

NAREMBURN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 14 FEBRUARY 2008

The meeting commenced at 7:35pm.

It was noted that this was possibly the 1,000th general meeting of the NPA.

The first general meeting was held on 29 November 1901.

1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **Olympia Road** – suggestion put forward to change the name of Olympia Road to John Allen Road, in memory and recognition of the work achieved by John for the Naremburn community. It was noted that discussions have taken place regarding some form of permanent recognition in Willoughby City for John's work.
- (b) **Educational and child minding** – question was raised with the increase of young families in the area, is it time to look at and review the educational and child minding facilities in Naremburn.
- (c) **Filtration of Lane Cove Tunnel** – concerns raised again regarding lack of filtration system for the LCT.
- (d) **Walter Street** – question raised about the sale the Channel 9 site. The transmission tower is used by other TV companies and the tower is also used by telephone companies. Letter to be written to Matthew Benson at WCC to ascertain future development of site.
- (e) **DA approval in Atchison Street** – the meeting was informed that North Sydney Council had approved the DA for development of Day Care Centre in Atchison Street near Franklins.
- (f) **Rohan Street** - request to have 'Keep Clear' signs repainted on Willoughby Road to prevent backlog of cars waiting at lights blocking access to and from Rohan Street.
- (g) **Parking Area at shops** – it has been noted that some shop owners are using parking in front of shops and that plastic delivery trays are again being left around shops. The President commented that the issues are about keeping the area neat and tidy as well as parking available for use by patrons of the smaller shops. First Choice has its own parking accessed from Quiamong. Letter to WCC.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the General Meeting of 13 December 2007 were confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
Proposed: Hilary Wright; Seconded: David Waters

3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS – Martin Oldfield. Proposed: David Waters, Seconded: David Lendrum

4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS – Jo Oldfield

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **Future of Community Centre** – WCC was to draw up revised plans and put them on public display – with advance notice to the NPA; no notice as yet.
- (b) **Website for the NPA:** – delays on this due to other projects including WSO
- (c) **St Cuthbert's Anglican Church:** - DA approved. Conditions of consent included that large Eucalypt at the Dodds Street corner is to remain; fence heights and materials.
- (d) **Willoughby Symphony Orchestra (WSO) Concert in Naremburn Park** – this event to be held on Sunday 16 March 2008 at 6:00 pm. Stage will be at top end of oval near railway line. From 1:00 pm there will be 18 food stalls, 10 Portaloos, 1 of these for the Disabled; no liquor licence; Jumping Castle and other games for children. At 4:30 pm, Willoughby City Band will play following the 3:30 pm talk on the items to be played by WSO. NPA volunteers will be needed. Concert will finish around 8pm. Concert-goers encouraged to walk to the venue or use other forms of transport other than cars as parking will be at a premium.
- (e) **10 Bongalong Street** – revised (modified) DA has been lodged.

- (f) **Baseball Diamond Lights** – Matthew Benson (WCC) has been contacted to request that NPA and residents be kept informed of progress. Ward Councillors' site inspection meeting is to be organized; no date has been set. Progress has been slow due to change of Directors at WCC. Suggestions made were to have a photo of towers to be superimposed and for balloons to be used to illustrate height of light towers. The installation of these lights may be affected by the water course. Councillors have said that they will look at affected properties and determine the effect that the erection of these lights will have on residents. NPA will monitor the situation as well as reviewing past reports and correspondence.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

In

- (a) 08/01/2008 – WCC - Mr James Brocklebank - :Intersection Slade and Central Streets, Naremburn
- (b) 11/01/2008 – WCC – Mr Chris Guy - DA for 35 Garland Rd – extension of time
- (c) 14/01/2008 – WCC – Ms Noni De Cavalho - DA for Archer St Precinct – extension of time.
- (d) 28/01/2008 – Mr Charles Pillay - report from WCC Planner Leland Sanchez - refusal of DA 10 Oxley Street.
- (e) 02/02/2008 – Mr George Farrell - email – proposed changes to membership year - Constitution
- (f) 08/02/2008 – Mr George Farrell – email – further to membership year changes
- (g) 13/02/2008 – Ms Kali Lawrie - email – removal of 'Keep Clear' sign at Rohan St and Willoughby Rd.
- (h) 14/02/2008 – WCC – Invitation to Harmony Day, Thu 13 March 2008 10:00 am-12:30pm Dougherty Community Centre
- (i) 14/02/2008 – Naremburn Neighbourhood Watch - email - Stranger Danger alert.

