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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 11 OCTOBER 2007

1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **Dargan & Northcote Streets:** Tree has been inspected by Council, a few roots have been dug up and footpath has been resealed. Still a problem. Julie Whitfield, WCC's Open Spaces Manager, to be notified.
- (b) **Dodds Street West:** Large Eucalypt removed a year ago. WCC was to replace it, but this has not happened. Recent work in the street has resulted in an 'Optus tree' of underground cables. Julie Whitfield to be contacted.
- (c) **Rohan Street:** Nature strip adjacent to Forsyth's is still not being maintained. Julie Whitfield to be contacted.
- (d) **Maintenance of Nature Strips:** Council's role regarding maintenance of nature strips and the condition of front gardens of residences? Cllr Barry Thompson - the owner of the property is expected to maintain nature strip, if no private owner of adjacent land, Council maintains nature strip; no control over individual's front gardens
- (e) **Central & Slade Streets:** Traffic remains a problem. Vehicles parked western side of Central - hazardous for vehicles to pass. It is said that locals removed the 'No Standing' signs - reinstatement? Dangerous area particularly for mothers with young children. Council to be contacted for a signage and parking review.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the General Meeting of 13 September 2007 were confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS - Paul Lancaster, Cyril Clark, Kirsty Kovacs.

4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS - N/A

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **WCC Spring Festival - Community Centre Open Day:** Open day a very successful day. Raffle raised \$260 toward building a school in Uganda. Morning tea raised \$200. There was an Over 50s stall and a BBQ. The NPA has thanked the Willoughby City Library staff for assistance with historical photos and documents for the NPA display; there was also a temporary 'honour board' of significant NPA members. The total amount donated toward the school in Uganda was \$660.
- (b) **Future of Community Centre -** Plans of the proposed layout for the Centre displayed; Trisha FitzPatrick, David Lendrum commented. NPA Working Party needed to examine for comments to go to WCC. It was agreed that a request be sent to WCC to convene a meeting with all user groups of the facility.
- (c) **Website for the NPA:** - Nigel Smith will advise steps to register the domain name, format for the website.
- (d) **Crows Nest Cinema Complex:** - North Sydney Council plans have been shelved pending further discussion.
- (e) **Federation Trivia Night:** A good event - 110 people attended the farewell to the town hall and Wurlitzer Organ; not a fund-raiser but \$200 was donated to the Mayoress's Charity, StreetWork.
- (f) **St Cuthbert's Anglican Church:** - WCC's DA notification was sent out under wrong classification and limited distribution; sent a second time with 21 day notice and wider distribution. Agreed - request WCC's Matthew Benson to provide a copy of the distribution map. Letter to WCC following September meeting had commented on the need for wider display of plans
- (g) **Community Event Naremburn Park:** Willoughby Symphony event moved to Sunday 16 March 2008, park is not available on Saturday 15 March. Tim Long, Performing Arts Manager, has been in discussions with Trisha and they will meet shortly to clarify Tim's proposal for costs, programme, etc.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- In**
- (a) 07/09/2007 - North Shore Rotary Club, Mental Health Committee - Tue 9 Oct - 'Understanding adolescent mental health'
 - (b) 18/09/2007 - WCC - Rohan Street right lane only turn request forwarded to RTA
 - (c) 19/09/2007 - WCC - Open Space Mgr - meeting Tue 30 Oct - Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group
 - (d) 28/09/2007 - WCC - Dodds Street East lighting - Energy Australia has changed its processes - it is now a "contestable job".
 - (e) 09/10/2007 - WCC - Willoughby City Citizen of the Year, etc, nomination forms.
DAs were tabled, see Sub-Committee report
- Out**
- (a) 26/09/2007 - E-mail to WCC, Local Studies Librarian - thank you for display for NPA at the Community Centre Open Day.
 - (b) 30/09/2007 - E-mail to Members - John Allen passed away
 - (c) 02/10/2007 - E-mail to Members - John Allen's funeral notice
 - (d) 03/10/2007 - WCC - DA - 10 Oxley Street
 - (e) 04/10/2007 - E-mail to Members - St Cuthbert's DA and last day for comments 10 October
 - (f) 04/10/2007 - WCC - DA - St Cuthbert's Anglican Church
 - (g) 10/10/2007 - State Library of NSW - Naremburn Matters September issue supplied to SLNSW under Copyright Laws.

7. ACCOUNTS

Carried Forward

\$1,971.44

<u>Income</u>	
Subscriptions	\$ 81.00
Donations	\$ 0:00
Advertising revenue NM September	<u>\$1,890.00</u>
Total Income	\$3,942.44
<u>Expenditure</u>	
Brought Forward	\$3,869.49
<u>Expenditure Approvals Requested</u>	
Centre Open Day – wine for raffles\$	\$19.95
Centre Open Day – photos for display	\$ 10 75
Naremburn Matters Sept printing	<u>\$1,639.00</u>
	\$1,699.70
Balance	\$2,199.75

The NPA is grateful that Carolyn New, Treasurer, although unable to attend meetings, has continued to do the books while a new Treasurer is sought. The NPA is in the process of changing its banking to Westpac. Resources Credit Union with its low fees had been appropriate at the time. Westpac community account has no fees, deposits can be made at any branch making it more convenient for a new Treasurer. NPA Membership subs paid by cheque or cash need to be deposited; however, many Naremburn Matters advertisers pay the NPA account via Internet banking.

8. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS & WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT Federation

Kevin stated that the late **John Allen** had chaired Federation meeting, Saturday, 1 September. John, recently returned from an overseas trip, had been feeling exhausted but put that down to jetlag. Eulogy at funeral - John was a science graduate working in senior managerial positions in the plastics industries; completed national service in the RAF; deep lifelong love of music dating from his days as a chorister in the Church of England; emigrated to Australia in the 1970s with wife and 2 sons; decided to continue his studies graduating with Honours in psychology from UNSW; career change to working for the Government in the area of ergonomics. The death of John's 11 year old son caused him deep grief. Later he met and married Maxine; in 1988 bought a small home in Olympia Road that they renovated, John attended to plumbing and electricals; Maxine, carpentry and décor; daughter Amanda born. John became very active in the NPA and the wider Willoughby community; served as President of the Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations for several years; an excellent chairman, a skill honed by many years heading various professional and Government committees. The NPA will sponsor John Allen for the Willoughby City Citizen of the Year. With regard to awards, Kevin stated that **Lorna Clark**, Secretary of the Naremburn Over Fifties Club (whose husband Cyril has just been nominated as a member of the NPA and is a past recipient of an NPA annual recognition award) has just been recognized at the 2007 North Sydney Community Awards, sponsored by the Hon. Joe Hockey. Lorna has lived in Naremburn since the early 1950s; has involved herself in school activities in Naremburn and Cammeray; active in Rotary, sponsored Malaysian trainee nurses; worked with Youth off the Streets, the Red Cross and the Salvation Army. She was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship, the highest honour given by Rotary International for outstanding service to the Community. The NPA congratulates Lorna on her award.

Ward Councillors

Clr Thompson; John Owen, WCC General Manager, is retiring in December. John has made a tremendous contribution to Willoughby City. Position is being advertised. Civic Place tenders are out. At this time there are no further details on the State Government grant for pilot programme to monitor graffiti in the Artarmon area.

9. SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS

- (a) **Naremburn Matters** – Trisha FitzPatrick was thanked for agreeing to act as editor for the past 2 issues. She introduced George Farrell as the new editor who said that he was looking for articles for NM - the voice of the community. Sub-committee has committed to 5 issues up to and including December 2008. 1 November close off date for NM December 2007. There was a \$252 profit, i.e., production costs over advertising revenue, for the September issue.
- (b) **DAs** – David Lendrum tabled 19 DAs, 11 for new developments. 45-47 Garland on site Ward Councillors meeting; David said that the concerns of the residents immediately to the east appear to have been addressed. 10 Oxley Street – Fed House to be demolished, Faux Federation to be erected, NPA requested WCC to ensure developer comply with planning controls. Status of the Donnelly Road Child Care Centre DA at the Land & Environment Court queried – developer lodged an appeal against the WCC decline of the DA. Letter to be sent to WCC requesting that the NPA be kept informed of progress. Martha Follent (guest) reported on NSC's DA Vale Street in progress for 2 ½ years. State Government has advised NSC to hurry up with DA decision. LEP has been declined. Rural Fire Service issues remain unresolved; there could be significant damage to the bush land - www.savetunkspark@googlepages.com/home or email savetunksparks@gmail.com for more information
- (c) **Landscape and Open Spaces** – More trees to be requested to cover sound walls to prevent graffiti adjacent to the shared path from Slade to Merrenburn. It was agreed that a letter be sent to TJH/Connector regarding tree planting and garden maintenance in the area in front of the sound walls at the end of Dodds Street East. Julie Whitfield has organized a meeting to be held on 30 October – Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group. Energy Australia underground electrical cabling at the Shops still in progress with minimal disruption during shop opening hours, but much noise into the early hours.
- (d) **Membership** – the issuing of membership receipts and hand delivery of agendas and minutes processes will be reviewed
- (e) **Library** – The Librarian had informed the President that there had been an increase in borrowings over the previous 3 months. The proposed plans for the Centre include the library occupying the hall space and not the foyer of the building.
- (f) **Events** – sub-committee meeting will be convened specifically to discuss Willoughby Orchestra in Naremburn Park on 16 March. The Naremburn Shops Christmas party is Friday 7 December. Organisers have stated they would be pleased if NPA members would show support of the event by attending. RTA to be asked what has happened to the money for the promised Shops function to thank the Naremburn shopkeepers and residents for their patience during the disruptive LCTP work.

10. CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK - There were 15 Members present, 8 apologies, and 2 visitors.

11. NEXT MEETING: - Thursday, 8 November 2007 at 7:30 pm, Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street.

12. CLOSURE: - The meeting closed at 9:30 pm

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