

NAREMBURN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 11 March 2010 at 7.30pm

Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street Naremburn.

1. **WELCOME:**

The President, Kevin FitzPatrick, welcomed those present and opened the Annual General Meeting.

2. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

That the President's Report from the 2009 AGM not be read as all members have received copies of the Minutes, and, that the remainder of the Minutes be read by the Secretary as required by the NPA Constitution.

Proposed: Anneliese Appleton; Seconded: Martha Follent

The Secretary, David Lendrum, then read the Minutes of the 2009 AGM to the meeting.

That the Minutes of the 2009 AGM with the "Frances O'Brien for Secretary" nomination on page 4 changed to "Frances O'Brien for Vice President" be accepted as a true record and account of that meeting,

Proposed: Anneliese Appleton; Seconded: Martha Follent.

3. **ACCEPTANCE OF NEW MEMBERS:**

None for this meeting.

4. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

The Naremburn Progress Association enters its 109th year with energy, enthusiasm and optimism, reflected in our membership of 124, one of the largest financial membership for decades, healthy monthly meeting attendances and a solid bank balance.

So much is happening in the NPA my report is up to today's date, not just 2009.

In this fast-paced age of rapid communication and response two important outreaches underpin our Association - the hard copy of our quality quarterly Naremburn Matters (NM) working closely with our well-maintained website. A dream of 50 years ago - a local paper - was realised in April 2005. Its initiators questioned its capacity to attract adequate advertising support. I express my wholehearted appreciation and congratulations to NM Editor, Trisha FitzPatrick who works closely with Robin Phelan whose role is layout and design and Sue Howes who co-ordinates the volunteers who distribute to all households in Naremburn. I enjoy delivering to our advertisers and potential advertising businesses in the suburb.

Our March edition hit the streets on February 27th with excellent content and advertising support filled within two days of an introductory email from Trisha.

Nigel Smith, our webmaster works quietly and efficiently to ensure our website functions well. Nigel gained us a second \$500 Community Grant from his employer, Zurich Financial Services, in recognition and support of Nigel's many hours spent on the project.

During the past 12 months we welcomed the following guest speakers: Greg Woodhams, WCC Environmental Services Director;

Steven Head, Infrastructure Services Director; Paul Storm, Vice President, Willoughby Historical Society; and Nick Tobin, WCC's General Manager. We worked collaboratively with WCC in staging Earth Hour in Naremburn Park on 28 March 2009. We wish to establish the tradition of an annual event in the park. Throughout the year we supported the Naremburn Community Centre Open Day,

part of the WCC September Spring Fair, and Santa at the Shops, with Federal Member Joe Hockey filling the Santa seat.

As your President I represented the Association at Joe Hockey's Annual Community Awards, WCC's Spring Fair Opening, Australia Day Awards, Heritage Awards, Opening of the Castle Cove Library, St Cuthbert's Anglican Church Extensions, Northbridge Progress Associations 90th birthday, as an NPA delegate to the Federation of Willoughby Progress Association's meetings, consultative meetings with DET and Council on a School for Naremburn as well as a number of meetings to discuss the RTA's proposals for the Long Gully/Cammeray Bridge.

The NPA has fought consistently to retain a vibrant shopping precinct in Naremburn. The Association called for an on-site meeting to clarify the impact a new business, Harbourside Health & Fitness, would have on parking. At our request WCC asked 1st Choice to comply with its DA approval and provide maximum parking facilities to its customers. Council has also responded to our requests to maintain the garden areas surrounding the shops. We requested that the RTA provide on road KEEP CLEAR signage at the corner of Willoughby Road and Rohan Street, facilitating traffic flow at the busy junction.

With the completion of the Lane Cove Tunnel and the widening of the Gore Hill Freeway, the Association must remain vigilant on parking and through traffic issues in Naremburn. The Association is currently involved in a consultation process with residents of the western area of Naremburn affected by the Ella Street Bridge closure. We will work with WCC and the RTA to protect the safety of our residents.

While the pursuit for a School for Naremburn has not yet been successful, our efforts have born some fruit. At a recent WCC Cultural and Environmental Committee meeting addressed by DET the needs of Naremburn were elaborated. DET also stated they would examine the Northcote Street boundary for admission to Artarmon and Cammeray Schools. We are grateful to parents Anneliese Appleton and Karen Pearson in representing the concerns of parents of younger children in Naremburn. It is my sincere desire that we encourage younger Naremburn parents to join the NPA so that we are truly representative of this vital group.

