

NAREMBURN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 11 SEPTEMBER 2008

Meeting commenced at 7:35 pm

Naremburn Community Centre 7 Central Street Naremburn

1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **Soccer Season** (Brian Norton – Glenmore Street) – Northbridge Soccer Club successful with 3 teams winning their grades. Grand Final will be Sunday 21st Sept at Bicentennial Reserve commencing at 9am.
- (b) **School for Naremburn** (Brian Norton) – stated that credit should be given to Clr Barry Thompson for initially raising the issue of a school Naremburn, which he did in November 2007.
- (c) **St Cuthbert's Church** (Roger Promnitz – Merrenburn Ave) – Services have ceased at St Cuthbert's Church; now conducted at St Leonard's Catholic Church Hall with Kid's Church in the upstairs studios; the Naremburn Cammeray Anglican Church is grateful to the Catholic Parish for use of its facilities; commencement of work has been delayed pending builder's letter of intent.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the General Meeting of 14 August 2008 were confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
Proposed: Margaret Stewart; Seconded: David Lendrum.

3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Andy Cichanowski - The President announced that Andy is the 100th financial member for 2008.
Nomination Proposed: David Lendrum; Seconded: Beryl Batterham

4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS –

Anneliese Appleton, Sarah Chapman, The Hon. Joe Hockey MP, Gordon Prentice, Enid Small

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **Baseball Diamond Lights** – North Sydney Leagues Baseball Club cost for the lights is \$160,000; funds will have to be raised; lights installation within the next year.
- (b) **Small Street/Artarmon Rd Lights** – issue has been discussed at the Bicentennial Park Advisory Group. Intensive traffic survey taking place.
- (c) **Naremburn School** – Working Party to reconvene meeting after the conclusion of the Council Elections process
- (d) **Naremburn Shops** – Letter to be sent to WCC to request that area around the shops be cleaned up.
- (e) **Oral History Program** - Kevin FitzPatrick will continue to interview the long-time residents of Naremburn; this will enhance the records of Naremburn and provide potential material for the history section of the NPA website.
- (f) **Rohan/Willoughby Road Intersection** – Clr Thompson stated that the Traffic Committee was meeting on 17 September at 9:30 am and it would be advisable for the NPA to get a copy of the officer's report with regard to keeping the intersection clear to allow vehicles to exit Rohan Street.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

In

- (a) 08/09/2008 – WCC (James Brocklebank) - Willoughby Rd intersection at Rohan St
- (b) 09/09/2008 – Gladys Berejiklian MP – student population in Naremburn
- (c) 11/09/2008 - WCC (Marcia Waller) – email update on Naremburn School issue.

Out

Nil

7. ACCOUNTS

Carried Forward	\$ 3,580.55
<u>Income</u>	
Subscriptions	\$ 42.00
Donations	\$ 9.75
NM September Advertising	\$ 450.00
Bank Interest	\$ 0.00
Total Income	\$ 501.75
<u>Expenditure</u>	
KJF – various as per Aug approval	\$ 53.73
DS – various as per Aug approval	\$ 33.85
	\$ 87.58
Brought Forward	\$ 3,994.72

Expenditure Approvals Requested

Robin Phelan & Assocs Sept NM ***	\$ 1,812.80
KJF – Wine – September meeting	\$ 15.99
KJF – Milk, biscuits, Sept meeting	\$ 3.90
Don Swonnell – Cheese & crackers Sept meeting	\$ 14.23

*** NM due date for payment by advertisers is 15 September and amount yet to be received is \$1,700 – advertising income minus production costs means that there will be a surplus of \$337.20 for the September issue.

That these expenditures be approved.

Proposed: Roger Promnitz; Seconded: David Lendrum

8. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS AND WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT Ward Councillors

Councillor Barry Thompson – Last Council Meeting, prior to the Elections on 13 September, has been held; things are quiet. Cllr Thompson commented that in the current election campaign that there had been a lot of misinformation published and distributed about both the Civic Place project and the threat of rate increases. He suggested that residents compare rate notices for this year with those of next year.

