

# NAREMBURN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 10 DECEMBER 2009

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

### 1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **Roger Promnitz (Merrenburn Avenue)** - St Cuthbert's Church – An interim occupancy certificate for the new Ministry Centre was issued earlier this evening and the first Sunday service will be held on 13 December.
- (b) **Helen Mellquist (Waters Road)** – The south side pedestrian footpath on Dargan Street is in poor condition and is a hazard for pedestrians. Kevin asked Helen to provide the specifics of the problem in draft form so that the NPA can write to WCC.
- (c) **Maureen Rex (Willoughby Road)** – The intersection of Lawson Lane and Willoughby Road continues to be a safety hazard due to poor visibility from Lawson Lane.
- (d) **Kevin FitzPatrick (Central Street)** – Northbridge Progress Association recently celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Joe Hockey was guest speaker; events included a good photographic exhibition.
- (e) **Kevin FitzPatrick (Central Street)** – Another trailer has been parked on the Slade Street/Central Street curve and is seen as a traffic hazard.

### 2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the General Meeting of 12 November 2009, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Proposed: Anneliese Appleton; Seconded: Don Swonnell.

### 3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Christopher Hay.

### 4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

None for this meeting.

### 5. MATTER ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **Ella Street Bridge temporary closure and traffic issues –**  
As a result of the resolution which was put to the November meeting a letter supporting the permanent closure of the new Ella street bridge to through vehicular traffic and use as a pedestrian and cycle bridge is being prepared for issue to WCC.
- (b) **Naremburn School Working Party (NSWP)** – This issue has gone quiet since the public meeting of Thursday 2 July 2009.
- (c) **Oral History program** – Ongoing.
- (d) **Naremburn Shops** – An on site Ward Councillor meeting to assess the proposed Fitness Studio for upstairs at 296-298 Willoughby Road was held at 8:00 am on Wednesday 2 December with Trisha FitzPatrick, David Lendrum and Anneliese Appleton attending for the NPA, the only correspondent for this DA notification process, with Trisha as NPA spokesperson; the application was approved with conditions including clearly marked and signed rear yard parking spaces.  
Vehicle parking at 1<sup>st</sup> Choice liquor has improved since the lower level parking was re-opened; the manager has expressed the hope that a lift and second check out be installed to enable increased use of rear parking .
- (e) **Long Gully Bridge Northbridge** – A public meeting called by the RTA will be held on 17 December.
- (f) **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) 11/11/2009 Letter WCC, Maintenance works, acknowledgement of positive feedback.
- (b) 11/11/2009 Letter box drop Central street, Vehicle vandalism Gaza and Garland Roads.
- (c) 11/11/2009 Letter box drop Community meeting 17/12/2009 Long Gully Bridge.

### Out

- (a) 05/11/2009 Letter WCC, Flooding in Central Street.

## 7. ACCOUNTS

Cash at Bank: \$5,487.34

### Income

NM advertising \$1,110.00  
Membership Fees \$10.00

### Expenditure

Domain name re-registration \$33.00  
Meeting expenses (KJF) \$5.85

### Expenditure Approvals Requested

Robin Phelan – NM Dec \$1,957.28  
1st Choice – wine, beer Dec meeting (KJF) \$118.37  
1st Choice – ice, Dec meeting (KJF) \$7.98  
Naremburn Natural – food, Dec (KJF) \$90.00  
Napkins, platters, plastic glasses (KJF) \$24.50  
Woolworths – various food, drink (KJF) \$23.22

That these Expenditures be approved:

Proposed: Roger Promnitz; Seconded: Martha Follent

## 8. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS REPORT

The last meeting was on Wednesday 3 December; Don Swonnell attended; it has been resolved that FWPA meetings will revert to Saturdays with the next meeting to be 20 March. Matters discussed at the 3 December meeting included the upcoming Heritage Week including the biennial architecture awards, the pub crawl. The development of the Chatswood CBD strategy is ongoing. The new proposal for the Chatswood Mall redevelopment has been approved. Civic Place construction is running about 7 weeks ahead of schedule.

## 9. WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Councillor Barry Thompson.

Civic Place has now been renamed The Concourse Chatswood. A Councillor inspection was held recently and in my opinion the 1,000 seat concert hall should be an excellent intimate space for performance. The 5,000 square metre library is huge and makes the old library seem very small. The overall budget is suffering due to the global financial crisis and the library's new book allocation, which is in the \$millions may now be allocated over a longer period. I consider that The Concourse will be a great Willoughby City and regional asset.

