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The LPA meets on the first Monday of every month at 8.00pm in St Stephens Anglican Church Hall, Old Forest Road, Lugarno  
Visitors Welcome!

## December 2010

### President's Report



At our GM held on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2010 we had a lovely letter from Mrs Larson, a Lugarno resident of 50 years. This has set the wheels in motion for us to organise a golden dinner anniversary in March 2011. We would love to hear from other residents who have been in Lugarno for the past 50 years and still reside here. I have had response from two couples and am sure there are more residents who fit the criteria. Friends & relatives are welcome. There will be final news of this function in our February Newsletter so keep a lookout in your mailbox for this.

As 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2010 will be our last General Meeting for this year we would love to see those members and friends at that meeting. Currently we have no guest speaker available.

Our first meeting for 2011 will be on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2011, this is our AGM and we would like to see, we *really* need, new blood in the Association.

**Printed below is Mrs Larson's letter -**

### Special Note to Residents

#### Why do YOU live in Lugarno



*Is it the natural bushland and trees?*

*The peninsula suburb? A cleaner Georges River?*

*Our reserves and parklands, particularly Evatt Park?*

*The community atmosphere?*

*Your LPA has been active for 88 years and has been instrumental in enhancing and maintaining Lugarno's natural attractions.*

We are seeking active people to join our progressive association in 2010. In what way would YOU like to improve Lugarno? Come along and put your initiatives into action, with the help of other enthusiast residents. There are many things to be done!

As a resident of Lugarno, we need YOU! We need new members and assistance on our committee. We need YOUR ideas to keep Lugarno active and beautiful!

Note that all LPA board positions become vacant on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011, the date of our AGM, and that nominations will be called for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Minute Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and for 3 General committee members.

If you would like to be part of a worthy community association please attend that meeting and put your name forward.

*Yes, I have something to celebrate and I would like to share it with you. In December 2010 I will have lived 50 yrs in Lugarno. At the time, I was looking for land to build on everywhere around Sydney. I had 2 labradors and from all the places we looked at, the labs liked it most in Lugarno because there was plenty of forest (hence Forest Rd) and hills to run on. I bought the place on the end of Forest Rd now called Tate Place. At the time you could only find 5 houses on the hill down from Lime Kiln Rd. We could cross the river by car with the Lugarno Ferry to Illawong. On weekends cars would line up to my place because only about 13 cars fitted on the ferry. When my house was built I could see the lovely Georges River but now trees have taken over and houses are lining Forest Rd. I love Lugarno and we all should Keep it Beautiful.*

*Amelies Larson, 7 Tate Place, Lugarno*

**Join the Lugarno Progress Association and support the community.**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Vale

### Daphne Irish

We were sad to hear recently of the death of Daphne Irish, aged 96.

Daphne was a long time resident of Lugarno, one of the very first in fact, and her story goes back to the very early days of this area when she married Alfred Irish, whose parents had established a boathouse on the stretch of land between the Lugarno ferry and Little Moons Bay.

Daphne and Alfred came to love this area which was affectionately known as Pommie Place because most of the folk who developed the area had come from Hartlepool in England.

Daphne had a very special place in her heart for the river and the boathouse became her favourite place to be.

Our sincere sympathy to her family who still live in the area.



## *Diary Dates*

### **Next LPA Meeting**

Monday 6 December at 8pm, St Stephens Anglican Church Hall, Old Forest Rd, Lugarno

### **Hurstville City Council Meeting**

Fourth Wednesday of every month, Hurstville Civic Centre, Council Chambers 7pm.

Please check the website for further details  
[www.hurstville.nsw.gov.au](http://www.hurstville.nsw.gov.au).

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

Third Monday of every month 7pm at Victoria House, 496 Forest Road, Bexley. All welcome. For details contact Helen Taylor on 9570 4244.

### **Oatley Flora & Fauna**

Fourth Monday of every month 7.45pm in the Unit-ing Church Hall, corner Fredrick & Letitia Sts, Oatley.

## **Some Lugarno History**

Lugarno was named after Lake Lugano, Switzerland by surveyors Major Sir Thomas Livingstone Mitchell (1792-1855) and William Govett (1807-1848) in 1843. An extra 'r' was added for the suburb name. Thomas Lawrence was granted 120 acres (0.49 km<sup>2</sup>) of land in 1831, on the western side of the peninsula near Salt Pan Creek. Land grants to the east and north were made in 1856 to T.G.Lee with 113 acres (0.46 km<sup>2</sup>), Frewin Sleath with 45 acres (180,000 m<sup>2</sup>), John Lushy with 41 acres (170,000 m<sup>2</sup>) and J.P. Henning with 40 acres (160,000 m<sup>2</sup>).

The whole area between Arncliffe and Lugarno was originally heavily timbered. Illawarra Road was built by convicts in 1841 and it ran through Gannon's Forest, down to the Georges River. The road from Arncliffe was later known as Gannon's Forest Road and today is known as Forest Road. The name has been retained in Old

Illawarra Road, over the river in Menai and Lucas Heights.

A punt operated from Lugarno across the river from 1843. An established ferry serviced the area from 1887 to 1974, closing with the opening of the Alford's Point Bridge. The suburb was developed into mainly residential in the 1960s when land was released for home sites.

Lugarno suffered critical fire outbreaks during the Ash Wednesday bushfires of 1983, the 1996 bushfires and the Christmas 2001/Summer 2002 bushfires.

## **Membership Fees**

All current members are reminded that memberships become due at year's end and therefore renewal of your membership in the LPA is now due. Our postal address for your remittance is at the bottom of the first page.



## **Did you know that the LPA has it's own website?**

Why not spend a few minutes at [www.mylugarno.com.au/lpa/](http://www.mylugarno.com.au/lpa/) and review the associations aims and objectives. Learn about some of the past projects the LPA has been successfully associated with. You will also find some great old photos of the area, links to a range of interesting sites such as articles on Lugarno history, information on the LPA executive, notes on the association's constitution and copies of past newsletters etc.

## **Keep these numbers handy:**

Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

Police Assistance Line: 131 444

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