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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 12 MAY 2011

Naremburn Community Centre 7 Central Street Naremburn
Meeting commenced at 7.34 pm.

GUEST SPEAKER: NICK TOBIN, GENERAL MANAGER, WILLOUGHBY CITY COUNCIL

1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **Helen Mellquist (Waters Road)** - Drain just before 30 Northcote Street floods and may need to be wider.
- (b) **Helen Mellquist (Waters Road)** - Graffiti around the Willoughby Road/Garland Road junction on RTA property
- (c) **Donna Kessler (Waters Road)** – There had been provision for a graffiti wall where such activity could be focused, perhaps near Park Road where there is a lot of graffiti. Nick Tobin commented that the RTA will not allow Council to touch RTA property.
- (d) **Aldo di Santo (Shop Owner)** - has owned the fruit shop that was trading as Naremburn Natural, since 1964 and was told that a DA for a restaurant at this shop would cost \$75,000. Nick Tobin commented that Aldo had been incorrectly advised.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the General Meeting of 14 April 2011, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Proposed: Roger Promnitz; Seconded: Beryl Batterham

3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Christopher Miley, Wal Musgrove

Proposed: Donna Kessler; Seconded: Martha Follent.

4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

David Broe, Robyn Clifton-Bligh, Stephen Drayton, Cecille Heath, Kevin Ho, Sue Howard, Carmen Loecherer, David Magin, Leanne Nightingale, Phillipa Milne, Roy Muir, Peter Simpson, Dilys Tan, Mark Togher, Peter Woodfield, Elizabeth Sheedy

5. MATTER ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **Ella Street Bridge closure and traffic issues** – The Secretary has written to Council requesting a status report on the six traffic related items the NPA raised in its report submitted to Council in April 2010.
- (b) **Oral History program** – Kevin has contacted Vic Wulf; a former Naremburn resident who has many memories of his family's association with Naremburn, particularly St Leonard's Catholic Parish; Vic will send notes on these..
- (c) **Naremburn Shops** As part of Heritage Week, the Artarmon PA's heritage committee completed a comprehensive history of each shop along Hampden Road. These histories were then displayed in each shop-front. A similar profile of our Naremburn shops would be a worthy project for next year's Heritage Week.
- (d) **NPA OPS Manual** - final draft is a work in progress
- (e) **Willoughby Local Environmental Plan (WLEP 2009)** – Item to remain on the agenda until the WLEP gazetted. Nick Tobin commented that Council was waiting on a Department of Planning response. It was suggested from the floor that the matter could be raised when Gladys Berejiklian addresses the June meeting.
- (f) **Traffic Committee Meetings** – No Parking signs installed on Wilksch Lane
- (g) **School for Naremburn** – this item retained until the new Government has considered its education policy.
- (h) **Long Gully Bridge** – In September 2010, Trisha FitzPatrick as Public Officer, emailed Martin Gormley. Project Engineer, Sydney Project Services - Bridge Maintenance Unit, at the RTA seeking the reason for naming the Suspension Bridge the Long Gully Bridge as she wanted to do an article on the history of the bridge; several emails were exchanged in a 6 month period culminating in the RTA seeking advice from its heritage consultants; 18 days after the election Martin Gormley phoned Trisha to say that the RTA had made an administrative error in naming the bridge. Later that day Martin emailed a confirmation to WCC, NSC, Northbridge PA and Trisha. Willoughby Heritage Advisory Committee (WHAC) meets 24 May to consider the three options proposed by the RTA. Agreed that Trisha email Lynette Morris of WCC indicating that Naremburn Progress Association does not have a preference for a name and defers to negotiations between Willoughby City Council and North Sydney Council.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

In

- (a) 11 04 2011 – NSW Planning & Infrastructure – acknowledging letter NPA, APA, WSPA – Channel 9
- (b) 13 04 2011 – Martin Gormley, Project Engineer, RTA – Long Gully Bridge – naming error (email).
- (c) 15 04 2011 – Sue Howard – NPA Member –Earth Hour feedback, apology for April meeting (email)
- (d) 28 04 2011 – Gladys Berejiklian MP – thank you for good wishes, office will contact about June meeting
- (e) 28 04 2011 – WCC – Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2011-2012
- (f) 28 04 2011 – Annie McCall – requesting copy of her mother Mary Teteris’s OHP interview tape (email)

