

# NAREMBURN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 8 APRIL 2010

Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.  
Naremburn Community Centre 7 Central Street Naremburn

### 1. OPEN FORUM

**Donna Kessler (Waters Road)** – Lighting in Naremburn Park. 18 months of approaches to WCC to have input into the sporting allocations and for the sport ground lighting to be turned on earlier in winter months have been fruitless. Lights are automatically turned on about 10 minutes before team training times and are turned off about 10 minutes after the scheduled training time.

General park solar lighting has been installed but the illumination is inadequate for passive use of the park.

Is it possible to switch on the sport ground lighting at an earlier time so that locals can make use of the park before team training starts?

### 2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

Proposed: Trisha FitzPatrick, Seconded: Donna Kessler

### 3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Jonathan Foley.

Proposed: David Lendrum, Seconded Donna Kessler

### 4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

None for this meeting

### 5. MATTER ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) Ella Street Bridge – Trisha FitzPatrick reported that the NPA survey report to WCC, produced by Donna Kessler and Trisha, was delivered to Steven Head on Wednesday 7 April. The document is 20 pages and contains the comments of respondents in the streets surveyed. Included in the material delivered to WCC were the completed forms, divided into street packages. Street portions were (1) Dalleys Road, between Northcote and the Ella Street Bridge, (2) Talus and Berry, (3) Station Street, (4) Waters Road, between Dalleys and Park Road, (4) Park Road, between Waters and Francis, (5) Francis and Chelmsford. These streets are directly affected by the RTA detours away from the Ella Street Bridge.

269 copies of a four-page document that included the 2 page survey as well as a covering letter from the President, together with brief Background information were delivered to mail boxes. Rate-payer information is not available to the general public, so, in effect, the NPA was dependent on the goodwill of the residents who received the survey. There were 92 responses. An additional 3 were ineligible; one was late, one had no identifiable address and one was from a property not in the survey.

Pages 19 and 20 contain comments by Donna and Trisha. The purpose of the survey was to gauge residents' attitudes to traffic management in the area so that the NPA, as the entity that represents residents in Naremburn could submit information it had gathered itself.

The WCC must liaise with the Traffic Committee of four parties – the RTA, NSW Police, the State Member and the WCC.

As interim measures ahead of those deliberations and based on several comments by respondents, in attempt to improve current conditions in the western part of Naremburn, Donna and Trisha have requested:- (1) Council's Mobile Speed Display Trailer to be located in Station Street . (2) Police booking of motorists for speeding in Dalleys, Station, Park, Francis, (3) Police RBT in Park Road during evening peak hours on varying days, (4) Police monitoring of the Dalleys and Station corner traffic calming device, (5) Police monitoring of the Dalleys and Northcote intersection stop sign compliance, (6) Council ranger booking of vehicles parked too close to corners or driveways.

Part of the requirement of the survey was that every effort be made to "ensure that the results are not skewed or perceived as such". The NPA has acted in accordance with that requirement from Council. However, there is a potential problem in that a letter written by one household was delivered to residents of Station, Park, Water, and Francis, in which is stated "The concerns that we believe should be expressed are:

“ and to goes on to comment about the bridge, traffic danger adjacent to the Park, and emergency vehicle access. It was decided that there be no mention of this letter in the NPA report, although a copy of the letter has been included in the attachments sent to WCC. However, in Donna and Trisha’s thorough examination of all comments received, the respondents from the Park, Waters at the Park end and Francis have been far more verbose than other respondents. Interesting! It is hoped that this ‘event’ will not nullify the survey on which so much time and effort was expended.

On a positive note, the process is over and done. In the week commencing 12 April, the NPA will be delivering a general letter of thanks to the 92 respondents. That the NPA did a survey and compiled a report to Council is a step forward. A brief update on the survey will shortly appear on the website. There will be an article on the survey in the June issue of NM.

Kevin FitzPatrick commented that the survey results may have been compromised by a private letter that was circulated to many of the households in the survey area.

The new bridge is scheduled to be opened on 21 April.

- (b) **Oral History program** – Long term resident Reg Grundy is providing material.
- (c) **Naremburn Shops** – There are three garbage bins in the section between Anderson’s Hardware and Rohan Street where there is only one restaurant and a Convenience Store while in the run north of Rohan with a predominance of food outlets there are also three garbage bins. The bin closest the fish shop and Naremburn Natural often overflows littering the parking area and nearby gardens. We are writing to WCC with a request for a recycling bin option. We also need to follow up on feedback that some shopkeepers dispose of their rubbish in these public garbage bins. We need to check up on the DA conditions for rubbish collection for the food outlets along this strip.  
We appreciate that WCC is making regular landscape maintenance visits to the shopping area.
- (d) **Long Gully Bridge Northbridge** – The construction of the barriers has commenced.
- (e) **The Roles of Office-Bearers and Committee Members** – Incoming Office-Bearers are being provided with updated descriptions of the various roles on the committee. Descriptions are expected to be completed by the May meeting.
- (f) **2 Vale Street Cammeray proposed development** – This controversial DA has been before North Sydney Council for the past five years. Initially Council approved the DA and on appeal reversed this decision. The applicant has appealed to the Land and Environment Court and an on site public hearing was held on 29 March. Though technically a North Sydney Council issue it impacts the outlook of residents of east Naremburn. The development will be on a precipitous site on the face of a 12 metre cliff bordering Long Gully. Resident concerns were expressed about the degradation of the bushland with unique areas of dry and wet scleraphyl growth, noise, access, density and light pollution to the neighbours. Kevin FitzPatrick highlighted past degradation of the bushland along the Flat Rock Creek to Tunks Park. Martha Follent and a resident of Quarry Street (in Naremburn) also addressed the two Land & Environment Commissioners.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

### In

- (a) 11/03/2010 Brochure WCC New Planning Controls on exhibition.

