



# This is Lugarno

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## The Lugarno Progress

**Association** would like to wish all Lugarno residents, business proprietors, school children, church parishioners, sporting and community groups and volunteer organizations a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous 2008.

It is only by working together as a community that we are able to enjoy the pleasant life style that exists here in Lugarno.

Unfortunately over the Christmas period that life style was severely threatened by persons within our community. This presented itself in the form of an unprecedented amount of malicious damage to public property and anti social behaviour in public places often involving alcohol.

It does not go unnoticed that these issues manifest themselves during school holiday periods which can only indicate those involved are more than likely of school age. This problem cannot continue and it is up to us as a community to address the problem.

Late last year Rick Simpson, Senior Police Sergeant, Hurstville Local Area Command, advised of the establishment of the Neighbour Network Program which seeks to enlist the support of local communities to work with Police to reduce opportunities for crime. Part of this programme involved an invitation from Police in partnership with Hurstville City

Council to participate in a Community Safety Audit in order to identify areas that provide opportunities for crime, anti-social behaviour and reduced public safety. Unfortunately the invitation was not timed suitably for us to participate, however, the concept is something we can all take up going forward either via the LPA or directly to Hurstville Local Area Command.

### AGM & election of officers

LPA's Annual General Meeting will take place on 11th February, 2008, at St Stephens Church Hall (opposite Allwood Crescent) commencing at 8 p.m.

Unfortunately many organisations have to "play down" the importance of their annual general meetings because it often means people avoid attending in case they get asked to take up a position. The LPA is no exception. This year, however, is "crunch time" as many of the present office bearers have held their positions longer than they would have preferred but have continued on in the absence of any alternative. There is a possibility of the LPA going into recess if no new office bearers come forward from the community.

As older residents move out and younger people come into the area so different priorities and issues for concern arise. There is a need for new "ownership" of our community to continue the

good work of the past (refer to the LPA website for details) and address the issues of the future.

### Lugarno 11 Playgroup's Baby Playgroup

Kevin Greene will officially open this newly established Baby Playgroup on 5th February. The group will cater for babies from birth to two years on Tuesday afternoons between 12.30 and 2.30 p.m. Lugarno 11 Playgroup has been established for over 30 years and offers 5 other Playgroup sessions from Monday to Friday between 10 a.m. and 12 noon at the Uniting Church Lugarno.

The Coordinator is Jacinta Goodacre ☎ 9153 7680

### "Bushcare" notes

We note in the Summer issue of The Bunduluk that the position of Environment Officer with Hurstville City Council remains vacant. Julie McInnes who occupied that position has taken up a position with NPWS.

During her 14 years with HCC Julie's achievements were notable the most recent being the plan of management for Oatley Park, the Tree Preservation Policy and the Threatened Species List. Of **great** importance to local residents was the part she played behind the scenes in the administration of the Bushcare scheme, freeing up Bushcare Officers for the hands-on work. You will remember in

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2005 concerned residents had to rally together to deter HCC from cutting back Council's funding of the scheme. On that occasion we were successful. **Your help is sought once again in making it known to Council that the position of Environment Officer must be filled in order to maintain the current level of hands on participation by the Bushcare Officers.** Under normal circumstances these Officers are stretched to the limit and we must not allow them to be further burdened with administrative tasks which should rightly be funded by Council.

*See the article "Mozzies Suck so Cover Up" written by Heather Stolle, Bushcare Officer by following the links on the LPA website to the summer 2007 issue of The Bunduluk*

#### Clean Up Australia Day

Webbs Dam to the river has been registered as the LPA site for Clean Up Australia Day to be held on Sunday, 2nd March. A feature of this years campaign is our own unique website page which provides all the necessary information and allows

volunteers to register to assist - <http://events.cleanup.org.au/?Webbs+Dam+Evatt+Park> We would like to thank Lugarno Lions and Hurstville City Council who have kindly offered their support for a "post clean up BBQ". So come along and make your contribution to a cleaner Australia or if you know of somewhere else that needs cleaning up then organise some friends and register your own site on [www.cleanup.org.au](http://www.cleanup.org.au)

#### NHW News

Highlights from Police Reports for Lugarno for October include 1 Assault; 1 steal from residence; 1 Break/Enter (residence); 2 malicious damage (LP school), 1 malicious damage (residence), 2 malicious damage (outdoor/public place); 1 missing person; 1 located person; 1 located property; 3 traffic offences. Police conducted a number of external patrols of the school. Unfortunately further crime statistics were unavailable to us at the time of going to print.

#### Chivers Christmas event

Thank you to Chivers' shopkeepers assisted by Lions for staging their inaugural Christmas event in late November. \$950 was raised for spinal research. Shopkeepers spent \$3000 on the

Christmas lights that were installed by Peter Olsen (Maple St). Although some teething problems were experienced it is hoped this will become a significant local event in the future with greater community involvement.

*We have been asked to remind residents in the interests of safety to slow down, give way to cars reversing in the shopping precinct and respect the disabled parking spaces. Kids are asked to show consideration for pedestrians by not riding bicycles, scooters or skate boards in the area.*

#### Diary dates

#### Oatley Flora & Fauna

**Oatley Flora and Fauna** – see our website link for newsletters, meeting and program details.  
**Lugarno Evening VIEW** – dinner meetings held on 3rd Monday of the month at Victoria House Function Centre, Bexley, 7 for 7.30 p.m. Contact Ellen on 9580 2991 for further information.

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