

NAREMBURN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 12 FEBRUARY 2009

Meeting commenced at 7:35 pm
Naremburn Community Centre 7 Central Street Naremburn

1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **Dulcie Barratt** (Kevin FitzPatrick - Central St) – This Naremburn resident of long-standing, and NPA member recently passed away. A minute's silence was observed for Dulcie and for the Victorian Bushfires victims.
- (b) **Distribution of Minutes** (George Farrell – Merrenburn Ave) – is there an NPA requirement for timing of minutes distribution? The aim is for distribution not later than one week before the next meeting.
- (c) **Tree Removal Rohan St** (Aldo di Santo, owner of properties in Rohan St & Willoughby Rd) – A sign has been placed on a tree indicating proposed removal.
- (d) **St Cuthbert's Anglican Church** (Roger Promnitz - Merrenburn Ave) – Building work well under way, first floor slab is being formed up. David Lendrum requested that the contractor be asked to keep the site tidy.
- (e) **Willoughby Road Parking** (Claus Blunck – Waters Rd) – Northbound traffic turning right into Merrenburn Ave stops Willoughby Rd traffic as parked vehicles preclude passing. Possible parking restrictions discussed.
- (f) **School for Naremburn** (Karen Pearson – Northcote St) – The next School Working Party meeting will be held Friday 13 February. A report will be in the next issue of Naremburn Matters.
- (g) **Naremburn Pizzeria** ((Kevin FitzPatrick - Central St) – Proprietor Aret Odabasyan is leaving after 21 years. Aret had been invited to attend the meeting; Kevin said that there was a card for members to sign. On Aret's arrival at the meeting, Kevin said that Aret has been an integral part of the Naremburn scene; given generous support to the NPA with raffle prizes such as dinner for 6 at the Pizzeria, supporting Naremburn Matters with advertising, always being a welcoming host. Kevin presented Aret with a memento of Naremburn. In reply Aret stated that he enjoyed the patronage of Naremburn people and the friendship and support of the NPA, "In fact I have no brothers and sisters – you are my brothers and sisters". After Aret left the meeting, it was suggested that NPA members at large be invited to share a meal at Naremburn Pizzeria and farewell Aret on Sunday 1 March at 6:00 pm – to be confirmed.
- (h) **Neighbourhood Watch** (Kevin FitzPatrick - Central St) – Disaster communications discussed; how would we communicate any disaster/major upheaval in Naremburn? Neighbourhood Watch had discussed the possibility of setting up a 'telephone tree' so that they could alert residents of a local disaster, or, disruption; an example was given of a fuel tanker catching fire after traffic accident near the Naremburn Shops.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the General Meeting of 11 December 2008 were confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
Proposed: Margaret Stewart; Seconded: Roger Promnitz.

3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS – Rod Gilmour, Anne Rein, John Hinson, Viviane Leveaux

4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS – Peta Di Palma, Brian Addison, Francois Devos

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **Baseball Diamond Lights and Associated Landscaping** 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 – Northbound on Willoughby Rd** – a traffic survey is currently being conducted.
- (c) **Naremburn School** – Working Party meeting to be held on 13 February 2009
- (d) **Oral History Program** – Project is ongoing; interview with Gordon Prentice; others also set to be interviewed; individual profiles will be added to the website, with accompanying photograph where possible.
- (e) **Naremburn Shops** – Aldo di Santo advised that conditions for back lane access by some shop keepers have changed as has rear lane access to his property in Rohan Street.
- (f) **Rohan Street/Willoughby Rd Intersection** – ‘Keep clear’ markings are yet to be placed on the northbound lanes, Councillor Lamb will follow up.
- (g) **Dodds Street East** – Executive will check on the progress of this
- (h) **Life Membership Guidelines** – Executive developing these for presentation to a future general meeting.
- (i) **The Roles of Office Bearers and Committee Members** - Office bearer roles and responsibilities discussed; written descriptions to assist new candidates are in process; suggestion that these could be placed on the website. George Farrell did question this process suggesting that it needs OK from members. President stated that these would be guidelines to assist people who may stand for election to the Executive. They are a work in progress and would be submitted to the general membership.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

In

- (a) 30/01/2009 – letter – Nick Tobin, WCC – response to NPA letter of requests for the Community Centre
- (b) 05/02/2009 – email - Roger Promnitz – April meeting date falls on Maundy Thursday – date change?

Out

Not reported

Noted: the timing of the Secretary’s return from a conference in Adelaide meant that she missed this meeting. Both incoming and outgoing correspondence will be recorded for the 12 March general meeting after the AGM.