Out

- (a) 01/02/2008 – Mr George Farrell – his proposed changes to membership year.
- (b) 01/02/2008 – WCC - Ms Noni De Cavalho - requesting extension of time for comment on DA for Archer Street precinct.
- (c) 01/02/2008 – WCC - Mr Chris Guy - requesting extension of time for comment on DA for Garland Rd.
- (d) 05/02/2008 – Mr George Farrell - instructions for drafting motion (email)
- (e) 08/02/2008 – Mr George Farrell - requirements for motion to change membership (email)
- (f) 08/02/2008 – Mr George Farrell - further clarification of membership motion (email)
- (g) 13/02/2008 – WCC - Mr Greg Patten - DA for Demolition 10 Bongalong St

7. ACCOUNTS

Carried Forward	\$2,206.79
<u>Income</u>	
Subscriptions	\$ 30.00
Donations	\$ 160.50
Naremburn Matters Dec '07 advertising	\$2,050.00
Bank Interest	<u>\$ 0.03</u>
Total Income	\$2,240.53
<u>Expenditure</u>	
Dec '07 Meeting Expenses	
Wine & Beer (K FitzPatrick)	\$ 145.55
Plastic wine glasses (D Swonnell)	\$ 15.15
Sausages, bread, etc (C Clark)	\$ 79.75
Federation (FWPA) annual sub	\$ 20.00
Naremburn Matters Dec '07 layout & printing	<u>\$1,837.00</u>
Total Expenditure	\$2,097.45
 Brought Forward	 \$2,349.87

8. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS (FWPA) REPORT & WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT

FEDERATION

Kevin FitzPatrick reported on the 2 February meeting of the Federation. Delegates gave considerable focus and discussion to the State Government's proposal to change its planning laws. The Government gave a period of 3 months to examine its proposal – from December to 8 February. This period was considered inadequate because of the Christmas/January holiday period it included. Delegates resolved that the Federation request that the State Government adopt the proposal put forward by the LGA (Local Government & Shires Association) for a two stage implementation of the planning reform process. A letter indicating this decision was to be sent to the Premier and the Minister for Planning with a copy to our State Member. Individual Progress Associations were encouraged to take similar action. There were reports on; the changes to Northbridge Hotel; Northbridge Plaza proposed development; upgrade of Chatswood Station; upgrade of Chatswood Mall, to be called Victoria Walk; Civic Place; the old library site to be developed as a boutique hotel and tavern. A donation of \$160 was made to the Salvation Army in John Allen's memory. Kevin stated that the NPA's nomination of John Allen for the Willoughby City Citizen of the Year award was unsuccessful as the award is only made to a living person. At WCC's Australia Day celebration and presentation, John was given an honourable mention for his much-valued contribution to the Community. The next Federation meeting is Saturday, 15 March.

WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Barry Thompson spoke on the proposed State Planning Authority's changes and the impact on Local Government. 6,200 new dwellings are required of the WCC area. Barry also commented that the NPA, in its submission to WCC regarding the St Cuthbert's development, could have stated that the development will be of benefit to this community.

Stuart Coppock commented that the State Government's Treasury would be the recipient of funds from future Section 94s. The money would be applied to other locations, such as Camden, etc. Details of the proposals are available on Council's website. The State has resumed the Water Board site without compensation to Council for its share of the land. He said that the S94 money should be spent on projects such as Post Office Lane, development of small coffee shops such as in the Melbourne CBD and Chatswood Centre. This is a battle we are going to lose. There will be rate pegging. Bottom line for us is that we know that community consultation works.

Civic Place; Project Manager has been appointed; Lender documents will come through this month; demolition to commence this week; any comments – to Councillors. Local Traffic Area Management Project around Freeway is currently being tied together; timeframes have changed. Incinerator – work has stopped; report back to next NPA meeting. LEP is to be released on 5 March for community comment. Stuart strongly suggests that we, the residents of Naremburn, look very closely at the LEP for Naremburn. There are changes already taking place on the north side of Chandos. E-restore has been launched. Congratulations to those involved in the Lawson Cave event/

Resolved that the NPA write to the Department of Planning supporting current system, and that letters be sent to Gladys Berejiklian and WCC.

9. SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS

- (a) **Naremburn Matters** – issue out 27 February; 12 pages; many new advertisers; focus on promoting the WSO concert. There will be a series of articles in upcoming issues.
- (b) **DAs** – 27 were tabled. It was noted that Naremburn has the most DAs in Willoughby City. Date to be set for site inspection of Lawson Lane intersection with Willoughby Road
- (c) **Landscape and Open Spaces** – Awaiting response from WCC about tidying up around shopping precinct. Fence may be erected along Willoughby Rd near Forsyth Cafe. WCC will mow grass at corner of Grafton and Brook Streets. (Councillor Coppock to follow up).
- (d) **Membership** – there has been a steady increase of members over the past 12 months; now 75 members.
- (e) **Library** – due to the success of Author Talk last year, another one will be held shortly.
- (f) **Events** – see Item 5 (d)

10. CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK

There were 21 Members present; 7 apologies from Members, and 1 Visitor

11. MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

With regard to the proposal by George Farrell that the membership year be changed to the calendar year, it was agreed that the motion appear on the agenda for the April 2008 meeting

12. NEXT MEETING: - Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 13 March 2008 at 7:30 pm, to be followed by the March General Meeting at 8:00 pm

13. CLOSURE: - The meeting closed at 9:50pm.