

# NAREMBURN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 10 NOVEMBER 2011

Meeting commenced at 7:40 pm

Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street, Naremburn

### 1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **Gary Clark (Donnelly Road)** – Proposal to install bells in St Leonard's Catholic Church – questioned what sound level controls were in place and why did the church decide traditional rather than modern technology? He asked if a representative of the parish was available at the meeting.
- (b) **Geoff Gemmell (Glenmore Street - 27 year resident of Naremburn)**. – was the parish representative at the meeting. The parish had submitted its application to WCC for the project when the parish received an anonymous donation for the purchase of a peal of bells no longer used in a parish in Bangor, Wales. St Leonard's church, built in 1913 had a tower added in 1955 with plans incorporated for the eventual installation of bells. The parish pastoral council and the finance committee agreed to install the bells to mark the church's centenary. Geoff outlined aspects of bell ringing and particularly appealed to the acoustic report which is part of the DA and its accompanying 30 page report for the project. While not an expert in acoustic matters he said a flyer circulated in the community gave inaccurate information. The level of 110 decibels would only be recorded if standing directly in the bell tower next to the bells. Sound levels at a neighbouring house at 41 Donnelly Road would be 17 decibels above the background noise and would be the sound equivalent of an average car passing the house. People will have different perspectives on the proposal, but we live in a democracy. Geoff welcomed an opportunity for discussion, in the final analysis the Council would decide on the church's application.
- (c) **John Tatham (41 Donnelly Road)** expressed concern at the safety features of the project. Given the tower is 56 years old can it be considered safe under the weight of the proposed bells? Geoff responded that a structural engineer had been consulted. The WCC must also be respected in its duty of care to ensure these requirements are met. John asked why a door-knock of the area had not taken place. Geoff responded that if Donnelly Road residents were door-knocked but other concerned residents in neighbouring streets and apartments like Meridien were not covered by such a consultation process they would feel ignored. The Secretary pointed out Council had notified in excess of 200 residences within a 150 metre radius of the site. All Donnelly Road residents would have been notified {John was told only 4 Donnelly Road residences had received notification}. Questions were then asked about the length of time for practice each week (2 hours). Will the bells be muffled? When practices take place acoustic hatches within the bell-tower are closed so as to contain noise within the tower. Reason for the installation now? To bring the St Leonard's church to completion on the occasion of its centenary in 2013.
- (d) **John Gray (Donnelly Road east)** John has a client who is a bell-ringer at St Mary's Cathedral and would be prepared to invite him to a future meeting to speak about bell-ringing, practicing, and the frequency of operation.
- (e) **John Gray (Donnelly Road east)** had spoken to Cr Kate Lamb, in attendance at the GM, about the Child Care Centre DA which was to come before Council at next Monday night's meeting. He expressed thanks for support received from the PA which had written to Council on behalf of the affected residents. John repeated residents were not against child care centres but were concerned about safety and variations in the use of the site and impact on the street.

### 2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the General Meeting of 13 October 2011, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Proposed: Barry Shaw; Seconded: Carmen Loecherer