7. ACCOUNTS

Carried Forward	\$4,095.40
<u>Income:-</u>	
Membership subs	\$ 90.00
Advertising Income NM Dec 08	\$1,100.00
Donations	\$ 4.00
Bank Interest	<u>\$ 3.66</u>
	\$1,197.66
Brought Forward	\$5,293.06
<u>Expenditure:-</u>	
Robin Phelan – NM December	\$2,010.80
Trisha FitzPatrick – envelope labels	\$ 16.90
Kevin FitzPatrick – Life Membership Awards	\$ 224.00
David Lendrum – wine, beer, ice, etc, Dec	\$ 136.13
	\$2,387.83
Carried Forward	\$2,905.23
<u>Expenditure Approvals Requested:-</u>	
David Lendrum – Feb supper	\$ 6.20
Kevin FitzPatrick – photocopying	\$ 5.00

That these expenditures be approved
Proposed: Barry Shaw: Seconded: Martha Follent

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

Federation – Don Swonnell and Kevin FitzPatrick, as Naremburn delegates, attended the FWPA meeting of 7 February. Northbridge Plaza Masterplan: - public meeting organized by Northbridge PA at St Mark’s Anglican Hall, to discuss current situation; limited response by public to a questionnaire on Planning Proposal. Open Spaces in Northbridge, proposed Masterplan: - golf course area; suggested that Northbridge Football Club had called for a review

of facilities in the area; there are objections that more bushland will be lost; Deputy Mayor Cr Thompson said that the Masterplan is to be reviewed, the greater good of the whole of the Willoughby City community must be considered. NSROC is considering how all Northside Councils view sporting facility responsibilities. Process Improvement Committee to review and improve delivery of service has been set up by WCC. Traffic Issues: - A Waters Road resident attended Traffic Committee meeting but not successful in achieving calming devices in that street; traffic hazards for bikes in Brook Street and Merrenburn Avenue. Cultural:- Christmas Carols in Willoughby Park a great success, call for this event to be repeated; Don Swonnell reported on Poetry at Dusk at Lawson Cave; Earth Hour to be celebrated at Naremburn Park on 28 March, 5:00 pm to 9:30 pm – Naremburn PA and Artarmon PA were invited to assist WCC with this event. Heritage Week: - April pub crawl of four historic hotels in Willoughby City. WCC Financial:- Council's share of the Federal Government's \$50 million grant to local government is \$287,000 to be shared by the 4 Wards of Willoughby City; WCC has received compensation from TIDIC for the Council land resumed in the development of the railway site in Chatswood, however the amount received is confidential.

Ward Councillors – Councillor Kate Lamb reported: Dargan Street resident representations concerning commuter parking issues received by WCC; there is a need for a morning meeting to look at all day parking; the majority of the street needs to be in agreement; as for allocation of parking spaces, the number of parking spaces on your site determines how many on street spaces/permits can be issued, i.e. if you have one space onsite you can get one on the street. if you have 2 or more on site you won't get any on the street! Cr Lamb reminded us that we are part of an expanding city, we need to change people's attitude to transport. It was felt that more information on parking issues and resident parking zones is needed on WCC website.

9. SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS

(a) DAs – 9 tabled

DA 2008/161	5 Adolphus St	Unauthorised work garden shed
DA 2008/898	15 Garland Rd	Alts & Adds
DA 2008/915	2 Probate St	Alts & Adds
DA 2008/945	14 Artarmon Rd Willoughby	New 2 storey workshop
DA 2008/948	1 Dawson St	Pool & Alts & Adds
DA 2008/952	96 Hotham Pde Artarmon	Signage
DA 2008/954	38 Northcote St	New dwelling carport & pool
DA 2008/955	132 Northcote St	Alt & Adds
DA 2008/971	275 Willoughby Rd	Alts & Adds
DA 2008/979	75 Dickson Ave Artarmon	Minor upgrade
DA 2008/983	9 Waltham St Artarmon	Signage
DA 2009/12	29 Rhodes Ave	Alt & Adds
DA 2009/19	21 Slade St	New garage

(b) **Events** – Don Swonnell reported on Bush Poetry reading at Henry Lawson Cave in February; next Lawson event is June 2009. Heritage Week tour of historic pubs in Willoughby, Don will lead this tour. Earth Hour event 28 March, Naremburn Park; all residents and businesses invited to participate. Commercial buildings lighting and conditioning use in Chandos St west discussed. NPA to send letter to WCC describing out of hours energy use in the Chandos St buildings and expressing the community's keenness to engage with local business people re energy conservation. Julianne Blunck to draft letter. RNSH car park lighting also discussed, comment could be included in above letter.

(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. Response received from Nick Tobin regarding NPA's requests for the upgraded Centre.

(d) **Membership** – 4 new members welcomed so far in 2009.

(e) **Naremburn Matters** – March issue advertising in place; 2009 printing costs for an 8 page issues have increased by the equivalent of two and a half small advertisements; cost containment discussed, including reducing the print run from 3,000 to 2,800 copies and not having the issue scored and folded to DL as per usual.

(f) **Open Spaces and Landscaping** – Nothing new to report

(g) **Young Parents** – School Working Party meeting to be held on Friday, 13 February

(h) **Website** – 'Latest News' items are regularly updated.

10 CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK – 19 Members, 10 Apologies from Members, 2 Visitors

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

12. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: - Thursday, 12 March 2009 at 7:30 pm, followed by a brief March monthly meeting, Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street.

13. CLOSURE: - The meeting concluded at 9:20 pm