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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 12 NOVEMBER 2009

Meeting commenced at 7:40 pm
Naremburn Community Centre 7 Central Street Naremburn

1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **Roger Promnitz (Merrenburn Avenue)** - St Cuthbert's Church – Occupation of the new Ministry Centre is and return to the Church building is now expected before Christmas 2009.
- (b) **Roger Promnitz (Merrenburn Avenue)** – Vehicle right hand turn from Willoughby Road into Small Street was discussed at the NPA April meeting. Has any progress been made? Noted that Steven Head, Infrastructure Services Director, WCC, has provided a Traffic Plan for access and egress from the facilities along Small Street and that it was available for perusal.
- (c) **Doug Armstrong (Martin Street)** – Foliage is creating poor visibility at the intersection of Martin street and Henry Lane.
- (d) **Donne Kessler (Waters Road)** – Since the closure of the Ella Street bridge there has been a noticeable improvement in traffic in the general area.
- (e) **Bruce de Graaf (Dalleys Road)** – Traffic conditions in the Naremburn west area around Dalleys Road have improved considerable since the closure of the Ella Street bridge.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the General Meeting of 8 October 2009, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Proposed: Roger Promnitz; Seconded: Don Swonnell.

3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

None for this meeting.

4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

None for this meeting.

5. MATTER ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **Ella Street Bridge temporary closure and traffic issues** – Since the temporary closure of the bridge on 21 September nearby residents have noted a huge improvement in the traffic in Dalleys without any deterioration in traffic conditions in any of the streets which would be used as a detour to access the Lambs Road Bridge.
A proposal of several years ago to close both the Ella Street and Lambs Road bridges to vehicular traffic was discussed. Back then residents of Naremburn were divided as many who lived in the north zone who were not subject to through traffic considered that the inconvenience that would have been created was unacceptable. The closure of the Ella Street bridge and the resulting improvement in traffic conditions in the Dalleys Road area which seems to have occurred without creating any negative impacts on local traffic generally in Naremburn west raises the concept of Ella Street bridge not re-opening to vehicular traffic. General discussion indicated that the members present would support this idea and that the principle should be presented to the broader Naremburn west community.
Councillor Kate Lamb stated that Steven Head WCC Infrastructure Services Director would support a community survey to determine the future use of the new Ella Street Bridge.
A resolution was put to the meeting:
"Naremburn Progress Association is to contact Steven Head of Willoughby City Council to arrange to work with Council to determine community attitudes towards the closure of the Ella Street bridge to vehicular traffic."
Proposed: Kevin FitzPatrick, Seconded David Lendrum, carried.

- (b) **Naremburn School Working Party (NSWP)** – This issue has gone quiet since the public meeting of Thursday 2 July. Initial “Building the Education Revolution” work has started at Cammeray School.
- (d) **Oral History program** – Much material is becoming available. An old advertising sign has been found at Andersons Hardware. Suggested candidates for recorded interviews are Ida Brooks, Richard Kelly and Betty who lives next door to Beryl Batterham.
- (e) **Naremburn Shops** – An on site Councillor meeting to assess the proposed fitness centre for upstairs at 296-298 Willoughby Road has been requested; date TBA , most likely early 2010. Vehicle parking and traffic flows are of concern.
- (f) **Long Gully Bridge Northbridge** – No change as the RTA seems to have gone quiet on their proposal.
- (g) **The Roles of Office-Bearers and Committee Members** – A description of the roles of committee members as well as office-bearers is nearing completion.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

In

- (a) 15/10/2009 Letter WCC, 2009/2010 Summer Season Sportground allocations. Donna Kessler raised the issue of community input to the allocations.
- (b) 16/10/2009 Letter Mallesons Stephen Jaques, Vale St Cammeray unit proposal to Land & Environment Court.
- (c) 23/09/2009 Letter WCC, Bicentennial Reserve – Parking & Traffic- proposals.
- (d) 29/09/2009 Letter WCC, General Manager Nick Tobin acceptance of NPA invitation to address 11/02/2010 meeting.
- (e) 12/11/2009 Invitation WCC, Opening of Castle Cove Library 10.30 am 21 November 2009.

Out

- (a) 05/11/2009 Letter WCC, NPA thanks for street maintenance.
- (b) 05/11/2009 Letter WCC, Gaza Road entrance to Bicentennial Reserve request for installation of hand rail.
- (c) 05/11/2009 Letter WCC, Naremburn Community Centre, Invitation to GM to attend NPA February meeting.

