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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 11 MARCH 2010

Meeting commenced at 8:10 pm following the conclusion of the AGM.
Naremburn Community Centre 7 Central Street Naremburn

1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **Trisha FitzPatrick (Central Street)** – Traffic conditions at the intersection of Slade and Central Streets are of concern due to the narrowness of the street at the curve, regular parking of vehicles on the curve and the proximity of the Naremburn Pre-School
- A previous NPA request for an assessment of the street conditions resulted in Council installing cats eyes on the centre line but this has not slowed the speed of passing vehicles. Pram ramps with 'No Parking' signs have eased the problem for pedestrians
- Locals have advised the NPA that in the 1980s 'No Parking' signs were installed for a substantial part of the curve but that these were soon removed by persons unknown and have never been replaced.
- NPA to write to Willoughby City Council requesting an assessment of the curved section of the streets and for appropriate work to be done to improve the level of safety.
- (b) **Helen Mellquist (Waters Road)** – Is it possible to extend the Artarmon community bus loop into Naremburn?
- Councillor Barry Thompson advised that the operation of the loop is being assessed by Council. During peak times three smaller buses now operate the Artarmon loop but out of peak times only two are required freeing up the third bus for trials of other community routes which will cover a different locality including Naremburn for each of the five days of the week. This trial will start in March/April 2010 and extend to the end of the year when an assessment of usage will be made.
- Kevin FitzPatrick commented the Metrobus Route 20 starts near Bunnings in Artarmon and runs to Mascot where the 400 Bondi–Burwood can be joined. This service will drop you at Airport Domestic Terminal 3 .
- (c) **Doug Armstrong (Martin street)** - the new white "teeth" markings are being installed on streets at school zones.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the General Meeting of 11 February 2010, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Proposed: Trisha FitzPatrick, Seconded: Margaret Stewart

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** – Donna Kessler reported that the NPA survey was a team effort by Donna, Thomas, Trisha and Kevin. The Kesslers distributed to 269 households in Dalleys Road between Northcote and the Ella Street Bridge, Talus Street, Berry Street, Francis Street, Chelmsford Avenue, Station Street, Waters Road, Park Road between Waters and Francis. We received 89 responses which is a 33% response, 63 to the Kessler street mail box and 26 to the NPA's POB 393. Trisha and I have not yet commenced analysing the completed surveys, but will start shortly. Our objectives are to draft a report for the NPA to WCC, the report to include comments and suggestions submitted by those residents who took the time to respond. We thank them for their generosity and frankness. The results of the survey will be emailed to financial members and hand-delivered to those not on email and will also appear on our website.

Bruce de Graaf asked if any traffic counts had been done during the closure period to support claims of major traffic increases in Park Road. Cr Barry Thompson advised that he believed traffic counts had been done by WCC.

Noted that the opening of Home HQ with 515 parking spaces with its major vehicle access at Campbell Street, Artarmon, where traffic lights have been installed, and the future development of the Gore Hill Technology Park site in Artarmon, could have a significant impact on future through traffic in Naremburn.

Donna Kessler commented that the Naremburn community needs to consider what the long term effects of

increasing through traffic would mean to the community rather than individual concerns about minor inconvenience. The survey was designed to gauge the depth of community feeling for both options, closing the new Ella Street bridge to vehicular traffic but keeping it open for pedestrians and cyclists and emergency vehicles, or, re-opening the bridge to through traffic as before.

Kevin FitzPatrick commented that when he attended a 2009 WCC Open Forum on the RNS Hospital Development Plan he expected an opportunity to discuss the issue of potential 'rat running' through Naremburn resulting from this development. This was not possible as most discussion was about mental health facilities and funding.

Stephen Stapleton asked why the survey had not been wider in the west Naremburn area, to include say Dargan Street, as permanent bridge closure to vehicles would impact on many more properties than those surveyed; were property owners considered? Trisha stated that the surveyed properties were those in the streets directly affected by the bridge work and the RTA diversions; she said that this survey was by the NPA and distribution could only be done to street mail boxes; she said that perhaps at a later time Council may consult rate-payers in the area.

