with Amanda Dalton who have combined their experience of 25 years to open a new and improved café in Lugarno, **Limes Café**, situated at 14 Lime Kiln Road. A large variety of teas and coffees are served and you can choose to dine inside or alfresco. The menu provides soups, sandwiches &

burgers for those in a hurry or risottos, pastas, gourmet salads as well as daily blackboard specials. They will also cater for special morning teas, office lunches and private functions on request. Phone 9584 2396 for bookings. Trading hours Mon-Fri 7.30 to 4.15, Sat 7.30 to 3, Sun 7.30 to 1.

Chivers & Lions BBQ

Chivers Hill shopkeepers supported by Lugarno Lions are sponsoring a BBQ sizzle on Saturday morning, 17th November. Individual shops will be displaying attractions to complement their normal merchandise. There will be some give aways and tickets for Lions giant Christmas stocking will also be on sale.

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

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