

# NAREMBURN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 13 AUGUST 2009

Meeting commenced at 7:30 pm  
Naremburn Community Centre 7 Central Street Naremburn

### 1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **Martha Follent (Garland Road)** Vale Street Proposed Development. This large apartment complex was refused by North Sydney Council at the meeting of 20 July 2009 by 10 votes to 2. 12 people spoke against the proposal, 1 for.
- (b) **Frances O'Brien (Ruth Street)** Dargan Street, introduction of 2 hour parking. A resident parking scheme including this restriction has been introduced for one side and extends to a part of the street where homes do not have off street parking. Payment for permits by these residents seems unfair. Councillor Barry Thompson commented that this was the way that these schemes worked and there was some controversy; it had been suggested that a description of the operation of Resident Parking Schemes should be included on Council's website.
- (c) **Trisha FitzPatrick (Central Street)** Central Street footpath. The poor condition of the eastern footpath from number 15 down to Market Street is considered a safety hazard. NPA to send a letter requesting repair to WCC.
- (d) **Kevin FitzPatrick (Central Street)** St Cuthbert's Church – Rev Nigel Fortescue has advised that the prominent air conditioning units on the roof of the new structure will be screened.
- (e) **Kevin FitzPatrick (Central street)** Long Gully Bridge (Northbridge Suspension Bridge) anti suicide barriers. Following a Coroner's report the RTA is investigating installing barriers along the bridge. The RTA has produced a report which includes 3 options none of which is acceptable to the local community. A competition with a \$1,500 prize has been initiated to generate fresh ideas. NPA to write to the RTA expressing support for ongoing design work. Martha Follent will provide a draft.

### 2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the General Meeting of 11 June 2009, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Proposed: Annaliese Appleton; Seconded: Robyn Butler.

### 3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Alison Norman, Michael Norman, Reet Simmul, Jeremy Adams

Proposed: Trisha FitzPatrick, Seconded: Robyn Butler

### 4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Norman Jennings, Glen Johnston, Matthew Kishore

### 5. MATTER ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **Ella Street Bridge closure and traffic issues** - Councillor Barry Thompson advised that the revised Traffic Management Plan has been accepted by the Council Traffic Committee. The contractor was reluctant to place advisory signs at more distant locations and these will not be installed. Once the bridge is closed the situation will be monitored and future problems will be addressed if they arise.  
Annaliese Appleton asked what mechanism was in place for residents to pass on problems. Councillor Thompson advised that there will be a 1800 phone number but suggested advising Council may be a better way to have concerns addressed.
- (b) **Northcote Street commuter parking** - Covered by the previous meeting, awaiting Steven Head advice.
- (c) **Naremburn School Working Party (NSWP)** - The public meeting was held on Thursday 2 July. The broad outcome was that resources will be allocated to surrounding schools and a school will not be re-opened in Naremburn. This decision raises transport as a major issue. A good outcome is that the NSW Department of Education & Training, the Catholic Education Office and WCC are now communicating about the issues concerning schools in our area. A transport item is included in the public meeting resolution. Unfortunately a bus link to Artarmon School is being resisted due to the unsuitability of streets along the route.  
An overall Willoughby City transport strategy (the Artarmon Loop service is an example) is being developed and school transport will be included. Willoughby City Council is aware of the school transport problems and sees integration with an overall system the best solution.

- (d) **Oral History program** – There have been interviews with some 80 year olds in the community. Kevin FitzPatrick reported on a conversation with Keith Brittliffe who ran a deli then pet shop at 292 Willoughby Road (now Cream) until 1978. Rent for the shop and the flat above where the family lived was £3 per week
- (e) **Naremburn Shops** - Sam the Organic Butcher at 296 Willoughby Road did not have his lease renewed and is to be replaced by a cooked chicken shop. Sam will have an advertisement in the September issue of NM and has offered to deliver meat to Naremburn for free. A DA for a fitness studio has been lodged for the space above 296 and 298. Kevin FitzPatrick advised that none of the shop keepers, as tenants, had received notification of this DA and he said that a shop keeper organisation would be helpful. Kevin also advised that some friction existed between shop owners and that vehicle parking issues, particularly in the area behind the shops needed attention.
- (f) **Life Membership Guidelines** – in the process of development.
- (g) **The roles of Office-Bearers and Committee Members** – a description of the work of a committee member as well as office-bearers is under revision.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