### 3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

John Tatham

Proposed: Kate Lamb; Seconded: Helene Kemp

### 4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Sandra Borrie, Ian Nathan, Peter Witcombe

## 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **Western area of Naremburn – Traffic and Parking Safety issues** – A letter was sent to Council about illegal parking at the junction of Park, Ruth and Olympia. Cars are parking in an area marked with double lines. Recommended that this illegal activity be monitored by Council Rangers. A letter had also been sent to Council about restricting parking on Olympia Road. We await Council's response.
- (b) **Oral History Program** – Kevin attended a seminar at the Mitchell Library for approximately 100 people involved in Oral History in their communities. There were excellent presentations by three leading historians in this field. Kevin reported the Over 50s Club decided to hold its last meeting in December because of declining numbers. Kevin arranged with its President, Dorothy Smith to conduct an Oral History session at one of its final meetings to gather the memories of this local organisation, established in 1991. Kerry Counsel of Chatswood Library's Local Studies visited the Community Centre and examined material held by the Club. Significant records will be transferred to the Chatswood Library.
- (c) **Naremburn Shops** – Pondering on the Slip Road is still an issue. RTA is responsible for this road, not WCC. We await a response from the RTA. Naremburn Natural is still untenanted. Barcellos has closed its doors. Frances will be talking to shopkeepers when she approaches them about displaying posters for our upcoming 110<sup>th</sup> celebration. She encouraged support for shopkeepers who seem to be doing it tough and suggested members might assist in cleaning up the area. Kevin did point out that only one current business operator was a member of the NPA, Michael Hockey of Hockey's Real Estate. Aret Abadaysian, formerly of Naremburn Pizzeria, was a member during part of his time as a trader in Naremburn. Membership did not bring the expectation of attending NPA meetings but would keep them in touch via email and inform them of our concern on their behalf. John Tatham said we were all stakeholders in the future of the shops; he was prepared to approach shopkeepers with application forms for membership, a gesture acknowledged enthusiastically by those present.
- (d) **Willoughby Local Environment Plan 2009** – pending legislation. Cr Kate Lamb said WCC had not been notified about outcomes to proposals within the plan.
- (e) **Traffic Committee Report (RTA, Police, State Member, WCC)** – No Naremburn matters brought to our notice. Awaiting Council's response to our letters concerning traffic issues in Naremburn west.
- (f) **School for Naremburn** – on the agenda until the new Government indicates any change in policy. John Tatham as a staunch advocate for education appealed to the changing demographics of the area during the past 10 years and the need for a local school. Cr Lamb said the decision to close Naremburn schools resulted from decisions of previous greedy Governments. WCC had opposed closures. Locally we now have some of the most crowded schools in Sydney. Barry Shaw referred to previous well attended meeting to advocate a school for Naremburn. Cr Lamb suggested approached local high profile identity Jane Caro to assist. Jane is a strong advocate of public education.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

### In

- (a) 13/10/2011 - letter – WCC – Australia Day Awards Nomination of local citizens
- (b) 13/10/2011 – letter – WCC – Nick Tobin NPA 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Council contribution to event.
- (c) 13/10/2011 – email – WCC – Bernard Lau Festival & Events Projects Officer, visit to Naremburn Community Centre
- (d) 18/10/2011 – letter – WCC – Julie Whitfield Manager Open Space 2011-2012 Summer Sports Grounds Allocation
- (e) 18/10/2011 – letter – WCC – Rebecca Hill Media and Marketing Group Manager – Willoughby City Guide 2012
- (f) 25/11/2011 – email – WCC – Bernard Lau Festival & Events Projects Officer, road closure & Council support.
- (g) 25/10/2011 – letter – WCC and Lindsay Bennelong Developments Invitation to attend Opening of Broadcast Way
- (h) 31/10/2011 – letter – WCC – Steven Head Director Infrastructure Services – unable to attend 110<sup>th</sup>
- (i) 31/10/2010 – letter – North Sydney Council – Integrated Development Proposal – 2 Vale Street Cammeray
- (j) 06/11/2011 – email – Dr Peter Kenny – President Castle Cove PA acceptance of invitation to attend NPA 110<sup>th</sup>.
- (k) 07/11/2011 – letter – Andy Cichanowski & Mark Wilkinson – authority to use Heritage photo board with WCC
- (l) 09/11/2011 – letter – Northern Suburbs Netball Association – Whistle Trial Bicentennial Reserve
- (m) 10/11/2011 – email – WCC Steven Farr Projects Officer – Copy of Concept Plan of Naremburn Community Centre