Of singular importance is the future of the Naremburn Community Centre. We acknowledge WCC's delay because other projects had come into the mix and had to be addressed when opportunities arose as well as the delay in moving OOSH to Bales Park. However, the old spectre of the 'Cinderella image' looms in our memory. The planned upgrade requires our constant attention.

We thank Federal Member Joe Hockey, State Member Gladys Berejiklian, Mayor Pat Reilly, our Ward Councillors Kate Lamb, Stuart Coppock, Barry Thompson, and WCC officers for their interest and support. In my experience the latter have consistently responded with courtesy and efficiency. I also thank Mike Prior of Signwave Artarmon for the gift of our new NPA banners.

I express a sincere thank you to Office Bearers and Committee members; Secretary, David Lendrum, Vice President, Frances O'Brien, Treasurer, David Turner, Committee members, Anneliese Appleton, Don Swonnell and Howard Townsend for their contribution.

In a special way I would like to pay tribute to my wife Trisha FitzPatrick who has filled the role of NM Editor. When the former Editor stepped down in 2007, the late John Allen called on her to make sure it kept going; Carolyn New, a former Treasurer sought an assurance that NM would never go to print without advertising funds to cover costs. Since that time Trisha has honoured those commitments and covered the previous losses. She also has filled the important role of the Association's Public Officer. As you are aware the NPA was Incorporated in 2004 and so has accountability in the public domain. With her former background as a Senior Manager in the Office of Fair Trading she has constantly reminded us of our responsibilities. Her work has contributed immensely, upgrading spreadsheets of membership records, emailing members, helping to maintain our financial records, at times throughout the year giving the financial report in the absence of the Treasurer and also ensuring the accuracy of what appears on the public domain through our website. On behalf of the Association we say thank you for your dedication, and commitment to this important, hidden task. Trisha will be stepping down as Public Officer shortly after this AGM but will continue as Editor of Naremburn Matters a task she enjoys immensely.

Thank you NPA members for your support particularly those who for the past two and a half years and more have renewed your membership. Strong membership enables us to negotiate more effectively with Council and by being the eyes and ears throughout our suburb you can raise your concerns in the Open Forum that has become a feature of our meetings.

I thank you for the privilege of serving as your NPA President for a third term.

That the President's Report for 2009 be received.

Proposed: David Lendrum; Seconded: David Waters

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2008:**

The Treasurer David Turner read the financial report for year ending 31 December 2009 – {see attached}.

Income		
Membership fees for the year	\$960.00	
Total advertising revenue from NM	\$8,655.00	
Interest received	<u>\$13.58</u>	
	Total income	\$9,628.58
Expenses		
Monthly meeting expenses	\$327.08	
Naremburn Matters (NM) Production	\$7,841.27	
Postage and Post Box rental	\$130.00	
Printing and Stationery	\$124.10	
Subscription to FWPA	<u>\$20.00</u>	
	Total Expenses	<u>\$8,442.45</u>
	Cash Assets – Westpac Bank	\$4,372.46

That the Treasurer's Report for 2009 be received.
Proposed: Gordon Prentice; Seconded: Beryl Batterham

6. **ELECTION OF RETURNING OFFICER:**

That Councillor Barry Thompson be elected Returning Officer.
Proposed: Barry Shaw; Seconded: David Lendrum

Councillor Barry Thompson thanked the NPA for giving him the opportunity to be the Returning Officer for this election.

7. **ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS:**

All positions were declared vacant. Nominations were called for each position.

Nominations:-

Kevin FitzPatrick for President - Proposed: Helen Mellquist; Seconded: Barry Shaw.
Frances O'Brien for Vice President - Proposed: Trisha FitzPatrick ; Seconded: Kevin FitzPatrick.
David Lendrum for Secretary - Proposed: Don Swonnell; Seconded: Trisha FitzPatrick.
Barry Shaw for Treasurer – Proposed: Trisha FitzPatrick; Seconded: Kevin FitzPatrick.

There being no further nominations, the following were declared elected:-

PRESIDENT	Kevin FitzPatrick
VICE PRESIDENT	Frances O'Brien
SECRETARY	David Lendrum
TREASURER	Barry Shaw

8. **ELECTION OF UP TO THREE (3) COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

All positions were declared vacant. Nominations were called for. The following were elected:
Don Swonnell, Martha Follent, Donna Kessler

9. **ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS**

Kevin FitzPatrick, Don Swonnell, Martha Follent

10. **ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE NAREMBURN COMMUNITY CENTRE USER GROUP**

Beryl Batterham, Kevin FitzPatrick, David Lendrum Trisha FitzPatrick

11. **CLOSURE:** - The Meeting closed at 8:05 pm. The AGM was followed by the March General Meeting.