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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!

February 2011



President's Report

We've had an excellent response for our proposed anniversary dinner for residents of Lugarno for 50 years or more. This event is to be held on 15th March 2011 at Lugarno Seafood Restaurant. Formal invitations have been posted and we look forward to a fine celebratory evening. Details will appear in the "What's On" column in the Leader, Sanders Noonan "The Real Edge" publication as well as the LPA Newsletter. Our AGM was held on 7th February 2011 and the following committee members elected for 2011.

President	Joan Curtis
Vice President	Tony Alifano
Secretary	Sandy Russell
Minute Secretary	Tony Corcoran – asst Peter Mears
Treasurer	Peter Grimshaw
Newsletter	Peter Russell – asst Kevin Whitten
Committee Members	Rob Clarsen Howard Courtney
Public Officer	Peter Grimshaw
Trustees	Tony Corcoran Peter Mears Howard Courtney.

I would like to thank the outgoing committee for their efforts during 2010 and welcome the 2011 committee members.

One of the first motions passed by the new committee was that membership fees will remain at \$10 per year per family/household.

Joan Curtis

Some Items of Interest

Lugarno shopkeepers raised the sum of \$2,304 for the Queensland Flood Appeal and this amount has been forwarded via the Commonwealth Bank. Well done shopkeepers and all our local donors.



Note that a new Dental and Medical Service has opened in Lugarno. *Oral Health Specialists* and *My Medical Specialists* opened on the 8th of February 2011 with Dental services fully operational and Medical services to commence shortly. Located in Lime Kiln Road this is a new modern dental and medical centre to serve the community for all its dental and medical needs. *Oral Health Specialists* and *My Medical Specialists* offer dental and medical facilities under one roof. *Oral Health Specialists* providing dental services, is equipped with cutting-edge technology and the dentist, Dr Manish Bhutada, is also the Sub-Dean at the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Sydney.

On another subject, would all residents and small businesses **NOTE** that the Lions Community Notice Board at Chivers Hill shopping centre is intended to show only **NOT-FOR-PROFIT** messages.

ALSO NOTE that **Sunday 6th March 2011** is "**Clean up Australia Day**". Do your bit for the environment, register with Tony Alifano on 9153 6691 and help clean up our community. Be aware that over the last 20 yrs 237,500 tonnes of rubbish has been removed on these Clean up Australia days.

Join the Lugarno Progress Association and support the community.

LPA Membership - \$10 per family or household

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____ Email: _____

Enclosed \$10 membership ☐ Or donation ☐ \$ _____

Or pay by cheque payable to **Lugarno Progress Association**. Please hand this slip with payment in an envelope to **Lugarno Hardware** or **Yates Newsagency, Lugarno** or post to PO Box 4021, Lugarno. Receipts will be issued.

Thank you for your support!

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Some Lugarno History

PROGRESS IN LUGARNO

The Lugarno and District Progress Association was formed in 1922. Early meetings were held in private homes, then in Cleveland's Hall, until the Progress Hall in Lime Kiln Road was built. One hundred pounds was raised, and a wooden building was built.

The LPA campaigned for the dirt roads to be improved. The main road was appalling with channels and holes everywhere, anyone brave enough to drive a car any further than Hillcrest Avenue was running a risk of broken springs. Forest Road was not sealed until the Depression years, when this work was done as unemployment relief work.

The establishment of a Post Office and school were important issues taken up by the LPA.

WATER

Water supply from a 4in diameter main came in 1926, however great problems were experienced, as Lugarno is higher than the Penshurst reservoirs, and water pressure was low. At the Lugarno Public School a tank was installed to store water from the mains supply, so that a constant water supply was assured. In 1956 an elevated steel reservoir was installed in Lugarno Pde which eased the problem. It had a capacity of 50,000 gallons and the height above sea level of the top of the water was 316 feet, compared to 270 feet at Penshurst.

ELECTRICITY

Electricity came in 1927, supplied by the St. George County Council, formed on the 26th October 1920. The official switching on ceremony was the 9th March 1923, however the rural areas had to wait for cables to be extended to these areas. Electricity poles were carried on bullock wagons, and erected throughout the St. George district.

Electricity was generated at the White Bay power station and supplied at 11,000 volts through Railway Dept distribution lines to a substation at Peakhurst. A local publication provided the following description of the system for the Peakhurst-Lugarno district:

"In the outlying rural districts of Lugarno and Peakhurst, an intermediate pressure of 2,300 volts has been introduced. This construction was carried out at a low cost by using shorter poles and comparatively long

Diary Dates

Next LPA Meeting

Monday 7 March 2011 at 8:00pm, 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.

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 Uniting Church Hall, corner Fredrick & Letitia Sts, Oatley.

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spans, and a cheap type of single pole substations."

SHOPS AND DELIVERIES

The nearest shopping centres were Penshurst and Mortdale but the road to Mortdale was poor and most people went through to the larger centre of Hurstville.

From 1912 groceries and bread were delivered by Packham's Bakery in Hurstville, Mumford's bakery delivered bread, and Jeffs delivered groceries from their shop in Hurstville, meat and ice were delivered by Mr. C. Trethewey from Kogarah. Ice was delivered three times a week to serve the ice chests used in the days before refrigerators became common. In the 1920's bread was delivered three times a week. Mr. Macauley came from Mortdale in his horse and trap with suits, cotton, needles and material. It was a great day when he was due.

Mrs. Cleveland ran a shop for a few years, then Mr. Fred Fildes delivered once a week from Mortdale.

Later Madelaine Zoeller opened her shop, after she was discharged from the Air Force following World War II. Supplies were short and rationing was in force. Miss Zoeller had to collect her supplies herself as deliveries were restricted by petrol rationing. She ran the Post Office from this shop from 1949 to 1955.

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

Why not spend a few minutes at www.mylugarno.com.au/lpa/ and review the association's 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

Hurstville Police: 9375 8599