



Ken Beames' Linden Observatory
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LINDEN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter September 2013

Next Meeting

Thursday 19 September 2013 7.30 pm

Guest speaker: Bill Beale – living history
(for more details see item below)

Location: RFS Shed, Burke Road, Linden

■ Guest speaker – Bill Beale, local resident for over 40 years

Bill has lived in Linden for over 40 years at the infamous 'clock house'. He is now the longest running resident we've got (along with Barbara Beale we should add)! Come to the meeting to hear Bill tell stories about what Linden was like back when there were only about a dozen houses, there was no park, no school bus, no local RFS and the Christmas parties were held in Faulconbridge! He might even have a story about your house along with stories of defending his own during the fires in the late 70s.

■ Dates for your diary

September 15	Bushcare work afternoon
September 19	Members meeting
September 28	RFS Open Day + Garage Sale & Linden 'Secondhand' Saturday
October 20	Bushcare work afternoon, 'Welcome home to Linden' afternoon tea & raffle draw – everyone welcome!
November 17	Bushcare work afternoon
November 21	Members meeting
December 8	Family Christmas Party
December 15	Bushcare work afternoon
January 27	Australia Day Sausage Sizzle

■ Welcome 'home' to Linden – new (and 'old'!) residents afternoon tea

Linden is proving to be popular with more new neighbours in town! We will be hosting another welcome afternoon tea for all of our new neighbours in October. It's a great chance to get to know other residents. Come along and say hi – new and 'old'!

When: **Sunday 20 October**

Time: **4.00pm – 6.00pm (after Bushcare)**

Where: **The Park**, cnr Glossop & Burke Roads (RFS Shed if wet)

Bring: a chair/picnic rug and plate to share ☺

■ Be a winner in Linden

The LCA is currently running a fundraising raffle with some **fantastic prizes**. Tickets are \$2 or three for \$5.

1st prize: Dinner for two at The Rooster - 3 course meal worth \$170 (drinks/extras not included)

2nd prize: \$100 voucher from Thomas Landscaping at Lawson

3rd prize: Wines from Two Furlongs Vineyard at Mudjee

The winners will be drawn on **20 October at our Bushcare work afternoon & 'Welcome Home to Linden' new residents afternoon tea**. Tickets can be purchased from members of the executive (please see end of newsletter for details).

■ Second hand Saturday! 28 September

It's coming on Saturday 28 September 9am – 1pm. There is still time to register and be part of Linden's biggest garage sale ever! We already have five houses signed up and the RFS are also holding a garage sale with their Open Day (see article below).

What do you need to do?

- Drop off \$5 to Barbara Gow at 38 Glossop Road. This will help pay for the ad in the Gazette.
- Provide your address to Barbara so that we can include this in the ad.
- Sort your stuff!
- Keep all of your profits after you were technically paid to clean up!

If you have questions about it please email Robbie Beale president@lindencitizens.asn.au or Barbara Gow barbaragow1@bigpond.com.

■ WANTED!

More volunteers for Bushcare are desperately needed. If we don't increase our numbers, Council will not be able to continue to support us.

The deal:

- Every third Sunday of the month
- 1:30 – 4:30pm
- Meet at Caley's Repulse
- Help make Linden even better, enjoy some afternoon tea while watching the birds, and learn about managing weeds on your property.
- 15 September – next workday
- 20 October – Big Bushcare Bash! Bring the family!

On the 20 October we are planning an **extra special Bushcare afternoon**. It's a great chance to come along and find out what it's all about, meet the members and have a chat to our Bushcare Officer Tracy from BMCC. Following our Bushcare event we will be having the 'welcome to Linden' afternoon tea for new (and 'old') residents. It's going to be a great afternoon!

■ Linden Directory of Businesses and Services

Would you like to promote your business by listing it free-of-charge in a directory which we propose to publish in both hard copy and on the LCA website? If so, please send your details by one of the following means to Barbara Gow.

- email your electronic business card/vCard/details to barbaragow1@bigpond.com
- Put one of your business cards in the mailbox at 38 Glossop Road

If you have any questions about this, please contact Barbara by email (email address above).

Barbara Gow

■ Volunteers needed for graffiti removal group



We have received an update from Greg Birtles about the Mid-Mountains Graffiti Removal Program. This program, staffed by volunteers, is an initiative of

the Hazelbrook Association in collaboration with the Mid-Mountains Neighbourhood Centre and has been running for close to four years. To give you an idea of the amount of graffiti the group removes, in July they cleaned 175 tags from an area of 60 square metres - this took them 26 hours.

