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## President's report

With our membership numbers up on previous years, we are encouraged to see the community continuing to support the work of the LPA. We are also pleased to see a renewed interest in our association by Hurstville City Council demonstrated by their presence at our meetings. We met our new councillor Anne Wagstaff late last year and Philip Sansom addressed our May meeting. We look forward to welcoming Mayor Vince Badalati to our August meeting. He will bring us up to date with the latest activities and the difficulties in running a council in the current economic climate.

Please note our next meeting is on **1 June due to the public holiday on 8 June**. Look forward to seeing you there.

*Rob Clarsen*

## Successful annual tree give-away

Despite the change of venue to Evatt Park for HCC's annual tree giveaway, everyone involved deemed it a success. Bushcare was celebrating its 10 year anniversary and enthusiastic officers and volunteers were on hand to give advice on plant varieties and weed eradication. Members of the LPA assisted in preparing the plants and distributing them on the day. St George Central Rotary Club volunteers supported the event with their expertise on the BBQ providing "yummy" sausage sandwiches.

## April meeting re-cap

Thank you to Philip Sansom for speaking at our April meeting and informing us regarding the diversity of projects undertaken by the Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority as well as updating the LPA on some local Council matters. For those who missed out the Authority produces a very interesting quarterly newsletter called "Mambara". Mambara is the local Aboriginal Darug name for "Geebung Tree". This plant is found across Sydney, particularly on Hawkesbury sandstone soils. It was a food source for the Darug people. "Mambara" was chosen for the newsletter because the editorial team liked the sound; the name recognised our Aboriginal heritage; a tree can represent the environment and a tree is a symbol of connection (like a "family tree")

and a connection to the world in which we live. If you would like to look at the latest issue or join the mailing list go to the website [www.sydney.cma.nsw.gov.au](http://www.sydney.cma.nsw.gov.au) and follow the links.

## LPA stall at Chivers Hill

If you are shopping at Chivers Hill Shopping Centre on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, look out for the LPA stall. We will be continuing to sign up new members and in keeping with our pledge donating half the cost of membership to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal for the remainder of 2009. We will also be taking details of residents who would like a new or replacement street tree outside their property. This information will be passed on to Council officers who will then follow up with residents on suitable varieties and tree placement. We will have a variety of native plants available for those who missed the annual tree giveaway or want additional plants for their garden.

## 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bushcare

Bushcare, now celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, is always ready to welcome additional volunteers to continue the good work that has already been done in restoring and preserving areas of remnant bush within the local area. If you are looking for a healthy outlet and want to develop your environmental knowledge, talk to the Bushcare team by phoning 9330 6468. The type of activities carried out may vary according to the chosen site. You may wish to become involved in growing seedlings at the Council's Native Plant Nursery, which is usually held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at the Council Depot in Roberts Road.

## National Tree Day

National Tree Day is celebrated this year on Sunday 2nd August. Hurstville City Council has registered a location at the entrance to Lugarno for this year's planting day. You can check out the details on Planet Ark's website <http://treeday.planetark.org>. This is a project in our backyard so let's get involved.

## Places to go, things to do

If you are keen to get outdoors and enjoy some fresh air now our weather is not quite so hot, the list of places to go and things to do around Sydney is almost limitless. The back page of "Mambara" offers some

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most interesting family activities happening in and around Sydney.

Earlier this year one of our members took their grandchildren to a Reptile Day held at Wirrimbirra Sanctuary located at Bargo. The Sanctuary is operated by volunteers and entry is by a gold coin donation. There is a special event each month and later this year the new Dingo Sanctuary will be officially opened. For further details see their website [www.wirrimbirra.com.au](http://www.wirrimbirra.com.au)

Closer to home Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society Inc. <http://off.oatleypark.com> runs a stimulating program of guest speakers and excursions and welcomes visitors and accompanied children.

Nearby at Picnic Point are the Sylvan Grove Native Gardens for those who just like to meander through the bushland. Just Google "Sylvan Grove" or visit Bankstown City Councils website [www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au) for details and opening times.

An interesting indoor activity might be a visit to Hurstville City Museum & Gallery. Part of a new permanent exhibition LIVING ON THE WATER'S EDGE: Stories of St George is open and highlights the Aboriginal clans south of Port Jackson and the impact European settlers had on the St George environment in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. This is a must for older residents. In addition there are ever changing exhibitions covering a wide range of topics so check the website regularly to make sure you are not missing something of interest [www.hurstville.nsw.gov.au/museum](http://www.hurstville.nsw.gov.au/museum)

If you have children who prefer art and craft activities to sport, then Dragonflies Kids Club (4-10 years) or Art Attack (7-12 years) is for them. Monthly activities on Saturdays usually relate to current Museum exhibitions and school holiday activities are also available.

Information can be accessed via the museum's website or by phone on 9330 6444.

If you would like to tell other residents about any activities or venues you have enjoyed then let us know [lpa40@hotmail.com](mailto:lpa40@hotmail.com) and we can circulate the details through our newsletters.

### **Trial transport service for the aged**

St George Community Transport Project Ind. is **trialling** another transport service in addition to existing services. The new service, Peakhurst – Kogarah Shuttle, is designed to facilitate the frail/aged and their carers to get to medical appointments in and around the two St George Hospitals. Three return trips every Tuesday and Thursday are currently scheduled. For registration and further information phone 9580 8911.

### **Diary Dates**

#### ***Next LPA meeting***

Due to the public holiday on 8 June, the June meeting will be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

#### ***Hurstville City Council meeting***

The 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month, Hurstville Civic Centre Council Chambers 7 pm. Please check the website for further details [www.hurstville.nsw.gov.au](http://www.hurstville.nsw.gov.au).

#### ***The Lugarno Evening View Club***

Meets at 7 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at Victoria House, 496 Forest Road, Bexley. Join us on our outing to the Guide Dogs Training Centre. For details contacts Helen Taylor on 9570 4244.

#### ***Oatley Flora & Fauna***

Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:45 pm in the Uniting Church Hall – corner of Fredrick and Letitia Streets, Oatley.



## **Join the Lugarno Progress Association – support the community and help the Victorian Bushfire Appeal**

### **LPA Membership - \$10 per family or household**

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