### Out

- (a) 20/10/2011 – letter – Diana Jones – FWPA Treasurer, payment of NPA subscription and Insurance
- (b) 21/10/2011 – letter – Joe Hockey MP – Invitation to attend NPA's 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- (c) 21/10/2011 – letter – Gladys Berejiklian MP – Invitation to attend NPA's 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- (d) 21/10/2011 – letter – WCC – WCC Mayor and Mayoress – Invitation to attend NPA's 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- (e) 21/10/2011 – letter – WCC – 12 personal invitations to WCC Councillors to attend NPA's 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- (f) 21/10/2011 – letter – Personal invitations to Presidents and Secretaries of the other 8 PAs to attend 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- (g) 23/10/2011 – letter – Gladys Berejiklian MP- Request for funding under Community Building Partnership Program
- (h) 23/10/2011 – letter – WCC GM – supporting WCC in its application for funding under CBFP.
- (i) 24/10/2011 – letter – WCC GM – Thank you for Council's contribution to NPA's 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- (j) 24/10/2011 – letter – WCC GM – Tax Invoice for WCC's contribution of \$2000.00 for our 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- (k) 26/10/2011 – letter – Nigel Smith & Rebecca Lazenby for their contribution to the NPA website
- (l) 28/10/2011 – letter – Manager Franklins Supermarket – provision of drinks for our 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- (m) 07/11/2011 – letter – WCC Steven Head Director Infrastructure Services – Maintenance 'Naremburn Hill'
- (n) 08/11/2011 – letter – Vina Bakery Confirmation of NPA 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary order
- (o) 08/11/2011 – letter – WCC GM – Proposed Child Care Centre 7 – 9 Donnelly Road - support for affected residents
- (p) 08/11/2011 – letter – WCC GM – Removal of tree in Olympia Road
- (q) 08/11/2011 – letter – WCC GM – Traffic Issues in western area of Naremburn
- (r) 08/11/2011 – letter – WCC GM – Sealed footpaths – Grandview and Ruth Streets Naremburn

## 7. ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer Barry Shaw presented the financial report for the period 12 October to 9 November 2011

Opening Balance as at 13 October 2011		\$9,556.95
Add: Income:		<u>0.00</u>
		9,556.95
<u>Less: Expenditure</u>		
H. Kemp –meeting supper	26.92	
K FitzPatrick – stamps, stationery	85.99	
110 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Street Party Fliers	312.60	<u>425.51</u>
Closing Bank Balance as at 9 November 2011		* <u>\$9,131.44</u>

\* Includes 2012 Earth Hour Grant from WCC of \$3,000

### Expenditure Approvals Requested:

Helene Kemp –supper expenses	27.13
Kevin FitzPatrick – Oral History Seminar	30.00
Adpost Printing 110 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	312.00
Kindifarm 110 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	440.00
Yabado – roaming clown	275.00

That the above expenditure be approved.

Proposed: Helene Kemp; Seconded: Alan Gray

## 8. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS (FWPA)

The next meeting of the Federation is Saturday 3 December.

## 9. WARD COUNCILLORS

Cr Lamb reported WCC had been one of two Local Government bodies, (one metropolitan Council and one rural Shire – [Tweed Shire Council] through-out the State) recognized at the recent Local Government Conference with the A.R. Bluett award. {The A.R. Bluett Memorial Award is presented each year to the Council that, in the opinion of the Trustees, has made the greatest relative progress and is considered to be the highest accolade to which a Council can aspire}. Willoughby was lauded for its outstanding initiatives - completion of The Concourse, the Walter Burley Griffin renovated Incinerator Art Space, and other significant achievements. Kate shared some duties required of a Councillor – reading material in preparation for the fortnightly meeting of Council. There are Committee meetings on alternate Mondays. She attends the Bike Committee, Bushland Advisory Body and the Willoughby Symphony Orchestra Committee. WCC is a major patron of the Arts and supports our Willoughby Symphony Orchestra, recognized as the best Community Orchestra in Australia. She urged all present to support the Orchestra and the Arts in our magnificent new venue, The Concourse.