### In

- (a) 07/08/2009 Letter WCC Acknowledgement of NPA letter re DA 2009/334 Fitness Studio
- (b) 12/08/2009 Email John Dale Cricket at Naremburn Park
- (c) 13/08/2009 Letter WCC Code of Conduct, Community Representatives Edition

### Out

- (a) 05/08/2009 Letter WCC DA 2009/334 Fitness Studio
- (b) 12/08/2009 Email John Dale Cricket at Naremburn Park

## 7. ACCOUNTS

Cash at Bank:	\$4,090.27
Expenditure Approvals Requested	
2 year Web domain name renewal	\$ 33.00
OFT returns – approx fee	\$ 47.00

That these expenditures be approved:

Proposed: Martha Follent, Seconded: Beryl Batterham

## 8. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS REPORT

Kevin FitzPatrick Naremburn Delegate

### Annual General Meeting 1/8/2009

Mayor Pat Reilly acted as returning officer for the election of the following office bearers for 2009/2010.

President: Jim McCredie (Chatswood West PA)

Vice Presidents: Don Swonnell (Naremburn PA) and Ted Wilson (Castle Cove PA)

Secretary and Public Officer: Peter Egan (Artarmon PA)

Treasurer: John Lightfoot (Northbridge PA)

The Mayor addressed the meeting and took questions. Council's financial status is good. Civic Place is ahead of schedule. Willoughby is witnessing population growth and needs to address the needs of both youth and older residents.

The State Government had stripped Council of Section 94 monies with an initial contribution for the Chatswood Interchange developments of \$1.4M to Council but eventually WCC was granted \$18.4M.

The Mayor commented on the positive value of Progress Associations and their contribution to local communities.

One of the best value for money ways of communicating with local communities are local newsletters like Naremburn Matters.

Questions were taken on possible council amalgamations, providing local aged care facilities.

Other matters discussed were: Northbridge Suspension Bridge security; Ella Street Bridge closure; the exhibition of the bushfire plan; park improvement works for 2009/2010 which include \$25,000 for new picnic settings in Naremburn Park.

## 9. WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Councillor Barry Thompson

Civic Place is progressing well. It is likely that a deal may be able to be done with the owners of some of the properties at the Victoria Avenue/Archer Street corner of the site. The potential operators of the hotel/apartment development on the old library carpark site seem to be having financial issues and the complementary timing of completion of this part of the overall development may not occur.

The Council study into aquatic facilities is part of an overall major facilities study and has been very well executed.

There are some changes recommended to the Willoughby Leisure Centre which, 20 years after completion is in need of an update. A 50M pool is not recommended due to usage patterns. Changes may include a warmer pool for hydrotherapy type activities and more diverse "fun" facilities.

The Victoria Avenue Mall DA is to be lodged within the next month with a presentation to Council in September with construction to occur in the first quarter of 2010.

The commercial and residential developments associated with Chatswood Railway Station are causing much disappointment due to company financial problems and the developments are currently in limbo..

Frances O'Brien asked about progress on the Northbridge Plaza redevelopment, Councillor Thompson replied that this project has been affected by the current financial climate and the hard line taken by the local community and that the delay in any redevelopment could be long term.

Robyn Butler asked about maintenance to the landscaped areas at the end of Park Road associated with the Lane Cove tunnel work. Cr Thompson was unsure who is responsible long term in this area.

