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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 13 SEPTEMBER 2007

1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **Electrical Cabling at the Shops:** Concerns were raised over the laying of cabling taking place overnight in Willoughby Rd outside shops. Footpath is to be put back in place in the mornings.
- (b) **Graffiti:** Graffiti is on the increase particularly on the walls of the freeway, near Ruth Street walking path between Central & Merrenburn Avenue and bridge near Slade Street.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the General Meeting of 9 August 2007 were confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS – Nil

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5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **WCC Spring Carnival - Community Centre Open Day:** Saturday 22 September 2007, Margaret Willington reported on activities that would be taking place on the day, such as a jumping castle, sausage sizzle, face-painting. The President asked for volunteers to help with the NPA stand that will include copies of historical photos and old documents.
- (c) **Future of Community Centre –** no further news
- (d) **Prentice Park Opening –** this was a very successful community event, well organized with great assistance from St Leonard's Catholic Parish. Several distinguished guests including His Excellency Mr Charles Lepani, PNG's High Commissioner to Australia. Question was raised who is responsible for maintaining area, WCC or RTA. Negotiations are still taking place between these parties. Clr Barry Thompson will follow up. Responsibility for areas around Dodds and Rhodes Streets also questioned.
- (e) **Website for the NPA -** hopeful of registering the domain name shortly. Website will include NM back issues
- (f) **Crows Nest Cinema Complex –** Clr Trent Zimmerman of North Sydney Council has been contacted. He states that there are no definite plans at this stage, NSC will have further discussions. He will keep in touch with NPA.
- (g) **Federation Trivia Night –** Saturday 22 September at the Town Hall in Chatswood. Part of the Spring Festival. Bring a picnic basket, hear the Wurlitzer. 10 tables of 8 have been booked. Good progress with event planning.
- (h) **St Cuthbert's Anglican Church DA –** Roger Promnitz, an NPA member and a parishioner in the Naremburn Cammeray Anglican Church (NCA) had brought along large coloured elevations of the proposed work as well as floor plans. He said that improved facilities were required as congregation had grown in recent years. The DA is still open for comment as WCC had inadvertently sent out the incorrect notification period for a development of this size. A new wing that includes meeting rooms, offices, open space, etc, will be attached to the rear of the old building, in the location currently occupied by the demountable facing Merrenburn Avenue. An additional 7 car parking bays are proposed for the northwest corner of the site, with access via Dodds Street. There will 12 car parking spots in total with the remaining 5 to be located on the Merrenburn side in front of the new extension. Storm water retention will be installed. The area around the buildings will be landscaped and there will be a perimeter fence. Part of the reason for the fence is security for children. No underground parking due to excavation and construction costs. Comments were made that NCA parishioners park in St Leonard's Church car park and this factor will have skewed the traffic report for the DA. WCC has not required NCA to provide for further parking due to the classification of the church building. It was pointed out that the pedestrian crossing for Merrenburn Avenue is dangerous as it is poorly lit.

MOTION – THAT the NPA in its comments to WCC seek clarification of (a) fencing, (b) parking conditions in adjacent streets as well as on site, (c) safe pedestrian access in the church environs, and that the NCA advertise this DA more widely and also hours of operational mitigation be advertised because of the potential impact on the community. We move this process be completed as expeditiously as possible to the advantage of all the concerned parties.
Proposed: David Lendrum; Seconded: George Farrell.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

In – General

- (a) WCC – Kate Lamb, e-mail giving advance notice of pending DA for Baseball Diamond Lighting for Bicentennial Reserve
- (b) WCC – DA - St Cuthbert's Development Application notification
- (c) WCC – DA – 45-47 Garland Road, block of 13 units – current status
- (d) Gordon Prentice – thank you to the NPA for Prentice Park achievement
- (e) Jacinta Prentice – thank you for the Prentice Park opening and enclosing a donation of \$200 from the family
- (f) Joe Hockey, Member for North Sydney – invitation to North Sydney Community Awards presentation, 21 September

List of Development Applications received since the August general meeting was tabled.