- (b) **Oral History program** – Beryl Batterham's daughter, Helen Meader, had provided an excellent two page resume of her mother's memorable 90 years to be added to this program.
- (d) **Naremburn Shops** – An expanded Christmas event at the shops to include tree lighting, street closures and the blocking of some parking spaces is being considered. Anything affecting traffic or parking will need to be raised with the WCC Traffic Committee.
Garbage disposal is an issue with the shops as many shop keepers have no WCC or other collection and street bins are being used resulting in garbage overflow. Have recycling bins been considered for local shopping areas? NPA to write to WCC requesting advice on frequency of street bin clearance, an assessment of the situation and the possibility of installing recycling bins at the shops.
- (e) **Long Gully Bridge Northbridge** – The RTA design and the contract for construction has now been completed and construction has commenced. Kevin FitzPatrick attended a presentation of the prototype barrier set up at Northbridge Oval.
- (f) **The Roles of Office-Bearers and Committee Members** – Incoming Office-Bearers are being provided with updated descriptions of the various roles on the committee.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

In

- (a) 01/02/2010 Letter Larissa Barnes Dargan Street footpaths and storm water reserve issues.
- (b) 26/02/2010 Letter WCC, Willoughby Spring festival.
28/02/2010 Letter Helen Nobel & Jonathan Foley – west Naremburn traffic problems

Out

- (a) 02/03/2010 Ella Street Bridge Street Survey.
- (b) 26/02/2010 Letter WCC Council distribution of Naremburn Matters.
- (c) 09/03/2010 Letter Larissa Barnes Dargan Street footpaths and storm water reserve issues.
- (d) 10/03/2010 Subscription reminder emails and letters to NPA members.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT as at 11 March 2010 General Meeting

Opening Bank balance as at 11 February 2010 \$4,792.46

Add: Income :

Naremburn Matters- March advertising	\$1335.00	
Membership subs	<u>\$45.00</u>	
	<u>\$1,380.00</u>	\$6,172.46

Less: Expenditure

Supper Feb meeting, photocopying	\$20.65	
Host Gator for website	\$76.83	
Registrar of Co-ops & Assocs.: NPA returns	<u>\$150.00</u>	
	<u>\$247.48</u>	

Closing Bank balance as at 11 March 2010 \$5,924.98

Expenditure Approvals Requested

Australia Post – POB 393 renewal	\$137.00	
Robin Phelan – NM March production	\$2,010.80	
Registrar Co-ops & Assocs, 2010 filing	\$47.00	
KJF – supper supplies	\$10.47	
KJF – Ella Street Bridge survey copying	\$72.90	
KJF – folders from Officeworks	\$16.95	
KJF – birthday cake and milk	\$46.17	
David L – mins, agendas distrib no email members	<u>\$15.74</u>	
	Total	<u>\$ 2,357.03</u>

That these Expenditures be approved:

Proposed: Martha Follent, Seconded: Robyn Butler

8 FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS REPORT

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday 20 March 2010. The NPA will be represented by its delegates, Kevin FitzPatrick, Don Swonnell and Martha Follent.

9 WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Councillor Barry Thompson.

Local bus issue covered in Open Forum.

The proposed Donnelly Road child care centre has been approved by the Land and Environment Court with the major condition being that the developer provides an alternate emergency escape route to Merrenburn Avenue.

Earth Hour 2010 is to be celebrated by candle-lit dining at Artarmon restaurants in Wilkes Avenue.

10. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) Development Applications
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| DA 2008/226/A | 10 Oxley Street | S96 modifications windows floor level |
| DA 2009/119 | 12 Plunkett Street | Unauthorised work awning car space storage |
| DA 2009/684 | 56 Mitchell Street | Demolition of existing dwelling, construct new |
| DA 2009/757 | 9 Slade Street | Modified plan carpark deleted addition & deck shortened |
| DA 2010/6 | 2/9-11 Olympia Road | Unauthorised height increase courtyard wall |
| DA 2010/11 | 16 Grandview Street | Unauthorised works, internal alterations window changes |
| DA 2010/50 | 12 McBurney Street | Alterations and additions including first floor |
| DA 2010/52 | 47 Hotham Parade Artarmon | Alterations and additions fitout car repairs |
| DA 2010/65 | 202-210 Willoughby Road | Install carpark door |
| DA 2010/69 | 207 Pacific Highway St Leonards | Install new signs |
| DA 2010/91 | Land adjoining 30 Merrenburn Avenue | Use of RTA land for passive recreation by residents of No. 30 |
| DA 2010/99 | 31 Plunkett Street | Alterations and additions |
| DA 2010/101 | 9 Francis Street | Alterations and additions |
- (b) **Naremburn Community Centre** – No action since the Nick Tobin, General Manager WCC presentation at February 2010 meeting.
- (c) **Events**– There will be no Council sponsored 2010 Earth Hour event in Naremburn Park. Kevin FitzPatrick suggested a picnic in July or September 2010 in Naremburn Park as a community-building activity. Council wishes to encourage local park community activities. Any suggestions for community activities from the NPA membership would be welcomed and support could be canvassed in Naremburn Matters. The Naremburn community needs to initiate significant local community events and then seek support from Council.
- (d) **Membership** – Trisha FitzPatrick reported that Membership fees are due as at the conclusion of the AGM; our Membership year runs from 1 January to 31 December each year. At the AGM the Treasurer, having presented the Financial Year report, can move a motion for the annual subscriptions to be increased; this occurred at the 2009 AGM. This year there is no increase, the fees are \$10 per person per annum and Concession rate of \$5 per person per annum. To retain membership unpaid 2009 fees must be paid as at this 2010 AGM. I have sent reminder message to those few who have not paid 2009 fees and to the more than 100 members who continue to be financial, a notice that 2010 membership subs are due now and can be paid this evening. Some members have already paid their 2010 subs via Internet banking. The incoming Treasurer will assume the role of recording payment of subs, thank you Barry Shaw. Ahead of the April general meeting, I will be handing over membership records to the incoming Secretary who will assume the role of Public Officer. Thank you, David Lendrum.
- (e) **Naremburn Matters** – Trisha Fitzpatrick reported that the March issue ran very smoothly; advertiser artwork deadlines were met; article deadlines were met. Delivery from Robin Phelan to Sue Howes was slightly behind schedule due to binding problems at the printer, but we were well ahead of previous arrangements. There is much positive feedback from residents and advertisers. The June issue already has 3 ad bookings without me letting them all know that we were booked out within 2 days for the March issue and to get in early! Articles from residents are most welcome, and we all enjoy Andy's page 3 offering. It should be noted that Sam the Butcher has not paid the \$300 due for his advertisement in the September 2009 issue.
- (f) **Open Space** – Community gardens have been raised at WCCs Cultural & Environmental Committee. Guidelines are being developed by WCC and when available these could be included in Naremburn Matters. David Waters (Martin Street) reported that a Martin Street beautification/traffic limiting device he initiated has received Council support with the replacement of deteriorated planting by Council.
- (g) **Website** – Nigel Smith had offered his apology due to illness; Host Gator has been installed and this will mean improved webmail with greater storage capacity.
- (h) **Young Parents** – Nothing to report.

11. **CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK** - 26 Members, 6 Apologies, 4 Visitor

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

13. **NEXT GENERAL MEETING** - Thursday, 8 April 2010 at 7:30 pm, Community Centre, Central Street.

14. **CLOSURE** – The meeting closed at 9:20 pm

Beryl Batterham who turned 90 on 24 February was invited by the President to come forward to cut a cake specially made and decorated for the occasion and to say a few words. Beryl related how she once hosted an NPA General Meeting at her Garland Road home when members were locked out of the Community Centre after there was trouble accessing the building. Over coffee and cake Beryl proudly showed members a folder of congratulatory letters from the Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, State Premier, Kristina Keneally, NSW Governor, Marie Bashir, State Member, Gladys Berejiklian, Federal Member Joe Hockey, Opposition Leader, Barry O'Farrell and WCC Mayor Pat Reilly. Photos were taken and will be posted on the website with the resume of Beryl's life.