Maureen Rex commented that she was in Chatswood on the day of The Concourse event and the soprano performance was excellent.

The community bus operating from St Leonards station to the Artarmon industrial area is carrying about 4,000 per week. A new operator who will start on 1 January will use smaller buses at a higher frequency. In non peak periods the bus will change route to Artarmon shops and Royal North Shore Hospital. This service is currently funded from the WCC Sustainability budget and it is hoped that industry will pick up on this and that it will be extended to a wider community service. Another possible use of the available buses could be weekend delivery to sports facilities such as Bicentennial Reserve.

Rebecca Lazenby asked about progress on the Incinerator, Barry advised that work is progressing on the lift to connect all levels. Also the internal arrangement has changed with the artist in residence to now be on the mid level with the gallery space to be on the lowest floor.

## 10. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

### (a) DAs - 8 tabled

DA 2007/393/B	37 Dalleys Road	S96 modifications
DA 2007/551/B	58 Northcote Street	S96 modifications
DA 2009/429/A	456 Willoughby Road	S96 modifications
DA 2009/619	7 Central Street	Erection of shade cloth over play area
DA 2009/737	6 Quiamong Road	New carport
DA 2009/738	2 Small Street	Leisure Centre modifications to chlorine treatment
DA 2009/741	2 Lawson Lane	Alterations & additions
DA 2009/743	112 Northcote Street	Alterations & additions

- (b) **Naremburn Community Centre** – Nick Tobin, General Manager, WCC, to speak at the next NPA general

meeting on Thursday 11 February 2010.

- (c) **Events**– Santa the Shops on Friday 4 December was more popular than ever before; Joe Hockey MP was our Santa for the third year in a row; over 350 parents and children attended; the usual bags of sweets, food sampling, and new for this year – a clown who made balloon animals and our beautician doing makeup for our young girls; it was a fun evening for all.  
Christmas markets at Chatswood Mall are operating from 18 to 23 December.  
The next Henry Lawson cave event will be between 6 and 8 pm on Sunday 14 February.
- (d) **Membership** – New Naremburn resident Christopher Hay attended the meeting and joined the NPA. Trisha stated that a few members had not paid their 2009 subs and that reminders would be sent before 31 December.
- (e) **Naremburn Matters** – Meeting with Sue Howes, coordinator of NM walkers; decision to print 2 days earlier, most deliveries completed by 1 Dec; thank you to all our walkers. Advertising revenue Dec issue will be \$307.72 over production costs; \$1,155 in payments outstanding. We have worked toward building up NM revenue; in 2007, decision not to produce an NM issue if not fully covered by advertising sales; NM now has sufficient funds, that in an emergency and with no advertisers, we could produce an 8-page issue. Noted that Penny Wade has advertised in every issue of NM; regular advertisers email Trisha, Kevin negotiates with new advertisers. The December issue had four first time advertisers.
- (f) **Open Space** – Noted that the landscaped areas at the shops have been maintained and mulched.
- (g) **Website** – There has not been much new information posted recently and for the site to maintain use new material needs to be included. Sue Howe will provide some new material.  
Inclusion of a local business directory was discussed.  
An information pack for new school starters could be included.
- (h) **Young Parents** – Anneliese Appleton advised that the Garland Road school bus pickup has now been resolved. A “walking bus” is successfully operating to Cammeray Public School. A similar new “walking bus” to Artarmon Public school is said to be operational; information will be included on the website. Discussion had been held with Sue Howes regarding her providing background information for parents of children starting school.

**11. CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK** - 25 Members, 9 Apologies, 1 Visitor

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

**13. NEXT GENERAL MEETING** - Thursday, 11 February 2010 at 7:30 pm, Community Centre, Central Street.  
Please note that there is no January 2010 meeting.

**14. CLOSURE** – The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

**15. CHRISTMAS SUPPER** – Lebanese finger food had been purchased from Naremburn Natural; Aldo Di Santo brought some mini quiches that had been prepared by his wife; the NPA supplied Guylian shells to have with coffee and sweets that had been brought by Aldo; wine, beer and mineral water was also available. There was a pleasant buzz in the hall as members enjoyed a bit of Christmas Cheer.