7. ACCOUNTS_

Cash at Bank:	\$4,405.00
<u>Income</u>	
NM advertising	\$1,320.00
Membership Fees	\$10.00
<u>Expenditure</u>	
Robin Phelan NM September	\$1,957.28
Open Day and September GM	\$10.80
<u>Expenditure Approvals Requested</u>	
Kevin FitzPatrick Supper Nov meeting	\$5.50

That this expenditure be approved:
Proposed: David Lendrum, Seconded: Martha Follent

8. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS REPORT

Kevin commented that with the change of Office-Bearers for the FWPA there have been problems with adequate notice of meetings. Both he and Don were sent their agendas on the day of the last FWPA meeting which resulted in neither of them being able to attend. A recent decision of the FWPA changed the 6-weekly meeting date from Saturday morning to Wednesday evening and this, while being convenient for parents with children who play Saturday sport, has meant a drop in attendance by other delegates and by WCC Councillors.

9. WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Councillor Kate Lamb.

Councillor Lamb apologised for not being able to attend more NPA meetings, having commitments as a member of the Gore Hill cemetery committee and WCC Bushland Committee which meet on Thursday evenings.

The traffic and parking issues at Bicentennial Reserve have received much attention by council with major studies resulting in the proposal that the NPA received in correspondence.

The Department of Education & Training Regional Director has met with WCC to initiate a major study of schools on the Lower North Shore. NPA to write to WCC requesting attendance at meetings involving schools local to Naremburn.

10. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) DAs - 11 tabled

OTH 2009/8	Chandos Street St Leonards	Public car park for 60 vehicles
DA 2008/287/A	54 Market Street	S96 modifications
DA 2009/55	30A Dawson Street	Amended plans – first floor addition
DA 2009/595	25 Rhodes Avenue	Alterations & additions

DA 2009/623	39 Herbert Street Artarmon	Install 3 chiller units on rooftop
DA 2009/625	7 Francis Street	Alterations and new carport
DA 2009/641	20 Wheatleigh Street	Alterations & additions
DA 2009/647	6 Walter Street	Replacement of rear deck
DA 2009/676	66 Mitchell Street	Alterations & additions
DA 2009/680	6 Artarmon Road Willoughby	Proposed tenancy fitouts
DA 2009/684	56 Mitchell Street	Demolish existing dwelling erect new dwelling

- (b) **Naremburn Community Centre** – General Manager, WCC, to speak at 11 February NPA meeting
- (c) **Events** – Santa at the shops will be held on Friday 4 December at 6 p.m. Relevant shop keepers to be asked to provide small food samples. Suggested that a musical event could be staged after the children’s activities. Tree lighting would add to the festive atmosphere.
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 member has moved to Cherrybrook, and 2 other members are moving to Tasmania.
- (e) **Naremburn Matters** – The next issue is being prepared. Distribution issues have been discussed with Sue Howes of NNHW. 8 advertisements have been sold; this is not quite sufficient to cover production costs of \$1,957.28 for the December issue.
- (f) **Open Space** – Flooding of the road has occurred at the Central Street/Slade Street corner due to tree root damage to gutter drain; water coursing down the south side of Slade Street then across the road near the newly installed pedestrian and pram ramp; local flooding occurs in this section of Central Street after heavy rain. Letter to be sent to WCC
- (g) **Website** – Nigel Smith had previously advised of a technical improvement to the website “Real Simple Syndication”; the RSS icon is on the home page; Nigel has provided information which Trisha has now emailed to members.
A request for digital photos for inclusion on the NPA website will appear in the December issue of Naremburn Matters.
- (h) **Young Parents** – Karen Pearson noted that the Naremburn Library had no activities last school holidays and will contact WCC to request holiday activities for the Christmas period.

11. CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK - 16 members, 7 apologies, 5 visitors

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

13. NEXT GENERAL MEETING - Thursday, 10 December 2009, 7:30 pm, Community Centre, Central Street.
This meeting will include our Christmas celebrations.

14. THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING - concluded at 8.30 pm

15. PAUL STORM PRESENTATION

Kevin FitzPatrick introduced Paul Storm, Chatswood resident, local historian and Vice President of the Willoughby District Historical Society. Paul also reports on built heritage at the Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations meetings and this year highlighted the famous Mashman pottery as well as other material illustrating the use of Australian flora and fauna in the decoration of the early 20th century. In a most interesting and fascinating presentation he traced the history of people embracing depiction of our flora and fauna in the everyday, more so than in any other developing country. Even prior to nationalism fanned by Federation, we were using images of our unique Australian wildlife and flora on schoolbooks, certificates, leadlight windows, ceilings, even door knobs. Paul handed round a snack of Vegemite on SAOs served on the front panel of an early Kooka oven door, with the famous Kookaburra emblem. Paul showed tiles, photos, postcards, a variety of items that illustrated this State’s passion for things Australian and Federation.

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