Out

- (a) 13 04 2011 – Lynette Morris, WCC – Long Gully Bridge naming issues and the RTA (email)
- (b) 19 04 2011 – Peter Chauncy – Earth Hour sponsorship – thank you
- (c) 19 04 2011 – Anneliese Appleton, NPA member – Earth Hour band liaison – thank you
- (d) 19 04 2011 – Emily Appleton – Earth Hour interview on sustainability – thank you
- (e) 19 04 2011 – Alex Singhi - Earth Hour interview on sustainability – thank you
- (f) 19 04 2011 – Alex Jacobs, PremiAir Services – EH generator reduced hire charge – thank you
- (g) 19 04 2011 - Connie Maltby, OnSite Hire – EH Port-A-Loo reduced hire charge – thank you
- (h) 19 04 2011 – Faraz Demehri, Olde Fashioned Fish n’ Chips – Earth Hour – thank you for staying open
- (i) 19 04 2011 – Chanelle De Nicola, Beauty by Chanelle, - Earth Hour – thank for face-painting
- (j) 19 04 2011 – Grant Hemphill, 1st Choice Liquor – Earth Hour – thank for offer of sulo bin storage
- (k) 19 04 2011 – Chris Anderson, Greener Cleaner – Earth Hour – thank you for sponsorship
- (l) 19 04 2011 – Rob Forsyth – Earth Hour – interview on sustainability, donation coffee for door prizes – thank you
- (m) 21 04 2011 – Gladys Berejiklian – Long Gully Bridge naming issues and the RTA (email)
- (n) 21 04 2011 – Mayor Pat Reilly – Long Gully Bridge naming issues and the RTA (email)
- (o) 21 04 2011 – Nick Tobin, WCC - Long Gully Bridge naming issues and the RTA (email)
- (p) 28 04 2011 – Nick Tobin, WCC – Naremburn Car Park suggestions – power outlet, smoke butt problems
- (q) 28 04 2011 – Nick Tobin, WCC – Notification of NPA 110th anniversary of foundation at 31 Central Street
- (r) 28 04 2011 – Nick Tobin, WCC – Central Street tree replacement – 110th anniversary project request
- (s) 28 04 2011 – Ingrid Morley, Owner of 31 Central – requesting use of hall for 110th anniversary celebration
- (t) 28 04 2011 – Gladys Berejiklian – Invitation to speak at NPA’s 9 June general meeting
- (u) 02 05 2011 – Eric Land, Cammeray Public School – Earth Hour liaison for interviews – thank you
- (v) 02 05 2011 – Tara Fermor, Cammeray Public School – Bandmaster – Earth Hour thank you
- (w) 02 05 2011 – Danka Scenna, St Leonard’s Catholic Church – EH - chairs and tables at no charge – thank you
- (x) 02 05 2011 – Sheng Jun Xu, (Peter), Naremburn Food Store – EH - thank you for staying open
- (y) 02 05 2011 – Jessica Symes, North Shore Drama – EH – thank you for lucky door prize vouchers
- (z) 02 05 2011 – Eilis O’Beirne, WCC Festival and Events Manager – EH – thank you for advice and assistance
- (aa) 02 05 2011 – Leonne Donnelly, WCC Sustainability Education Coordinator – EH – thank you, advice, assistance
- (bb) 02 05 2011 – Andy Cichanowsky, NPA member – EH – thank you - ute, towing generator, laying cables, etc
- (cc) 06 05 2011 – Knud Heldt, Naremburn Centre Manager – NM last page Activities list - update
- (dd) 07 05 2011 – Martin Rolon, Delicia – NPA Christmas meeting lucky door prize, dinner for two – thank you.
- (ee) 08 05 2011 – Nick Tobin, WCC – Drain at end of lane at Waters Road to Dargan Street
- (ff) 08 05 2011 – Nick Tobin, WCC – Pedestrian safety, northbound bus stop, Garland Road traffic lights
- (gg) 09 05 2011 – Nick Tobin, WCC – Traffic /parking issues, western area of Naremburn – NPA April 2010 report

7. ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer Barry Shaw presented the report.

