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### 2009

**Lugarno Progress Association (LPA)** is going to have a busy year in 2009.

We will be working closely with Hurstville Council and the residents of Lugarno in our Greening Lugarno Campaign, aiming to beautify our shared space. We will also continue to address residents' concerns as we have in the past. We rely on information and support from the residents of Lugarno, **so help us help you!**

### President's Report – Rob Clarsen

You may have noticed there have been a few articles in The Leader regarding the safety of Webbs' Dam. The southern bank of Webbs' Dam has been pinpointed as an accident waiting to happen; our proposal to council is to have a garden bed as a barrier at the water's edge. This follows many cases of children drowning over the summer. I saw a 15-year-old child fall in last year and many parents have indicated to me their children have done the same.

I cannot understand why The LPA is not getting any support from Bill Pickering, our Peakhurst Ward Councillor, who has criticised our efforts to create a safer environment for the young families that make Lugarno their home. I must commend Mayor Vince Badalati who has indicated he will look at this matter in the next budget. The LPA's aim is to work with all of our councilors.

I appreciate that Mayor Badalati and Deputy Mayor Phillip Sansom as well as Councillor Anne Wagstaff have indicated they wish to attend future meetings in 2009. To me, it would seem crucial that our elected representatives should have a forum to discuss with the local community any issues of concern.

### What we are doing

We urge people to have a look at the long list of things the LPA has done for the residents, business proprietors, sporting and community groups and the school children of Lugarno. Our ongoing and future activities include:

- Webbs' Dam refurbishment
- Combating social problems relating to vandalism of public property
- Ensuring local councillors are doing their best for us
- 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 dealing 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.

### 2009 Subscriptions

It's that time of the year again! If you have not paid for your membership for this year, please do. It's only \$10 per household.

### AGM/future meetings

The LPA has many exciting campaigns planned for 2009 and would love the help and support of local residents interested in maintaining and helping to build Lugarno. You can play as big or as small a role as you wish! If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on [lpa40@hotmail.com](mailto:lpa40@hotmail.com)

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **9<sup>th</sup> February 2009** at St Stephen's Anglican Church Hall at 8 pm. All are welcome.

### 2009 General Meeting dates:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April      Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August      Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

The LPA has been working hard to lock in guest speakers for these meetings, including those with environmental, safety backgrounds and even some members of Hurstville Council. Watch this space!

### Greening Lugarno posters

During the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations at Lugarno Public School, the LPA ran a poster, colouring-in and story competition for the students. All the entries will be displayed in the shop windows at Chivers Hill over the next month. So please go and have a look!

### Green News!

To support our 'GREEN' focus for 2009 we will be encouraging all residents to be environmentally aware. Over the year we will be bringing informative websites and campaigns to your attention. Some of these include Council, Bushcare, Oatley Flora and Fauna and many more.

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During the year we will have a variety of guest speakers at our bi-monthly meetings. We hope Lugarno residents will support us with good attendance for these speakers who give their time freely for our benefit.

#### **Clean up Australia Day 2009**

The LPA will be actively involved in Clean Up Australia Day to be held this year on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March and has registered a site that will be The Boardwalk at the end of Forest Road near the Lugarno Seafood Restaurant. We will be there from 9 to 11:30 am. Please register at [www.cleanup.org.au](http://www.cleanup.org.au) <http://www.cleanup.org.au/>

#### **New signs in Evatt Park**

Please note new signs in Evatt Park restricting the use of alcohol. The LPA hopes this will stop the vandalism of the park and surrounding areas.



## **NSW POLICE**

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **Police arrest young people damaging School !**

28 January 2009

There has been an increase in the incidence of malicious damage (graffiti) offences in the Lugarno area over recent months.

About 9:00pm on Tuesday the 20th of January 2009, a number of young people attended Lugarno Public School and maliciously damaged (graffiti) the walls and windows of a large number of school buildings.

About 9:20pm on this same day, Police and a dog from the Police Dog Unit attended Lugarno Public School to carry out a foot patrol of the school grounds as a result of complaints from the community about people damaging property at both Lugarno and Peakhurst West Public Schools. The Police Officer saw a number of young people spray painting the walls of the school buildings. The Police Officer identified himself and called upon the young people to STOP. However they ignored police directions and run off along Lugarno Parade, Lugarno. The Police Officer lost sight of the young people near Poplar Place, however the dog continued to track these people.

After a short foot pursuit one of the Young people was arrested by Police with the assistance of the Police Dog. The Police Officer searched the young person and found a backpack containing a black and purple spray paint cans were located on their person.

The Police Officer from the Police Dog Unit and Hurstville Police returned to the school and saw 25-30 various graffiti markings on the walls and windows of the school buildings. At this stage Police estimated the damaged value to be approximately \$15000. Police also observe the paint being black and purple in colour which appeared wet/fresh, matching the exact colour of the spray cans that was located with the young person.

As a result of further inquiries another two young people have been arrested for these offences. Further inquiries are continuing into this matter and also a number of other offences that have taken place within the Lugarno community in recent months. We have found that markings found at this location are similar to a number of locations throughout Lugarno.

Hurstville Police are seeking your support to reduce opportunities for this type of crime. If you see a someone damaging property report it to the Police Assistance Line (PAL) Phone 131444 as soon as quickly as possible so that we can take action. We also ask that if you have any information that might identify any person involved in this type of crime you report it to police as soon as possible phone Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000. Remember that as taxpayers we have to burden the cost of repairs for this type of crime.

Authorised by Detective Inspector Terry O'Neill, Crime Manager, Hurstville Local Area Command.

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