



**Residents Action Group for Auburn Area**

# **WELCOME TO RESIDENTS**

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Dear Residents of Newington, Mariners Cove and other Homebush Bay West developments,

**As a councillor on Auburn Council I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Auburn local government area, and to introduce myself (and my group) to you.**

My name is Irene Simms, I live just on the other side of Parramatta Road, in Lidcombe, & represent Ward 2, which includes both Newington and Mariners Cove. I stand on Council as a representative of the Residents Action Group for Auburn Area (RAGAA). We pride ourselves on 'putting the interests of the residents first'.

I have already been quite involved in the Homebush Bay/Homebush West area, as I was a community representative on the Homebush Bay Environmental Reference Group (Homberg), run by the Olympic Coordination Authority to oversee the environmental initiatives at the Olympic Site and its surrounds.

My husband, Brian, also a member of Homberg, has been a community representative on the Lidcombe Liquid Waste Plant community monitoring committee (CMC) for several years.

Many of our members, in fact, are actively involved in environmental groups, such as local bush care groups,



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and local catchment committees for Duck River, for example.

On the back of this note is a brief history of RAGAA, but overdevelopment is not our only area of interest.

If I can be of assistance for any reason, please feel free to contact me. (I have already had contact with quite a few residents of Mariners Cove, as well as several enquiries from Newington residents.) Whether you are enrolled as a voter or not, I am happy to listen to your concerns and help where I can.

Once again, welcome. My phone/fax number is 9643-9703, and our contact address is PO Box 273, Lidcombe. 1825.

# WHO ARE RAGAA?

**RAGAA** was formed after two well-attended public meetings, called by some concerned residents to discuss what they perceived as the increasing over-development in residential areas.

The group was formed in 1995 to fight for better quality and ‘appropriate’ development.

## **What do we mean by ‘appropriate’**

- that is reasonable for people to live in
- that doesn’t generate too much traffic or overtax our existing infrastructure - schools, hospitals, community services, water pipes, for example
- that does not cause problems to the neighbours such as overlooking, overshadowing, too much noise, or too close.

There should be ‘ecologically sustainable development’ i.e. plenty of natural light and ventilation, without everyone living on top of each other

We are working towards a local government area where people are proud of where they live, how they live and have a sense of community.

This is what the Residents Action Group for Auburn Area (RAGAA) believes in, and works for.

# *RAGAA*

“putting the residents first”

## **DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT US?**

If you would like to know more about the Residents’ Action Group for Auburn Area, or would like to contact us, our representative on Auburn Council is

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