## 10. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

### (a) DAs - 15 tabled

DA 2008/66/A	27 Slade St	S96 Modify front fence height
DA 2008/390/A	72 Chandos St St Leonards	S96 Internal & external changes
DA 2009/68	31 Darvall St	Unauthorized timber pergola
DA 2009/170	7 Donnelly Rd	Long day care, review of WCC determination
DA 2009/331	19 Darvall St	Alterations & additions
DA 2009 334	296 & 298 Willoughby Rd	Upstairs fitness studio
DA 2009/367	1/5 Cleg St Artarmon	Replace existing signage
DA 2009 368	1/5 Cleg St Artarmon	Installation of signage
DA 2009/407	61 Park Rd	Demolition of existing dwelling, build new
DA 2009/409	14 Chandos St St Leonards	Install sign
DA 2009/415	169 Willoughby Rd (BP Garage)	Subdivision into 2 lots
DA 2009/429	426 Willoughby Rd Willoughby	Alterations & additions
DA 2009/442	43 Northcote St	Demolish & reconstruct carport
DA 2009/446	2 Quarry St	Alterations & additions
DA 2009/452	79 Whiting St Artarmon	Warehouse occupation

(b) **Events** – Willoughby Spring Fair. Naremburn Community Centre will host its open day on 5 September which will feature a Progress Association photo display of “before and after”. A sculpture display and prize will be held at the Incinerator from 26 September to 5 October. The street fair will be on Saturday 12 September and public transport services will be changed to accommodate the closure of Chatswood CBD streets.

(c) **Membership** – The membership is 128 with 97 having renewed so far for 2009. The cut off date for non financial members is 12 June. Trisha FitzPatrick commented that she thought the membership details in the constitution needed explaining to members.

(d) **Naremburn Matters** – Preparation of the September issue is progressing well. Advertisers are keen to contribute and articles are being completed for distribution at the end of August.

(e) **Website** – A letter from Merrenburn road resident regarding the history of the child care centre proposal for 7 Donnelly Road will be included in Latest News. Members can submit material for inclusion to any member of the Executive. Karen Pearson suggested that notice of new items In Latest News could be emailed to members. Trisha agreed to commence this ASAP.

(f) **Open Space** – The east side of Willoughby Road between Garland Road and Slade Street needs to be tidied up. NPA to send a letter to WCC.

Naremburn Hill area in front of Cornerstone units needs attention as rubbish has accumulated and a tree canopy is blocking vision of vehicles exiting the freeway of the pedestrian crossing. NPA to send a letter to WCC

The nature strip outside 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Liquor at the corner of Quiamong Street is untidy and needs attention. Correspondence with WCC has occurred and WCC will be following up with the Manager.

National Tree Day was held on 2 August and trees were planted in several streets, including Dalleys Road and Northcote Street. 80 tree guards were placed around existing trees; 2010 NTD will be 1 August 2010.

The annual ‘Tree Butchering Day by Energy Australia’ recently occurred.

Graffiti is an ongoing problem. All activity needs to be reported to 131 444. A recent attack at 1st Choice was recorded on the store’s CCTV; photos of tags and a spray can will be given to Chatswood Police.

The Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group meeting was held on 30 July. A hand rail will be installed along the steep path from the end of Gaza Road to the Reserve path.

A lane cricket competition has been suggested with a prize of \$200 donated by a local business.

(g) **Young Parents** - Karen Pearson commented on the last school holiday activities run by the Naremburn Library which were not very well attended. Perhaps email could be used to distribute information about upcoming holiday activities. To increase awareness of the Naremburn Community Centre open day information could be put in the Cammeray and Artarmon Public School newsletters two weeks ahead.

11. **CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK** - 14 members, 5 apologies, 1 visitor (who joined on the night)

12. **MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN** - None for this meeting

13. **NEXT GENERAL MEETING** - Thursday, 10 September 2009 at 7:30 pm, Naremburn Community Centre, Central Street.

14. **SUPPER**

15. **CLOSURE** - The meeting concluded at 9:35 pm