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Opening remarks

The Lugarno Progress Association hopes that everyone had a safe and happy Easter...and didn't eat **too** much chocolate!

This newsletter is all about being an active member of your community. You live here, shop here, school your children or grandchildren here...why not talk about your concerns? Why wouldn't you want someone to defend the area in which you live? You have a voice and the LPA welcomes all ideas and issues.

Report from Clean Up Australia Day March 2

On Sunday March 2nd a troop of local residents - armed with gloves, garbage bags and hats to keep out the sun - banded together to clean up Evatt Park and Webbs Dam. The Lugarno Lions cooked up the sausages donated by Hurstville Council to feed the hungry mob ready for their 'Post Clean Up BBQ'. More people soon joined them ready to clean up. These people were not even residents of Lugarno but felt it necessary to maintain what is most certainly an important park for Hurstville Council. The Clean Up Day was a success by far and we can only hope to rival the turnout next year. Sincere thanks from the LPA to everyone who helped out on the day, especially the Penshurst Anglican Church who came down following their morning service. A special thank you goes to the Lugarno Lions and the Hurstville City Council, for the wonderful barbeque.

The precarious state of Webbs Dam

During Clean Up Australia Day, some volunteers were able to see the state of disrepair that Webbs Dam is in. The Council has draped hazard tape over the broken bridge which was deemed absolutely insufficient as a child who had

accompanied one of the volunteers actually fell into the dam having mistaken a patch of slimy green moss, for a patch of grass whilst stepping on the wooden poles right near the bridge. We have requested that the Council repair the bridge in order to make Evatt Park a safer environment for the many families that use it.

Membership

As advertised in the previous newsletter, the Lugarno Progress Association held their Annual General Meeting on the 11th of February. We are pleased to announce three new members have kindly taken on roles in the executive. They have provided a new vision and different way of seeing the LPA, which has blended nicely with the wisdom and experience of the older members. We do, however hope to see even more new faces during the following months.

By now you would have received a letter regarding the LPA's membership drive. We urge people to have a look at the long list of things the LPA have done for the residents, business proprietors, sporting and community group and school children of Lugarno. Please take note of our many ongoing and future activities some of which include:

- Parking and traffic issues at the Chivers Hill shops
- Webbs Dam refurbishment;
- Combating social problems relating to vandalism of public property;
- Ensuring our local councillors are doing their very best for us, and
- Expanding links with other local community organisations.

We aim to provide a voice for the residents of Lugarno and believe this can be done more effectively with a large, representative membership. This membership plays a big part in

our dealings with government at all levels and ensures a strong voice. With many young families moving into the area, we welcome them to join and play an active part in LPA's future. We are here for the residents of Lugarno and your issues are our issues.

So please see the membership form at the end of this newsletter. Only \$10 per household.

Also our next meeting is April 14th at St Stephens Church Hall (Opposite Allwood Crescent) at 8pm. All are welcome to attend.

Council Elections September 2008

Council elections are to be held in September of this year. Lugarno is placed in the Peakhurst Ward and is represented by three councillors out of the four seats (Joanne Morris having left last year). Council elections are sometimes forgotten but are one of the most important decisions you as a resident of Hurstville Council area have to make about your day-to-day life. Are your rates going to where they should be going? Are you able to get your voice heard?

The LPA is heading a push to make sure our councillors are representing us. We ask the residents of Lugarno to attend a council meeting, talk to a councillor and just have a think about what Hurstville Council has done for you.

Hurstville Council hold their general meetings on the last Wednesday of every month at the Hurstville Civic Centre Council Chambers 7 pm. Public quite welcome.

Diary dates

Thanks

The Lugarno Progress Association would like to thank all business owners who helped out during our membership drive. Their ongoing support is vital.

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Next meeting will be held on Monday 14 April. St Stephens Church Hall 8 pm.

Hurstville City Council meeting

Wednesday 30th April, the Hurstville Civic Centre Council Chambers 8 pm. Please check the website for further details:
www.hurstville.nsw.gov.au.

The Lugarno Evening View Club

Meets at 7 pm on the 3rd Monday of every month at Victoria House, 496 Forest Road, Bexley. All welcome. Please contact Helen on 9570 4294 for further details.

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Please see our website link for newsletters, meeting and programme details.

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