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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!

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President's Report

Since noting in the last newsletter that we are contemplating a celebration of the LPA's 90th anniversary someone, unknown to this editor, has expressed doubts that the LPA was founded in 1922. We have had this information for decades, being handed on from earlier committees. We are currently searching for the minutes of the first meeting, unsuccessfully so far, so that we can clearly verify this but should anybody have proof of some alternate date please supply it to us. If nothing is heard we will treat as just an unfounded rumor and continue with our 1922 date.

Please Note that we have arranged a meeting with Mr. Greg Evans, Deputy Principal of Lugarno PS on Mon 6th June at 7:00pm (that's 1 hour before our next LPA meeting) to inspect the recent building alterations derived from the Federal Govt. BER Grants. All Lugarno residents are welcome and you could even then come to our meeting afterwards, also note that Mr. Mark Coure, the new member for Oatley, will be our guest speaker.

Joan Curtis

Vandalism in Evatt Park

It seems that even in a suburb as beautiful and peaceful as Lugarno we are not exempt from the stupidity of the brainless lowlifes who somehow gain some perverse pleasure from destroying public property.

A couple of days ago some of these grubs burnt the children's playground in Evatt Park to the ground. Dry wood was gathered and fires deliberately lit under each piece of equipment, thousands of dollars worth of community equipment just trashed. What a stupid act of vandalism, not only have local children lost a lovely play area but, as with all such acts, you, the local community ratepayers, are paying for this through your Council rates.

In another act of vandalism, probably but not necessarily, by the same idiots all the signs for the Evatt Park rainforest walk have been extensively defaced.

If you know, or suspect anything talk to someone in authority. If not stopped, it will only get worse.



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LPA Membership - \$10 per family or household

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Are you a dog owner

We have had a number of residents complaining about the number of dog owners who allow their animals to defecate on other peoples lawns, on footpaths etc. and then just walk away without removing the deposit. Having a look around some streets it does seem to be becoming commonplace. Be aware that people are getting sick of it and, with every mobile phone able to take videos/photos, some are going to raise the issue. As it's against the law to allow your dog to run free in the street one must assume that the offending owner is on the other end of the leash to the offending dog, if not the fine for not having your dog on a leash is \$220. It's also against the law not to remove your dog's deposits (take some plastic bags with you, it's not hard) and the fine for that is \$275. So, apart from the fact that you should be community minded and not need this reminder, pick on the lawn of some local who can take a couple of photos or a short video and your morning walk could set you back just under \$500.



Obstructive Parking

With more and more cars on our roads parking across footpaths can become an issue.

Note that it is not illegal to park across a footpath but that it is Council property and you should not cause obstruction nor endanger pedestrians. If the blocking is to the extent that people must step on to the road or that it presents a danger to the disabled both the council and/or the police may get involved.



Apart from that, should a pedestrian be forced to negotiate around your vehicle and injure themselves, you could find yourself on the wrong end of an expensive lawsuit.

Thanks Kevin, welcome Mark

The LPA would like to thank Kevin Greene for all the help he has given us in the past and then welcome Mark Couré trusting that our association with him will be as pleasantly productive (big shoes to fill Mark).

Diary Dates

Next LPA Meeting

Monday 6 June 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.

Litterbugs

What is it with some people and rubbish. More and more people seem to be just dropping their litter wherever they happen to be. Finish a bag of chips and just drop the empty bag. Some families can carry a carton of beer, chicken, chips and lollies a hundred meters from their car to a clean spot in Evatt Park for a picnic and can't take their empties and rubbish 10 meters to the rubbish bin, they just get up and walk away. We should be proud of our suburb and trying to "Keep Lugarno Beautiful". If you're doing it— be a little more thoughtful, if it's your children—educate them.



Bear in mind that it is against the law to drop your litter and just because someone isn't constantly watching you doesn't mean you should be rubbishing Lugarno. By the way the fine for littering ranges from \$220 to \$750.

Did you know that the LPA has its 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

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