Officially the area of operation of the group is Woodford to Bullaburra, but Linden has also benefitted from their efforts on a number of occasions. They have on several occasions removed graffiti from the Telstra communications tower buildings on the highway, near the Tollgate Drive bridge and also reported graffiti on the bridge and surrounding area to the RMS for removal.

All residents are encouraged to be active in reporting graffiti:

- If you want the help of the team to remove graffiti, contact the Graffiti Hotline at the Mid-Mountains Neighbourhood Centre on 4759 2592.
- If an incident has occurred on your property, contact the Police Assistance Line on 131444. The matter then becomes a crime incident for which the offender can be charged. Alternatively, you can contact Springwood Police on 4751 0299.
- Report people involved in graffiti vandalism to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333000.
- Report graffiti in public places on the VandalTrak website <http://www.vandaltrak.com.au>. This system facilitates the reporting of incidents to the relevant organisation – such as the Council or the RMS – and allows for photographs of graffiti to be uploaded. This website is proving very effective in getting prompt action on graffiti removal.

You can read more about graffiti vandalism at <http://www.crimeprevention.nsw.gov.au/cpd/protectcommunity/graffitivandalism.html>

Do you want to help? Greg is keen for people from Linden to volunteer and allow the program to be officially extended to our village. In particular, someone is needed with a vehicle that can tow the group's trailer. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Greg Birtles on 4758 7577 or gjbirtles@gmail.com.

Barbara Gow

■ AGM and election of office bearers

At the Linden Citizens Association AGM held on the 18 July, the following people were elected to the committee:

Robbie Beale	President
Jeremy Leather	Vice President
Secretary	Greg North
Treasurer	Phil Moss
Executive Officers	Barbara Gow
	Patricia Hall
	Margaret Smith

A huge **thank you** to our outgoing president Barbara Gow for all of her efforts and commitment during her time. Barbara has left very big shoes to fill and it's great that she is still on the committee.

■ RFS Community Engagement Update

Linden RFS brigade has been busy these past three months. Our members participated in the land search for Gary Tweddle, who disappeared from Leura's Fairmont Hotel on 16 July. Over 12 days, 1,000 people were involved in the search for the missing man. Tragically, on 2 September an ambulance rescue helicopter on a training exercise near Sublime Point, Leura, spotted his body.

On the night of 11 August, members assisted at a power pole emergency on the Great Western Highway opposite Linden Railway Station. Early in the morning of 19th August a small bushfire along Burke Rd was started by a fallen, burning Kookaburra that had been electrocuted atop a power pole. On 24th August members assisted in a daylong, hazard reduction in Lawson. Two days later, brigade members were called to participate in a land search for a missing man from a nursing home in Springwood. Luckily, a dual member of our brigade and SES found the man.

With Sydney experiencing higher than average winter temperatures ever recorded, it cannot be stressed enough that every home in Linden be prepared with a completed Bush Fire Survival Plan. You can download your copy from <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au>. Hard copies, ready for your completion, are available at our station. For details contact the Senior Deputy, Peter Bradshaw, on email bradshaw@pnc.com.au.

You can also obtain your Bush Fire Survival Plan at our **Open Day on Saturday, 28th Sept between 9am and 2pm**. Flyers for the event will shortly be letter-boxed to Linden residents.

Remember for the upcoming fire season it is never too early to **PREPARE! ACT! SURVIVE!**

Suzanne Kinsley, Community Engagement Officer

■ Vine & Verse - what an afternoon!

On Saturday the 17 August Linden held its **tenth** Vine & Verse! It was another great success in the history of Vine and Verses with about 40 people attending. Along with the very fabulous poetry we were also treated to musical performances and a bit of a history lesson too!

This was Kathie Winchcombe's tenth year of organising Vine and Verse. We would like to say a **BIG thank you** to Kathie for her outstanding efforts over the years. We couldn't have done it without you!

■ History Walk & Talk

Charles Leonard and Greg North conducted a history walk for five enthusiastic Linden residents on Saturday 31st August. The party visited remnants of Cox's Road (200 years old next year), Lady Martin's Bath, the station water tank, Woodford Trig, Caley's Repulse, Dawes Park, Donohoe's grave, Kings Cave and enjoyed some wonderful views and slices of history. Thanks to all those who came along, especially the Gillian gang.

Greg North

■ LCA committee – contact details

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