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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 11 DECEMBER 2008

Meeting commenced at 7:35 pm

Nareburn Community Centre 7 Central Street Nareburn

1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **Home Nursing and Parking** (Doug Armstrong – Martin Street) – concerns raised about nurses parking in 1 hour zones and being booked. Request that WCC look into this matter.
- (b) **Signs left on Power Poles** (Doug Armstrong – Martin Street) – there have been numerous garage sale signs left on power poles long after the advertised date; request that these signs be removed immediately after the garage sale, or, that WCC removes them and fines those individuals for the visual pollution that they cause.
- (c) **Flood Study Flat Rock** (Chris Chaseling – Grandview Street) – WCC has written to residents of Grandview and Olympia concerning this study and she has written to WCC seeking further information.
- (d) **Northbridge Football Club** (Brian Norton – Glenmore Street) - NPA was thanked for its support for local residents playing sport; Nareburn Oval will be used by local residents to play soccer for 18 Sundays in 2009; any concerns contact Kevin FitzPatrick or Brian Norton.
- (e) **St Cuthbert's Anglican Church** (Roger Promnitz- Merrenburn Avenue) – Building work well under way and now ahead of schedule; \$300 000 has been spent so far; work will stop for 1 week over Christmas; completion end of August 2009.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the General Meeting of 13 November 2008 were confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
Proposed: Annaliese Appleton; Seconded: Beryl Batterham.

3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS - Peta Di Palma, Brian Addison, Francois de Vos

4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS – none for this month

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Deputy Mayor Cllr Barry Thompson presented Life Membership engraved plaques to Beryl Batterham and David Lendrum. The third recipient, Margaret Willington did not attend. Details of the contributions of these three new Life Members appear in the minutes of 13 November 2008; these can be viewed at www.nareburnprogress.org.au. On behalf of the NPA, Kevin FitzPatrick thanked the Deputy Mayor for doing the honours and presented him with a small gift as token of appreciation for his attendance at General Meetings, as well as his support and encouragement.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **Baseball Diamond Lights** – the Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group will meet quarterly to monitor outcomes relative to this and other issues in the Reserve.
- (b) **Small Street/Artarmon Rd Lights** – a traffic survey is currently being conducted.
- (c) **Nareburn School** – Working Party meeting to be held in February 2009
- (d) **Nareburn Shops** – a list of both former shops and shopkeepers has been compiled by Cyril Clarke and this will be included in an article to appear on the website.
- (e) **Oral History Program** – this project is continuing with the aim to record interviews with residents of long-standing
- (f) **Rohan Street** – 'Keep clear' markings are yet to be placed on the northbound lanes of Willoughby Rd; audible signals have been reinstated at traffic lights; Gladys Berjiklian MP has written that the proposed pedestrian crossing adjacent to her office will not go ahead.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

In

- (a) 13/11/2008 – letter - Darius Turner (Director Community Centre) - thank you for Open Day participation
- (b) 01/12/2008 – email - Phillipa Sobb & Caroline Sweeney – DA for traffic lights adjacent to Cammeray Bridge
- (c) 02/12/2008 – email - Chris Chaseling - Flood Mitigation Study
- (d) 06/12/2008 – email - Martha Follent - attendance at Christmas Party
- (e) 07/12/2008 – email - Roger Promnitz - attendance at Christmas Party
- (f) 08/12/2008 – email - Gladys Berjiklian MP - non attendance at Christmas Party
- (g) 08/12/2008 – email - Stuart Coppock - non attendance at Christmas Party.
- (h) 08/12/2008 – email - Hilary Wright - non attendance at Christmas Party.
- (i) 08/12/2008 – email - Trish Stockton - non attendance at Christmas Party.
- (j) 08/12/2008 – email - Joe Hockey MP - non attendance at Christmas Party.

- (a) 21/11/2008 – letter - Margaret Willington - life membership
 (b) 21/11/2008 – letter - Monica Fernandez (Zurich) - thank you for \$500 donation for website.
 (c) 21/11/2008 – letter - Nick Tobin GM WCC – request for WSO to perform in Naremburn Park in 2009
 (d) 24/11/2008 – letter - Nick Tobin GM WCC – the poor state of the landscaping at 1st Choice Liquor
 (e) 24/11/2008 – letter - Thiess John Holland – LCTP and promised \$3,000 for 'party' at Naremburn Shops because of disruption
 (f) 24/11/2008 – letter - Nick Tobin GM WCC – status of proposed Naremburn Community Centre Upgrade.

