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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 8 OCTOBER 2009

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

1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **Roger Promnitz (Merrenburn Avenue)** - St Cuthbert's Church –Completion is now closer than it was at the last NPA meeting with occupation now expected in late November. Outstanding work includes the audio visual fitout. There have been some issues with the contractor but all is generally going well.
- (b) **Trisha FitzPatrick (Central Street)** – Bicycle Ride to Work Day is Wednesday 14 October and WCC breakfast will be provided at Naremburn Shops from 6.30 to 9.30 am.
- (c) **Frances O'Brien (Ruth Street)** – Frances who is Director of Theatre Nursing at Prince of Wales was approached by an orthopaedic surgeon to take part in an ortho clinic in Fiji where they would visit the outlying island of Lambasa to perform surgery outreach. The area has a population of 22,000 and Frances and the surgeon were the only white people. They saw approximately 100 patients and performed about 40 operations ranging from broken fingers to a major neck break.
"Orthopaedic Outreach" is the support organisation; donations assist this very worthwhile work.
- (d) **Doug Armstrong (Martin Street)** – A Thomas Dux store is opening in Crows Nest on Saturday 10 October.
- (e) **Kevin FitzPatrick (Central Street)** – The 3 Catholic Parishes of Naremburn, Northbridge, and Willoughby have been amalgamated as the Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore; a celebration will be held at St Leonards Church at 10.30 am. Sunday 11 October 2009.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the General Meeting of 10 September 2009, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Proposed: Roger Promnitz; Seconded: Matthew Kishore.

3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

None for this meeting.

4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

John McCrae.

5. MATTER ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **Ella Street Bridge temporary closure and traffic issues** – Since closure of the bridge on 21 September there has been no negative or positive feedback to the NPA. Noted that there is a rather confusing sign at the site of the traffic lights controlling the road works single lane area of Dalleys Road near the bridge. A detour sign directs traffic to the left around the block where vehicles end up where they started in Dalleys Road none the wiser as to where to go. Better signage is needed; letter to be sent to WCC.
- (b) **Northcote Street commuter parking** - Covered by a previous meeting, awaiting Steven Head advice.
- (c) **Naremburn School Working Party (NSWP)** – This issue has gone quiet since the public meeting of Thursday 2 July. Kevin FitzPatrick advised that the Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore is considering placing its administration operation within the former St Leonards Catholic Primary School building. A dilapidation report on the St Leonards School building is being completed by Broken Bay Diocese.
- (d) **Oral History program** – Kevin FitzPatrick commented that some things never change, he came across a report on complaints from 1969 NPA minutes that the Gaza Road pathway to Hallstrom Park was in poor condition. Now 40 years later we are writing to Council for the installation of a hand rail.

- (e) **Naremburn Shops** – An on site Councillor meeting to assess the proposed fitness centre at 296-298 Willoughby Road has been requested; date TBA. Vehicle parking and traffic flows are of concern.
- Glenmore Road residents have raised the issue of the unrestricted parking in this street being heavily used by commuters; noted that the traffic and parking survey done as part of the supporting documentation for DA 2009/334 was completed at a time of low traffic and parking volumes due to 2 shops being closed. It is considered that this report does not reflect the true situation.
- Michael Hockey, (former NPA Vice President) has advised Kevin that the original traffic flow through the parking area in front of the shops was planned to be entry by the slip road at the north end of the area and exit at the drive way south of the Willoughby Road/Freeway off-ramp traffic lights.
- Following a request from the NPA the parking area in the lower level of 1st Choice Liquor is being investigated by WCC to determine DA compliance.
- The Progress Association over the years has supported the retention of the shops and their continuing contribution to the community of Naremburn.
- (f) **Life Membership Guidelines** – The Constitution paragraph 6 states; ‘Honorary Life Membership may be conferred on a member who has served the Association in any special manner. Such a member may be nominated by any member on Notice of Motion giving one (1) month’s notice of the nomination.’ In practice, the NPA has given its awards at the December-Christmas meeting; Life Membership nominations to meet this time frame would need to be made by the beginning of October each year.
- (g) **The Roles of Office-Bearers and Committee Members** – A broad description of the work of a committee member as well as office-bearers is available.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

In

- (a) 09/09/2009 Letter WCC, 1st Choice liquor store landscaping – has been passed on to relevant officer.
- (b) 15/09/2009 Letter WCC, Warners Park Opening – Invitation to opening.
- (c) 23/09/2009 Letter RTA, Long Gully Bridge – Announcement of safety barrier
- (d) 29/09/2009 Email WCC, Passenger Kiss & Ride drop off St Leonards Station.
- (e) 01/10/2009 Letter WCC, DA 2009/334 296 Willoughby Road Gymnasium proposal – Response to NPA submission including officer’s report with recommendation to approve.
- (f) 02/10/2009 Letter WCC, Willoughby Guide 2010 – Request for additions or suggestions.
- (g) 06/10/2009 Letter WCC, Exhibition of Proposed Amendments to Willoughby Development Control Plan.
- (h) 06/10/2009 Letter WCC, Naremburn Hill – advice of work completion and ongoing monthly maintenance.
- (i) 07/10/2009 Letter WCC, Willoughby Road between Garland Road and Slade Street – completion of works.
- (j) 08/10/2009 Letter The Hon Joe Hockey - North Sydney Community Awards – Call for nominations.

