

# NAREMBURN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 9 AUGUST 2007

### 1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **Rohan** Street turning lane from Willoughby Road: - this 'right turn only lane' is sign posted at the actual turn and there is no advance warning for motorists, many of whom get caught and change lanes at the last moment causing traffic hazards
- (b) **Dalleys** Road nature strip at the bend to Northcote: - this area is overgrown to the extent that the footpath is obstructed. It was noted that the two adjacent properties front Northcote Street.
- (c) **Dodds** Street West – very poor illumination since the sound walls were installed - request that Energy Australia investigate and install a light adjacent to the sound wall.

### 2. GUEST SPEAKER – Dr Haydn Washington, Sustainability Director, WCC

Haydn posed the question, "What is progress?" According to theologian, Thomas Berrigan, the modern world is a "consumer waste world rather than a wonderful world". Haydn's definition: "Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs". Development is like a 3-legged stool, the legs being Social, Ecological, Economic; Ecological being the weakest leg of the chair. All decisions that Council makes must take into account all 3 areas. We cannot have a healthy economy without a healthy ecology. In 2001, WCC set a target of 50% reduction in greenhouse gases by 2010, a more rigorous target than that of the Stern Report that required a 30% reduction by 2020. Council is looking at the 55 buildings it uses and its street lighting policy. Energy Australia has two new types of energy efficient street lights. The Civic Place project plan is for a 40% reduction in greenhouse gases. WCC is using a co-generation system to power the centre leading to reduction of 850 tonnes of greenhouse gas. He gave some practical tips for energy efficiency: Switch to green energy electricity. Green electricity is available from all suppliers; check [www.greenelectricitywatch.org.au](http://www.greenelectricitywatch.org.au) and we can opt for 10% green energy without any extra cost. Sustainability House is on 9 September. WCC is meeting on 4 September to set a charter to go out to the public – the Council's way forward.

### 3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the General Meeting of 14 June 2007 were confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

### 4. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Caroline George, Clifford Hughes, Elizabeth Hughes, Trish Stockton, Ingmar Taylor, Peter Woodfield

### 5. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Barry Shaw, Mary-Anne Shaw

### 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **Open Day (WCC Spring Festival) at the Community Centre:** - The NPA will have a stand at the Open Day and will have an exhibit of historic images and letters, as well as information for prospective members. Volunteers are needed to be on hand between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.
- (b) **Future of the Community Centre:** - there is no further information regarding the future of the OOSH facility.
- (c) **Prentice Park Opening:** - The opening of the park to honour former residents Sir William Prentice and Lady Mary Prentice is to take place on Saturday 18 August. It had been postponed by Council to enable the Park sign to be made. Invitations have been sent to Mayor Pat Reilly, Mr Charles Lepani PNG High Commissioner to Australia, Stephen Deady NSW Director of DFAT, President & members of the PNG Association, President & members of the PNG Chinese Catholic Association, Gordon Prentice, Ian King of the 2/33 Battalion, Brother Vianney Dignam FMS, Father O'Toole (Naremburn) & Father Dineen MSC (Willoughby), members of the Prentice Family, former neighbours in Olympia Rd & friends.
- (d) **Website for the NPA:** - further discussions took place at the July Executive Committee Meeting. It has been decided to register the domain name. A sponsor will be sought to cover the cost of maintaining the site. Nigel Smith and Rebecca Lazenby have volunteered their time and expertise to assist with this project.

- (e) **Life Membership for David & Rosemary MacGowan** – Stephen Stapleton queried the status of the letter to the MacGowans informing them of their Life Membership. It was stated that there had been e-mails between Ronan Ahern and Fran O'Brien, the Secretary, regarding the wording of the letter and that, as Fran being called away due to illness in the family, the letter has not yet been sent. Additionally, although it is possible to e-mail the notification, Fran would prefer to send the letter by mail. As yet, the NPA does not have a mail address for the MacGowans.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE - IN

- (a) WCC – General Manager – requirements for WCC's Endorsement of Community Projects and Events (for 2008 park event)  
 (b) Ronan Ahern – email - has a letter had been sent to David & Rosemary MacGowan, life membership

**Development Applications** – notifications from WCC were placed on a table so that members could view them.

## CORRESPONDENCE - OUT

- (a) WCC – General Manager – acknowledging his letter regarding Endorsement, etc  
 (b) New Members – welcome e-mail  
 (c) Prentice Park – change of date e-mail notification to members  
 (d) Prentice Park – letters of invitation to park opening sent to relatives, friends, colleagues of the Prentices