Opening Bank balance as at 11 April 011		\$7,423.68	
<u>Add: Income :</u>			
Membership subs	- new	\$75.00	
	- renewals	\$90.00	
Donations		\$10.00	\$175.00
			<u>\$7,598.68</u>
<u>Less: Expenditure</u>			
M Follent – reimbursement EH expenses			
Premiair Services – rental of generator		\$439.31	
Choose Hi Life – 10 tea light holders		\$45.00	
Plaza N’agency – envs, ribbons, stationery, cardboard		\$106.00	
Coles – matches, tickets		\$12.48	
Woolworths – stationery, tea lights		\$37.85	
Andersons – duct tape		\$5.95	\$646.59
R. Butler – reimbursement EH expenses ¹			
Ticket books, baskets			\$27.35

H Kemp – reimbursement of EH expenses		
Andersons – padlocks and chain	\$47.70	
Photocopying for Membership Drive	\$40.39	\$88.09
Cammeray PS Concert Band – EH expenses		\$123.00
41 vouchers for soft drinks, refreshments		
Cammeray PS Concert Band – EH expenses		\$250.00
Donation for services of band		
K FitzPatrick – FWPA morning tea; office supplies		\$44.36
H Kemp – April Meeting supper		\$12.97
		<u>\$1,192.36</u>
Closing Balance 11 May 2011		<u>\$6,406.32</u>

Expenditure Approvals Requested:

Kevin FitzPatrick – stamps, stationery, photocopying	\$25.86
Helene Kemp – Supper for May meeting	\$11.39

That these expenditures be approved:

Proposed: Margaret Stewart; Seconded: Helen Mellquist

8. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS (FWPA) REPORT

The NPA delegates to the FWPA are Frances O'Brien, Kevin FitzPatrick, and Trisha FitzPatrick (NPA Public Officer). The next meeting of the Federation is Saturday 14 May.

9. WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Cr Kate Lamb and Cr Barry Thompson were in attendance. Kate congratulated new President, Frances O'Brien. Both Councillors declined further comment in view of the Guest Speaker and Council issues he would be covering.

10. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Development Applications received since the April 2011 meeting

Trisha FitzPatrick presented this report. She commented on the 13 Moonbria Street DA that had been the subject of emails and discussion at the February general meeting. The DA for demolition of existing and construction of new, was withdrawn; the property was subsequently sold by silent sale.

DA-2008/282/B	47 Mitchell Street	S96: fixed awning, remove proposed rear pergola
DA-2010/639/A	264 Willoughby Road	S96: enlarging 3 1 st FL windows, ens window on N side
DA-2010/780	Talus Street Tennis Club	Alts and Adds, car parking, access, single storey extensn
DA-2010/831	1A McBurney Street	New hard stand at front of dwelling (modified)
DA-2011/141	41 Central Street	New in-ground spa
DA-2011/174	21A Slade Street	Alts and Adds plus landscaping
DA-2011/177	7/207 Willoughby Road	Glass conservatory and awning

(b) **Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group** - Next meeting of the Advisory Group will be in the newly-opened Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator complex on 26 May. The NPA representatives are Frances O'Brien, Barry Shaw, and Peter Turner.

(c) **Events - Earth Hour 2011** - Martha Follent, EH Convenor, reported that Donna Kessler had assisted her in preparing a survey to go to a) NPA members; of 100 members surveyed there were 9 responses, 4 from executive members. b) Naremburn shopkeepers who overall had been pleased with the night. Two food outlets preferred the car park be left open as it affected their take-away trade. The standout activities of the night were the performance of the Cammeray Public School Concert Band and the visit by the Mayor, Pat Reilly. There were suggestions for more activities during Earth Hour – jumping castle; Rent-a Chook; AGL and Energy Australia stalls; a coffee cart; an improved stage; improved PA system; more tables in the car park. All businesses said they would like to be involved in the 2012 Earth Hour on 31 March next year. It is recommended that preparation for next year's event should begin in August 2011. Some members have indicated they would like to be involved in EH 2012. Martha has yet to complete her final report to WCC.