Out

- (a) 15/09/2009 Letter - NPA support of Willoughby [Library] Local Studies Unit application for Special Grant.
- (b) 29/09/2009 Email John Gleeson, Passenger Kiss & Ride drop off at St Leonards Station.
- (c) 30/09/2009 Email John Dale – no further information on cricket at Naremburn Park in the 1940s.
- (d) 08/10/2009 Email WCC, NPA request for Ward Councillor meeting re DA 2009/334, 296 Willoughby Road.

7. ACCOUNTS

Cash at Bank:	\$5,043.92
<u>Income</u>	
Bank Interest	\$3.65
Advertising	\$900.00
Membership Fees	\$10.00

Expenditure

No cheques written since the last meeting

Expenditure Approvals Requested

Howard Townsend Supper Oct meeting	\$12.15
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That this expenditure be approved:

Proposed: Trisha FitzPatrick, Seconded: Barry Shaw

8. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS REPORT

No meeting held since the last NPA meeting

9. WARD COUNCILLORS’ REPORT

None present; apologies from Councillor Barry Thompson, Councillor Kate Lamb.

Barry Thompson sent the following report by email.

1. The Spring Festival was bigger and better than ever. A great credit to Council's staff. In my mind the highlight was the Sculpture Prize display at the partly refurbished incinerator. Indications are that the incinerator space will be great additions to our city's community and cultural facilities. It is scheduled to be completed in 2010.
2. I have not received any comments, adverse or otherwise, in relation to the closure of the Ella St bridge.

3. The Infrastructure Director is about to put out for comment a proposal for major changes to traffic control around Bicentennial Park on Saturdays. I am delighted with the scope and originality of the proposals and believe they will go a long way to resolving traffic issues. (With that resolution, it is hoped that residents will look favorably on proposals to increase the range of features at and around the Leisure Centre)
4. Civic Place construction continues ahead of schedule and within budget.
5. Despite valiant efforts by the Mayor and Sailors Bay councillors, the RTA seems hell-bent on foisting an early barrier system on the Northbridge. The Mayor continues to look for ways to delay the process but prospects are not good.
6. Cllr Mandy Stevens from West Ward was elected deputy mayor for the next year, last week - much to my disappointment. Her name was drawn in a ballot with Cllr Norton.

10. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) DAs - 12 tabled

DA 2006/959/A	62 Mitchell Street	S96 modifications
DA 2007/104/A	23 Dickson Avenue Artarmon	S96 modifications
DA 2009/512	30 Chandos Street St Leonards	New 6 storey mixed commercial and residential building
DA 2009/541	4 Herbert Street St Leonards	Install 20m mast for mobile phone antennae
DA 2009/553	14/11 Herbert Street St Leonards	Install vent system
DA 2009/554	92 Hotham Parade Artarmon	New industrial building
DA 2009/558	27 Tindale Road Artarmon	Renovation of dwelling
DA 2009/573	5 Marks Street	Alterations & additions to roof space
DA 2009/574 (2)	110 Northcote Street	Alterations & additions
DA 2009/579	34 Merrenburn Avenue	Proposed outbuilding
DA 2009/585	9 Adolphus Street	Install skylights and vents

- (b) **Naremburn Community Centre** – No further information is available. Letter to be sent to WCC
- (c) **Events** – Willoughby Spring Fair was a great success. The sculpture display and prize held at the Incinerator from 26 September to 5 October had a huge turnout despite poor signage. The Incinerator refurbishment completion is expected in February 2010. The Willoughby Leisure Centre Open Day on Saturday 26 September attracted more than 1,000 visitors.
Doug Armstrong reported that the North Shore Diabetes Group will hold a fund raising BBQ at Bunnings Artarmon on Saturday 14 November.
- (d) **Membership** – 1 renewal has been received since the last meeting; reminders to be sent.
- (e) **Naremburn Matters** – September issue has been distributed; increasing enquiry for advertising and articles is being received via the website; we send out advertising rates and deadlines to enquirers.
- (f) **Open Space** – Noted that WCC had responded well to NPA correspondence requesting various maintenance works. NPA to write a letter to WCC expressing appreciation and thanks for works completed. There is a problem with storm water drainage at the corner of Slade and Central Streets; letter to be sent to WCC.
A hand rail is to be installed at the access to Bicentennial Reserve at Gaza Road; letter to be sent to WCC
- (g) **Website** – Nigel Smith advised of a technical improvement to the website “Real Simple Syndication”; the RSS icon is on the home page; Nigel is to provide draft email to Trisha so she can notify members of this new feature that enables members to be notified when new items are placed on the website.
Nigel advised that an additional grant for the website may be available from Zurich.
Rebecca Lazenby requested more digital photographs for inclusion in the website Naremburn slide show and asked that mention of this be made in subsequent issues of Naremburn Matters.
- (h) **Young Parents** – Anneliese Appleton had tendered her apologies; no further update at this stage.

11. **CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK** - 15 members, 9 apologies, 0 visitors

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

13. **NEXT GENERAL MEETING** - Thursday, 12 November 2009, 7:30 pm, Community Centre, Central Street.

14. **CLOSURE** - The meeting concluded at 8.42 pm

15. **SUPPER**