## 8. ACCOUNTS

<b>Carried Forward</b>	<b>\$4,099.51</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
Membership Subscriptions	110.00
Donations	40.00
Interest	2.33
NM Advertising	<u>1,820.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>1,972.33</u></b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>	
Film Night	418.00
Expenses Film Night and Awards Night	54.00
Meeting Expenses and Public Officer's Expenses	53.40
Bank Fees	6.00
Naremburn Matters June issue production	1,738.00
WCC Grant for Film Night – balance returned to WCC	2,143.00
	<u>1,125.35</u>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b><u>4,412.00</u></b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Brought Forward</b>	<b>1,659.44</b>

## 9. FEDERATION REPORT AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

### Federation Report:

John Allen is overseas.

Kevin reported that the Federation AGM was held on Saturday 28 July. Mayor Pat Reilly had acted as returning officer. John Allen was re-elected as President of the Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations. Northbridge Plaza – Mayoral Minute that the Masterplan process for the Plaza be overseen by Council to protect the interests of local residents. A local action group initiated by the Northbridge Progress Association is being formed; Naremburn PA invited to participate. Inner North Sub-Regional Draft Strategy – now available; little in it for Willoughby; 6,500 new dwellings planned; will require supporting infrastructure. Mental Health – a public meeting involving the Mayor, Health Dept and interested parties, planned. Graffiti – a public meeting is to be held, but setting a date is difficult due to current Council activities. E-restore – programme will continue. Willoughby Men's Shed – opened at the former Northbridge RSL Hall adjacent to Northbridge Golf Course; a great asset for Willoughby City.

**Councillors:**

Clr Kate Lamb and Clr Barry Thompson were in attendance. Ward boundary changes due to population shifts and there is controversy over naming of the wards, a lot of which is around the old East Ward. The issue of child care in Naremburn is an important one. It is recommended that the NPA research what is available and what should be planned for the area and liaise with Kate and Barry. Bike racks will be installed at Naremburn Shops.

**10. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- (a) **Naremburn Matters** – the next issue is due out in early September. June issue advertising covered printing costs and there was a surplus that will be put toward NM costs other than actual production. Membership application form in that issue was larger than used previously and had resulted in a number of people joining the association.
- (b) **DAs** – David Lendrum reported that he, Kevin, Trisha and George Farrell were pleased to have been invited to view the plans at St Cuthbert's and had met that morning with Rev. Rick Smith and Roger Promnitz at the church. David commented that it is a modern design grafted on to an old building. The NPA will be notified when the DA is lodged. WCC's refusal of the DA for Child Care Centre in Donnelly Road is before the Land & Environment Court.
- (c) **Landscape and Open Spaces** – Kevin said that he had written to Liz Patterson of WCC regarding the status of landscaping in the Naremburn Shops area. Don Swonnell responded that there are different Council departments that could deal with this matter – difficulty in determining who would be responsible. A request to James Smallhorn of WCC resulted in barbed wire on the RTA work compound in Rhodes Ave being removed. Also extra 6 eucalypts have been planted on the eastern side of the freeway near Merrenburn Ave.
- (d) **Membership** – the reminder letter to unfinancial members has already resulted in a number of renewals. Most members are on e-mail and receive agendas and minutes in that form. Hand deliveries have been reduced in number.
- (e) **Library** – an author talk featuring Catherine Taylor 'Once upon a time in Beirut' will be held at Naremburn Library on 23 August at 12:30 pm. This is a first for Naremburn and Trisha commented that Ronan Ahem had suggested that such events be held at Naremburn Library.
- (f) **Events** – the sub-committee meeting for Sunday 5 August had been postponed. Requirements for grant have been itemized in letter from the General Manager and the sub-committee is working on acquiring the necessary information to present to Council. The intention is that the 2008 community event in Naremburn Park be a performance by the Willoughby Symphony Orchestra.

**11. MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN - Nil****12. CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK**

**Noted** that there were 17 members in attendance, there was 1 visitor, and there were 11 apologies from members.

**13. NEXT MEETING:** - Thursday, 13 September at 7:30 pm, Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street.**14. CLOSURE:** The meeting closed at 9:42 pm**15. SUPPER:** - Delicia at the Naremburn Shops provided pastries for the after meeting tea and coffee.