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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!

## April 2011



### President's Report

As the LPA will be 90 years old next year we would like to do an anniversary dinner to celebrate the 90 years that has done so much for Lugarno. It would be held at Lugarno Seafood Restaurant as was our Golden

Anniversary dinner for our 50 years and more residents.

This is a suggestion put forward by the LPA committee. Should any residents have other suggestions for this or any other major district events they would be more than welcome to send them to us for consideration.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee and everyone else for their well wishes during my recent hospital stay.

Please do not hesitate to give us your requests via either letter or e-mail as we are here for you the residents so feel free to comment on issues you feel need to be addressed.

The most helpful way would be to attend our monthly meetings so that your suggestions can be open for discussion by all concerned.

**Joan Curtis**

### An Interesting Item

At our last general meeting I was handed a photo copy of a certificate that was presented to one of the last passengers of the "MV Lugarno". I'm not able to reproduce that certificate here but below is the full wording (wording, punctuation and grammar is as shown on the certificate). "This is to certify that Vehicle Registration No. CCJ 454 its driver and passengers were among the last privileged commuters to be conveyed across the George's River between Lugarno and Illawong by the Vehicular Ferry "MV Lugarno" on its last weekend of running on 7th and 8th December, 1974. The ferry will officially cease its service on Thursday 12th December, 1974. The original ferry - a hand winched type - commenced service in 1843; this was replaced in 1849 by a second hand winched ferry having a capacity of two horse and cart conveyances; in 1928 the third ferry commenced operations. This ferry was a diesel engine type having a capacity of six vehicles; in 1961 the present day ferry came into service having a capacity of fifteen vehicles and weighing 270 tons. During the period of September 1961 to the present day a total of 6½ million vehicles has been transported across this river by the various ferries.

This service is being terminated by reason of the opening of Alfords Point Road Bridge, approximately 1¼ miles up-stream; the road link will eventually form part of the main South-Western Distributor Road System. Issued by and on behalf of Illawong Volunteer Bushfire Brigade who wish to thank you for your patronage and assistance.

**Dated this Seventh day of December 1974**

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

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

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

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

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**Don't be fooled by the latest scam**

A word of warning for our members. It has been reported by the AIR (Association of Independent Retirees) that several seniors have received phone calls from people purporting to be computer technicians from Microsoft, in fact my mother in law has received several of these from very pushy/persistent callers. The caller uses a good 'hook' such as "your computer has been reported as sending a lot of spam emails" or "it's been reported you are having problems with your computer". Don't fall for it, in reality there is nothing wrong with your computer. The scammer is trying to trick you into believing there is a problem and that paying them a fee and/or providing personal information is the way to get it fixed. Often they will push you to buy a one year computer maintenance subscription or similar. Don't be fooled, simply hang up on any call of this nature and do not respond in any way to any communications from these scammers.

**Our "Lugarno" Sign**

Good to see our previously stolen sign has been replaced, our thanks to Hurstville Council.

**Did You Know**

The whole area between Arncliffe and Lugarno was originally heavily timbered. What is now Forest Road was originally named Illawarra Road and was built by convicts in 1841, it ran from Arncliffe through Gannon's Forest down to the Georges River. This road was later known as Gannon's Forest Road and then later still known as Forest Road. The original name has been retained in Old Illawarra Road over the Georges River in Menai and Lucas Heights.

**And the Winner was**

During our recent membership drive each new member received a raffle ticket in a draw for a lovely crocheted throw rug that was kindly donated by Mrs. Gloria Wilson.

The winner was

**Christine Buckman of 24 Renway Avenue**

**Diary Dates****Next LPA Meeting**

Monday 2 May 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](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 Uniting Church Hall, corner Fredrick & Letitia Sts, Oatley.

**Such Positive Response**

We've received quite a number of letters of appreciation thanking our committee for their efforts in organizing our recent Golden Anniversary Residents dinner and I am publishing here an extract from just one of these that is not only indicative of the responses received but includes an historical association. "Dear Joan, Thank you very much for organizing the Golden Anniversary Dinner. Please convey our appreciation to the members of the Committee. It is good to see that the work done by my grandparents and father to commence the Progress Association is still continuing after 90 years.

Thank you to all who are involved. Cath Wolf"

**Did you know that the LPA has its own website?**

Why not spend a few minutes at [www.mylugarno.com.au/lpa/](http://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:**

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Hurstville Police: 9375 8599