Federation

Kevin FitzPatrick and Don Swonnell attended Meeting on 30th July. Issues discussed included the abuse of Disabled parking areas; commuter parking in Naremburn area that prevents residents having access to parking adjacent to their homes. Parking at Shore Oval - Shore's governing body took WCC to the Land and Environment Court regarding parking, the hearing is 23rd Sept on site. The Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator will cost WCC in excess of \$1 million after State and Federal grants; objection to the installation of a lift due to visual impact; replacing the chimney stack could escalate costs although use of less substantial materials could be a solution. Incinerator opening is planned for March 2009 and the Café towards the end of 2009. The Northside Garden Fair, sponsored by the Northbridge Rotary Club, will be held in Bicentennial Reserve on 28th Sept 2008. ABC will be broadcasting live from site. The Federation has invited all Progress Associations to use its stall to promote the Progress Associations. Don and Kevin have stated that they will be involved but have asked for more volunteers. Next Federation Meeting will be 18th October.

9. SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS

(a) DAs – 6 tabled

DA 2008/548	170/421-473 Pacific Hwy Artarmon	Vergola construction
DA 2008/567	18-24 Chandos Street St Leonards	Commercial refurbishment
DA 2008/574	17 Adolphus Street	Alts and Adds
DA 2008/614	13 Slade Street	Alts and Adds
DA 2008/579	301 Pacific Hwy Artarmon	Signs
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DA 2008/619	8A Hamilton Ave	Alts & Adds

(b) Events – Community Centre Open Day will be held on Saturday 20th Sept. from 10am – 2pm. WSO will be performing at Naremburn Park again next year.

(c) Library and Community Centre – The situation regarding the proposed changes to the Community Centre was discussed by phone with Marcia Waller on 11/09/2008. Preparation of the Naremburn Community Centre master plan has been delayed because of the time taken to complete the development application for relocating the Out of School Hours (OOSH) centre to the Bales Park building. The consultation and planning process for the changes to the Community Centre including the library and meeting rooms will occur when the OOSH work is being undertaken at Bales Park.

(d) Membership – The NPA now has 100 financial members. 32 new members this year. 20 members not on email and these members receive photocopies of all Minutes hand delivered to their street mailboxes.

(e) Naremburn Matters – September issue has been circulated; Editorial Committee ensured that each group standing for election as Councillors for Naremburn Ward provided a 100 word statement from the group leader and a headshot; candidates for the Mayoral election had the same offer; there was a nil response from the third candidate so Mayor Cllr Pat Reilly and Cllr Stuart Coppock were given a very short deadline for 200 words – however they were pleased to comply. There was a problem with one advertiser submitting an ad in an Apple format that was not able to be opened by our publisher; the advertised met our publishing deadline by minutes (the Editorial Committee had a backup advertisement lined up if needed).

(f) Open Spaces and Landscaping – the problem of dogs off leashes at Bicentennial Reserve was raised. Don Swonnell reported that fox baits have been laid in the Area.

(g) Young Parents Group – The August working party meeting and Public Meeting of August 27th were postponed by Council and new dates will be set after the Council elections. The working party meeting is likely to be held in the first weeks of October. Currently the Council's consultant is undertaking a review of the schools in the Willoughby area, and by the meeting they will hopefully be able to table the report. There should also be some progress to report about the consultation between DET and the Catholic Education Office. At the beginning of August there was a short article in the North Shore Times regarding the school issue. The application for a pre-school at the Brook St end of Donnelly St has been resubmitted. There are concerns that the traffic access to site would not be safe. However, it is also recognized that there is a great need for childcare in the Naremburn.

10. CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK – 22 Members present, 8 Apologies from Members

11. MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN – nil

12. NEXT MEETING: - Thursday, 9 October 2008 at 7:30 pm, Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street.

13. CLOSURE: - The meeting concluded at 9 pm.

14. SUPPER: - Wine and cheese were enjoyed by all.