Out -

- (a) WCC – Dr Haydn Washington - email to thank him for speaking at August meeting
- (b) WCC – Mayor Reilly, to thank him for opening Prentice Park
- (c) His Excellency Mr Charles Lepani PNG's High Commissioner to Australia, to thank him for speaking at park opening
- (d) WCC – St Cuthbert's DA – requesting extension of time for comments, floor & site plans not provided
- (e) Mr Geoff Gemmell, St Leonard's' Catholic Parish, to thank him for his assistance at the opening of the park
- (f) Mr David Turner, St Leonard's Catholic Parish, to thank him for his help with the Prentice Park BBQ
- (g) Mr & Mrs Aldo & Irma Di Santo, St Leonard's Catholic Parish, to thank them for their help with the Prentice Park BBQ
- (h) Mr Cyril Clark, Over Fifties Club, to thank him for lending equipment for the Prentice Park BBQ
- (i) WCC – Ms Frances Sims, Library Services Manager, thank you for Author Talk, Catherine Taylor, Naremburn Library
- (j) Mr & Mrs David & Rosemary MacGowan, congratulating them on being awarded Life Membership of the NPA
- (k) WCC – Turning lane from Willoughby Road to Rohan Street, inadequate signage causes dangerous lane-changing
- (l) NSC – email to Clr Trent Zimmerman seeking update on Crows Nest Cinema proposal
- (m) WCC – Mr J Owen, Dodd Street West lighting
- (n) WCC – Mr J Owen, Dodd Street East & Rhodes Ave lighting
- (o) WCC – Mr J Owen, Dalleys Rd East nature strip

7. ACCOUNTS

Carried Forward	\$1,659.44
<u>Income</u>	
Subscriptions	\$ 112.00
Donations	\$ <u>200.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 312.00
<u>Expenditure</u>	\$ 0.00
<u>Expenditure Approvals Requested</u>	
Prentice Park Opening Expenses	\$ 65.00
Naremburn Matters Street records	\$ 7.95
Naremburn Matters Sept printing	\$ <u>1,639.00</u>
	\$1,711.95

Noted that advertising income, as invoiced, for the September issue of Naremburn Matters is \$1,890.00

8. FEDERATION REPORT AND COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Federation

John Allen had offered his apologies due to illness. Kevin reported that a Federation meeting had been held on 1 September at which John Allen was in the chair. Kevin mentioned the DA for the site that was Commonwealth Acoustics Lab and that a map had been included in the West Chatswood PA newsletter. The State Government has made a grant of \$30,000 to WCC for graffiti management. Artarmon is the pilot study for this programme. Hercules Street Mental Health Unit – continuing debate, Mayor and local bodies being treated contemptuously by NSW Health.

Councillors

Bary Thompson commented on the Spring Festival and Gala Night Farewell. Civic Place is going out for tender later this month. E-restore2 ends June 2008. Proposing E-restore3. Increase in rate levy will allow for expanded programme. Barry confirmed that Artarmon is the pilot study. Northbridge Plaza fighting fund established; Plaza will affect Naremburn

9. SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS

- (a) **Naremburn Matters** – The September issue is out; distribution problems in some streets. Next issue will be December 2007. NM future plan will be discussed at the October meeting
- (b) **DAs** – see above
- (c) **Landscape and Open Spaces** – letter to Liz Patterson, WCC, no response; National Tree Day in Dargan Street 9 people participated
- (d) **Membership** – renewals continuing to come in.
- (e) **Library** – Catherine Taylor Author talk was well attended.
- (f) **Events** – 15 March 2008 is the date for the community event. There will be more information at October meeting. Mayor is very supportive of Willoughby Symphony Orchestra concert going ahead. Sponsorship will be needed.

10. CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK

Noted that there 17 members in attendance, and there were 8 apologies

11. NEXT MEETING: - Thursday 11 October 2007, at 7:30 pm, Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street.

12. CLOSURE: The meeting closed at 9:31 pm

13. SUPPER: - Delicia at the Naremburn Shops provided pastries for the after meeting tea and coffee