7. ACCOUNTS

Carried Forward \$4,156.16

Expenditure

WCC – Centre Photocopying \$ 52.00
 KJF - meeting expenses Nov \$ 8.66
 \$4,095.40

Expenditure Approvals Requested

Robin Phelan – NM December \$2,010.80
 Trisha F – envelope labels \$ 16.90
 KJF – Life Membership Awards \$ 224.00
 David Lendrum – wine, beer, ice, etc \$ 136.13
 \$2,387.83

That these expenditures be approved

Proposed: David Waters: Seconded: Rebecca Lazenby

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

Federation – Don Swonnell reported: the Federation met on 6 December; Saturday, 13 December, Willoughby Choir will sing Christmas Carols in Willoughby Park; Melody Markets in the Mall will open until 23 December; the State Govt grant for the restoration of the Incinerator has been received; Poetry at Dusk at Lawson Cave, Flat Rock Gully, Sunday 8 February, 6:00pm to 8:00 pm.

Ward Councillors – Councillor Barry Thompson reported that the DA for the Incinerator was passed on 1.12.08. Progress is slow as awaiting approval from State Heritage Department; a problem with the chimney, it has been cut off. The Walter Burley Griffin group state that it should be replaced. The Incinerator is in poor condition. Following restoration, It is expected to be opened in September (Spring Festival) with a Sculptor Exhibition; top floor will consist of a café, the middle floor will be a community general space and the lower level will be artists' workshops. Council is winding down leading up to Christmas and meets again in the first week of February.

9. SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS

(a) DAs – 9 tabled

DA 2008/352/A	46 Northcote Street	S96 modifications
DA 2008/492	36 Hotham Pde Artarmon.	Alts and Adds amended plans
DA 2008/619/A	8A Hamilton Avenue	S96 modifications
DA 2008/680	18 Wheatleigh Street	Alts and Adds
DA 2008/830	24 Dargan Street	Alts and Adds
DA 2008/839	24 Park Road	Swimming Pool
DA 2008/843	37 Merrenburn Avenue	Alts & Adds
DA 2008/845	37/15A Herbert Street	Air con unit
DA 2008/890	4 McLachlan Ave Art	Construction of Council Depot

(b) **Events** – The Willoughby Choir Christmas Carols event was originally to be held in conjunction with the NPA and at St Leonard's Catholic Church on Willoughby Road, however, a suitable date was not available.

(c) **Library and Community Centre** – Redevelopment of Community Centre – planning and upgrade cannot take place until the existing after school care operating in the Centre can be moved to Bales Park.

(d) **Membership** – 102 financial members. David Lendrum was thanked for doing the hand deliveries to those members who are not on email. 82% of members receive minutes and agendas by email.

(e) **Naremburn Matters** – the December has been well received; production costs are \$10 more than advertising revenue; all advertisers in Naremburn Matters had been invited to the Christmas Function; the meeting welcomed Penny Wade who has advertised in every issue of Naremburn Matters, being the only advertiser to have achieved this distinction; the NPA appreciates her support of our newsletter.

(f) **Open Spaces and Landscaping** – WCC has cleaned area around Shops; Willoughby Road north - trees that were damaged or had died have been replaced; letter of thanks has been sent to WCC.

(g) **Young Parents** – Working Party meeting to be held in February 2009

(h) **Website** - younger members of Naremburn should be encouraged to write articles for the website; publicity for this to be in Naremburn Matters; the number of 'hits' on the website has increased. In appreciation of the voluntary work done to establish and maintain the website, a gift was presented to Nigel Smith with thanks for the work done by him and his wife, Rebecca.

10. CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK - 30 Members, 14 Apologies from Members, 2 Visitors

11. MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN – none for this meeting

12. NEXT MEETING: - Thursday, 12 February 2009 at 7:30 pm, Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street.

13. CLOSURE: - The meeting concluded at 8:45 pm

14. CHRISTMAS CHEER - Members and guests enjoyed a glass or two accompanied by delectable nibbles provided by generous NPA member 'chefs'.