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The LPA meets on the first Monday of every month at 8.00pm in

St. Stephen's Anglican Church Hall, Old Forest Road, Lugarno

Visitors Welcome!

January 2012

President's Report



Happy New Year to all our members and residents, I do hope 2012 is good to all. Please make a note in your diary for our dinner at Lugarno Seafood Restaurant to be held on Tuesday 13th March 2012 at 6pm for 6.30pm start. It is to celebrate our 90th year of the Lugarno Progress Association, the cost for this will be \$45.00 per head. It will be a set menu for a two course meal with an added big bonus as Spiro, the

owner of Lugarno Seafood, will be donating bread and butter, plus dessert, plus coffee. Please note however that all other beverages will be at your own expense.

There will be three lucky door prizes to the value of approximately \$50.00 per prize.

To secure your bookings for this celebratory dinner please ring Joan on 9533 1094 or Peter on 9596 2107. Bookings will be open until Saturday 25th February 2012 as we have to give final numbers to the restaurant for catering purposes.

Also just a little reminder that membership fees for 2012 are now due. Membership is only \$10.00 per household per year. This has got to be the cheapest membership around, just fill in the membership form attached to our newsletter and either post it to the LPA, PO Box 4021, Lugarno 2210, or drop it into Lugarno Hardware to Kevin Whitten.

Make a note to attend our General meeting on 6th February 2012 commencing at 8pm sharp, to be followed by our Annual General meeting during which the election of LPA committee members will take place. Lugarno Progress Association wants you to join the committee in 2012. Some of our members, after many years of service, are retiring so if you would like to help your suburb come and make yourself

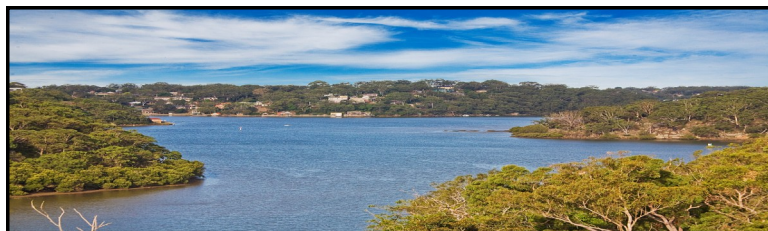
known. We will particularly need a Treasurer, if you're a retired accountant and need an interest come along.

We have many things to work on and improve in Lugarno and WE NEED YOUR fresh ideas to continue this tradition into its 91st year. We have achieved a lot over the years and we will continue to do so.

Reward yourself by giving back to your suburb and community with your enthusiasm and ideas.

So think about it and join us !

Regards, Joan Curtis



Over the last 7 years, Richardson & Wrench Mortdale/Penshurst has proudly sponsored the delivery of the LPA Newsletter throughout the beautiful Lugarno area. We have always been grateful to LPA for the opportunity to put something back into an area that has provided us with a great deal of business over the years.

As of 2012, Richardson & Wrench Mortdale/Penshurst would like to go one step further in its efforts to support the community by providing sponsorship of not only the delivery, but also the printing of the LPA Newsletter. R&W Mortdale/Penshurst would like to continue our contribution to the Newsletter content by answering a variety of current Real Estate Questions and would be happy to receive your input here regarding any questions on any Real Estate matters. Please send your questions by email to mortdale@randw.com.au or post to R&W Mortdale, P.O.Box 379, Mortdale NSW 2223.

Your questions will be promptly answered.

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The Development of HV Evatt Park, Lugarno

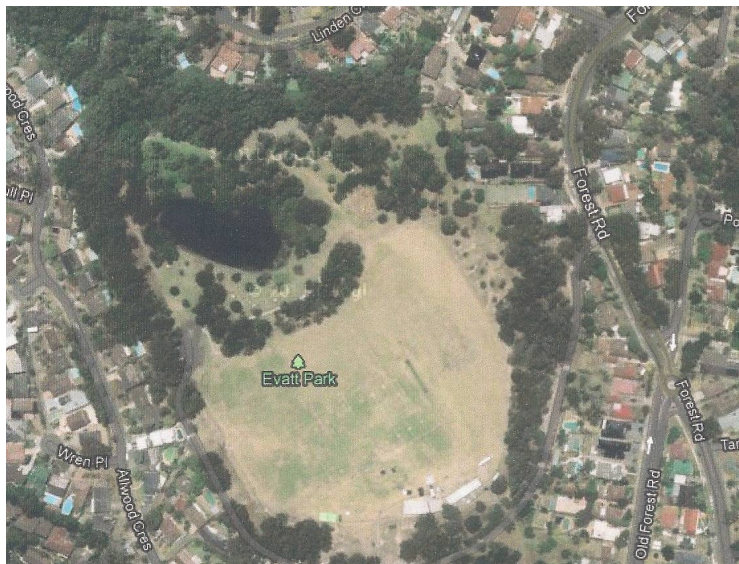
Evatt Park is thought to be the site of an extinct volcano.

Prior to the 1940's Lugarno was principally known for a large orchard situated in a natural amphitheatre off Forest Road near the Henley Pleasure Grounds. During the 1940's Henley fell into disuse and the orchard became market gardens which produced quality vegetables until the mid 1960's.

In 1951, when Lugarno was only sparsely populated and close residential development was many years away, someone made the far sighted decision to reserve the 25 acre market garden as "Open Space (recreation purposes)" in the County of Cumberland Planning Scheme.

Residential expansion brought pressures for rezoning and when the area was sold to Shirley Constructions PL, a private development company, in 1963 the LPA and local residents were alerted to the possible rezoning to permit residential development and in fact found that a sitting local member was advocating that 5 acres for recreation purposes would satisfy local needs and the rest could be residentially rezoned.

What followed was considerable agitation by the LPA, local residents and eventually by Hurstville Council during 1963, 64 and 65 resulting in the resumption of the 25 acre market garden area by the State Planning Authority on 21st July 1965 with the area then being handed over in trust to Hurstville Council for administration.



Then followed many years of trying to achieve some playing field development. Council suggested garbage filling the area but this was popularly rejected. A Council bulldozer appeared just prior to the 1965 Council elections and disappeared immediately after the election without turning any soil. In December 1965 the LPA newsletter suggested "It would be more appropriate to develop the area to a state suitable to give honour to the illustrious man whose name was so eloquently bestowed-----at so little cost" and after much deliberation by Council the area was named H.V.Evatt Park.

For 1966 and 67 the blackberries and lantana ran wild, horses grazed and the carp in the dam bred as carp do. It wasn't until late 1967 that a practice football field was developed in Evatt Park and then by Lugarno-Peakhurst Soccer Club, not by Council. After almost 3 years of procrastination Council finally moved in to provide 3 playing fields and parking area, predictably just prior to the 1968 Council elections. Since then the Council has made commendable improvements to the playing fields and car park but until just recently the dam and lower park areas received little attention.

Also note that the attractive entrance gardens and the children's playground were constructed by Lugarno Lions in 1974.

Diary Dates

Next LPA Meeting

Monday 6th February 2012 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 Gardens on Forest, 764 Forest Road, Peakhurst. All welcome.

Oatley Flora & Fauna

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

Keep these numbers handy:

Hurstville Police: 9375 8599
Police Assistance Line: 131 444
Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

Join the Lugarno Progress Association and support the community.
LPA Membership - \$10 per family or household



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Enclosed: \$10 membership Or donation \$

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