### Out

- (a) 07/04/2010 Letter WCC Ella Street Bridge Street Survey results.

## 7. FINANCIAL REPORT

Opening Bank balance as at 11 March 2010		\$5,924.98
<u>Add: Income :</u>		
Naremburn Matters - advertising	\$1,160.00	
Membership subs	\$485.00	
Donations	\$10.00	
Miscellaneous: Bank interest	\$4.09	\$1,659.09
<u>Less: Expenditure</u>		
March Meeting Ex's	\$73.59	
Ella St survey costs	\$72.90	
Filing Fees	\$47.00	
Naremburn Matters March production	\$2,010.80	
Printing	\$15.74	
PO Box Annual Fee	\$137.00	\$2,357.03
Closing Bank balance as at 8 April 2010		<u>\$5,227.04</u>
<u>Expenditure Approvals Requested</u>		
K. FitzPatrick NPA mtg expenses & stationary.		\$26.50
D Swonnell Fed of WPAs mtg expenses		\$10.00
That these Expenditures be approved:		
Proposed: Martha Follent, Seconded: Robyn Butler		

## 8 FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS REPORT

The FWPA treasurer, John Lightfoot is to negotiate with the insurer/broker to ensure we are covered under the FWPA cover.

The Burley Griffin Incinerator will not be open for the September Spring Carnival. No date yet for completion.

Suspension Bridge: There is general disappointment given the general opposition by the community to the RTA's plan to erect barriers along the bridge as a preventative measure for suicide attempts; work underway

Councillor Giles Gidney explained the smoking ban proposed by WCC was only to cover the Mall. Alfresco eating areas are under WCC control. She reported on tree poisoning on public land to enhance views.

She praised the quality and dedication of WCC officers, remarks seconded and endorsed by Kevin FitzPatrick. Kevin also called on FWPA delegates to support Naremburn's efforts to achieve suitable traffic solutions to the people of west Naremburn. He reported on the community consultation of the affected area

## 9 WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Councillor Barry Thompson.

WCC has issued a Council wide letter explaining the new planning controls which have been introduced state wide resulting from a state government desire to standardize zonings. The aim is to assist in meeting state government targets for increased density housing.

The Concourse project construction is progressing well but the revenue side of the cash flow is lagging due to the GFC. A \$25M loan will be raised by WCC to cover shortfalls. It is expected that future Section 94 contributions will cover this amount.

The adjacent hotel development will now proceed but will be later than originally proposed.

Land use and strata consolidation was discussed. New legislation is being prepared that will allow compulsory acquisition of strata properties if 70% of owners agree and development is seen to be in the public interest.

## 10 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

### (a) Development Applications

#### **DAs—8 tabled**

DA 2009/72/B	2 Central Street	S96 modifications windows etc
DA 2009/429/A	456 Willoughby Road Willoughby	S96 modifications to original first floor plans
DA 2010/130	48A Northcote Street	Addition of colorbond door to carport
DA 2010/131	16 Grandview Street	Alterations and additions
DA 2010/132	21A Slade Street	Alterations and additions including new first floor
DA 2010/134	20 Grafton Avenue	Relocation of OSD tank and addition of bathroom
DA 2010/136	15 Walter Street	Demolition and construction of new dual occupancy
DA 2010/145	31A Olympia Road	Alterations and additions including attic

(b) **Naremburn Community Centre** – No action since the Nick Tobin, General Manager WCC presentation at February 2010 meeting.

(c) **Events**– The Willoughby Heritage Festival is on 9 to 24 April. On 18 April there will be a guided tour of Flat Rock Gully and the annual pub crawl.

(d) **Membership** – 2010 Membership fees are due as of the 11 March.

(e) **Naremburn Matters** – Trisha FitzPatrick reported that there has been a very good response to the March issue; several comments about dog issues and that dog-owners are carrying plastic bags with them on their dog walks, hopefully dog droppings on nature strips will cease. For the June issues, although work on it is not yet due to commence, 6 advertisers are already talking about artwork; articles are being prepared by various writers. Thank you to all those volunteers who deliver each quarterly issue; where would the NPA be without them.

(f) **Open Space** – The drain at the junction of Slade and Central Streets is again becoming blocked. It is a cause of local flooding. We need to know who is responsible for the open space around the shared user bridge between Slade Street and the shops. There has only been one landscape maintenance visit by the RTA or their contractor since the bridge was upgraded three years ago. Councillor Thompson stated there are continued disputes between Council and the RTA about the ownership of land adjoining major roadworks and subsequently who is responsible for ongoing maintenance.

(g) **Website** – Following the AGM, Latest News featured articles on the newly-elected Executive Committee and Delegates, the President's Report for the year ended 31 December 2009 and Membership subscriptions for 2010. Headshots of the new committee have now been included on the 'Who We Are' page.

(h) **Young Parents** – School holiday activities will again occur at the library.

11 **CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK** - 14 Members, 3 Apologies, 1 Visitor

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

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

14 **CLOSURE** – The meeting closed at 9.15 pm