Events - 110th Anniversary of the founding of the Naremburn Progress Association - Kevin said this occurs on 27 November 2011. Trisha and Frances will look at the application for WCC Small Grants and CDSE for possible financial assistance.

(d) **Naremburn Community Centre** - The new Out of School Hours (OOSH) Director and Centre Manager Knud Heldt said the storage area off the hall will be cleaned up as requested by the NPA. He is calling a meeting of Centre users on 22 June.

(e) **Naremburn Matters** - Trisha commented that several years ago the NPA discovered that it could not produce Naremburn Matters and pay the production costs from advertising sales to the Naremburn shop-keepers; there is only one of the shops in the June issue – Olde Fashioned Fish n' Chips – a new advertiser. The June issue is on a very short deadline, one week early, as Robin Phelan is going overseas. This issue will be 12 pages.

(f) **Naremburn Park** – nothing further to report.

(g) **Open Space** – nothing further to report.

(h) **Website** -The NPA has yet to find a webmaster to replace Nigel Smith who is unable to continue.

11. CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK - 18 Members; 2 Apologies.

12. MOTION OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN – None for this meeting.

13. GUEST SPEAKER: Nick Tobin, General Manager, WCC

Mr Tobin sat in on our regular meeting before giving his PowerPoint presentation at 8.45 pm.

Civic Place, renamed The Concourse 18 months ago, has been 13 years in the making and will open in September 2011. In overview it is comprised of a 5000M² Public Library, a 1000 seat concert hall; 500 seat theatre; a 500M² exhibition hall; 2 rehearsal rooms and an outside amphitheatre with a digital screen live site, cafes, restaurants and retail and a 400 car park with WCC its commercial operator.

Council will allow 30 minute free parking for residents who wish to drop off or pick up from the library. The site has open spaces to encourage people to gather in its domain. MGT Architects who designed the National Parliament House is the architect. A W Edwards, the builder used their own architect to finalise the design. Dr Harold Marshall is the sound engineer; one of his projects is the new Paris Opera House. WCC takes possession on 14 July.

First show in the new facility will be The Boy from Oz. Civic Pavilion will be the venue for trade shows, cabarets and weddings. Nick reported the first trade show in October will be attended by 300 visitors to our city, a boon for local business. The kitchen can cater for 430 seated diners.

Compared to the old library with its 1700M² and the Mandarin Centre temporary library (1100M²) the new library will cover 5000M². The temporary library will close in August and open in the new space mid-September. It will house 3 collections, the present Mandarin Centre collection, material stored at the Gibbs Street site and new acquisitions.

The Concourse will be managed by Century Venues, who currently manage the Enmore Theatre. It is possible the Sydney Festival will stage events at The Concourse. There has been interest shown by Bell Shakespeare and promoters of a Jazz Festival. Governor Marie Bashir has accepted WCC's invitation to officially open The Concourse on 17 September 2011. The project has embraced many environmental initiatives including harvesting of water with the capacity of five Olympic swimming pools and will be used for air conditioning in the building and neighbouring Chatswood Chase. Final estimate for completing the project is \$171 million.

Upon completing his presentation the GM took questions on several topics including The Concourse; the recently upgraded Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator and Cafe; the synthetic field at Northbridge Oval; Chatswood Mall; Channel 9 site; Artarmon Library; the Bales Park DA lodged recently. When this is complete, the project to upgrade the Naremburn Community Centre can commence.

Kevin moved a vote of thanks congratulating the GM on his passion and persistence and the excellent support received from WCC staff.

14. NEXT MEETING - Thursday, 9 June 2011 commencing at 7:30 pm, Community Centre, 7 Central Street.
Supper will be wine and cheese

15. CLOSURE – The meeting closed at 9.15pm

16. SUPPER