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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!

## November 2013

### President's Report



A discussion on **fire safety in Lugarno** came up at the general meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November. About 18 months ago we had a guest speaker from Kogarah Fire Station along with the Police. This was a very informative evening. The Fire Chief and the Police told the attendees what to do in case of fire and who would be in charge

of the evacuation process if this should arise. The Fire Brigade went to a lot of trouble to print brochures on different aspects of how to keep safe during a fire and many people at the meeting took these. At our November meeting I handed out the ones that were left over.

There will be no guest speaker at the December meeting as this is our last meeting for the current year. This meeting will be held on **2<sup>nd</sup> December** commencing at 8.00pm sharp.

On **11<sup>th</sup> March 2014** we will be holding our dinner at the Lugarno Seafood Restaurant so please put this date in your diaries as this is an excellent way for residents to get to know one another. There will be more information on this in the January and February newsletters. One thing I can say is that we will be entertained by a local band - more later.

Please make the effort to attend our last meeting for the year. I must remind you that membership fees for the Progress Association are due through the month of February. The fee will remain the same - \$10.00 per household. Also the February meeting is the AGM and we will be calling for nominations for office positions at this meeting.

For and on the behalf of the committee and myself compliments of the season and a prosperous 2014 and thank you for your support during 2013.

Regards,

**Joan Curtis,  
President**



### Newsletters

Following the loss of sponsorship of the printing and delivery of "This is Lugarno" newsletter it would be helpful if residents who do receive the newsletter, via



email or who pick up a copy in one of the local shops, could pass it on to neighbours when they have finished with it so that word is spread around, so to speak. We are investigating

options for the processing of the newsletter and will keep you posted.

### Powerful Owls



We've talked about Chris Lloyd's work to research and protect these beautiful creatures before. At our September meeting Chris gave a talk on some of Lugarno's oldest residents and their latest offspring.

Like most of us in Lugarno these proud parents were attracted by the wet bush gullies, water views and the peace and quiet. Local photographers Antonia and Peter Hayler snapped them just as they left the high-rise nursery hollow in September.

Chris's presentation took the audience right back to before the last ice age for a different view of Georges River history and the various players who have helped to shape the environment we now live in. The common theme were these old residents—the Powerful Owls. Chris grew up exploring the river and bush of the area and watched the dramatic changes that occurred when the people of Lugarno and surrounding suburbs began the long slow fight to protect the bushland. Ultimately the efforts of the LPA in the past contributed to giving this young owlet a future.

You can help by keeping an eye out for these birds. The white fluffy juvenile will gradually become the colour of the adult over the next year or so. Until then it's very useful to know their movements. If you see or hear them (it makes a deep "woo hoo" call) make a note of the time and location and send an email to Chris at [Pezoporus@bigpond.com](mailto:Pezoporus@bigpond.com). Please let him know every detail you can remember.



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## Bushfire Safety

*Courtesy NSW Rural Fire Service website*

When threatened by bush fires, people will often leave it too late to make critical decisions and often have few safe options left. That's why you need to PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.

### **PREPARE:**

You must make important decisions before the fire season starts.

- Put together your bush fire survival plan.
- Preparation - have a plan, clean up debris, be mentally and physically prepared.



### **ACT:**

- Know the Bush Fire Danger Ratings. They are the first trigger for activating your survival plan.
- Stay up to date - Look and listen for information on TV, radio, the internet, mobile phones and by speaking with neighbours, friends and family.
- If you receive a Bush Fire Alert, take it seriously and act promptly.
- Watch for signs of fire, especially smoke or the smell of smoke.
- Calling 1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737) or go to the RFS website.

### **SURVIVE:**

Fires may threaten without warning so you need to know what you will do to survive

- During a fire, you need to follow your bush fire survival plan. That means you should have already decided if you are going to leave early or stay and defend your home.

Check out the following links for lots more helpful information: [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au) and <http://cfu.fire.nsw.gov.au/>.

Thought for the month ...



*"Home is the place where,  
when you have to go there,  
they have to take you in."*

*Robert Frost*

## **Walking...**

If you're still looking for a great website to try out some bushwalking which are a bit further afield why not have a look at [www.wildwalks.com](http://www.wildwalks.com) - it has a lot to offer!

## **Wanted**

A folding machine capable of folding A4 sheets into thirds. If you have or know of one which is no longer required please contact Sandy on 0419 627 928.



## **Congratulations**

Congratulations go to Joan Curtis, President of the Lugarno Progress Association for being awarded the Govt. of New South Wales Community Service Award.

## **Diary Dates**

### **Next LPA Meeting**

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 8:00pm,  
St Stephen's Anglican Church Hall,  
Old Forest Rd, Lugarno

### **Hurstville City Council Meeting**

First and third 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 7 for 7.30pm at  
Gardens on Forest, Forest Road, Peakhurst.  
Contact Helen Taylor on 9570 4294

### **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**



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 Pool Shop** or post to PO Box 4021, Lugarno. Receipts will be issued.

**Thank you for your support!**