## 10. SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS

### (a) Development Applications received since the September meeting –4 tabled

At the conclusion of the October meeting Trisha, our Public Officer, asked Roger Promnitz if he would become the convener of the DA Sub-committee. Subsequently Roger agreed and we thank him for stepping up to the plate. In the WLEP2009 process the most effective and organised group of residents in Naremburn were those from Merrenburn Avenue and Donnelly Road west and Roger played a significant role in that group retaining low density zoning.

DA-2011/493	43 Donnelly Road	Installation of 6 bells & sound control into existing bell tower
DA-2011/505	20 Quiamong Street	Alts, adds, to existing dwelling and associated works
DA-2011/515	64 Mitchell Street	Alts, adds to existing dwelling and associated works
DA-2011/622	22 Mitchell Street	Alts, adds to existing dwelling incl new 1 <sup>st</sup> fl. sunroom/staircase

In a WCC letter of 26 October 2011 to the NPA concerning alleged unauthorised works and land use at 60 Brook Street, an inspection by Council officers did find unauthorised building works, but the claim of unauthorised use of a dual occupancy or boarding house was not substantiated. Council has issued a Notice under the EPA Act 1979, to which the owner is in the process of complying.

### (b) Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group

Frances O'Brien stated that the next meeting is scheduled for 24 November at 6:30 pm and that she had received a letter from WCC regarding the trial of whistles.

### (c) Events

#### 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the NPA – 27 November

Frances O'Brien, Events convener reported that the Events Sub-committee had been meeting weekly and hoped to celebrate a fantastic Community Street Party on Sunday 27 November to mark the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Association. Posters will be displayed at the shops and all residents have been notified by a letterbox drop. The official cake cutting ceremony would take place at 2:00 pm. There will be many activities to interest families and guests of all ages.

Carmen has organised a competition for children inviting them to draw their favourite place or people in Naremburn. The 12 winners would be featured on a calendar to be presented to the winners with others on sale on the day. A visual display, 'A Walk through Naremburn's History' will be featured in the Community Centre.

- (d) **Membership** – Helene Kemp reported that there are 153 [138 actual] financial members with 13 still to pay their 2011 subscription.
  - (e) **Naremburn Community Centre** – Barry Shaw and Kevin FitzPatrick met with WCC's Director Infrastructure Services, Steven Head and Steven Farr, Property Projects Officer, to discuss the proposed Concept Plan for the upgrade of the Community Centre. This will take place in 2012 after community consultation.
  - (f) **Naremburn Matters** – Trisha as Editor reports we already have two new advertisers who emailed their enquiry and subsequent artwork. As previously stated, the December issue will not go to print until after the 110<sup>th</sup> celebrations to enable photos, etc., to be included in the issue. Distribution will be in the second week of December. For the past several years, our December issue has promoted Santa at the Shops – this year on 2 December so it will miss our effective promotion via NM.
  - (g) **Naremburn Park** – Fran stated that last year three members had expressed interest in monitoring activity in the park – Donna Kessler, Julienne Blunck and Robyn Butler.
  - (h) **Open Space** – A letter has been sent to WCC describing the degraded state of 'Naremburn Hill', where the off ramp to Naremburn Shops meets Willoughby Road. The area has been an eyesore from the shops and for traffic travelling south along Willoughby Road. We await Council's reply.
  - (g) **Website** – Our webmaster, Peter Witcombe and Trisha, our Public Officer, have collaborated on bringing the website up to date. Peter has some suggestions for improving the website and these will be implemented over the following weeks.
- 11 CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK** – 12 Members, 11 Apologies from Members, 3 Visitors
- 12. MOTION OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN** – none for this meeting
- 13. NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** - Thursday, 8 December 2011 at 7:30 pm, in the Community Centre: Instead of refreshments being served at 7:00 pm Christmas cheer will follow the meeting.
- 14. CLOSURE:** The meeting closed at 9:10 pm