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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 9 FEBRUARY 2012

Meeting commenced at 7:30 pm

Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street, Naremburn

Guest Speaker: WCC Director Infrastructure Services, Steven Head

The Secretary welcomed Steven Head to address the meeting, congratulating him and WCC for the many awards received by the Council. These included awards for sustainability. One of these was a joint winner C Division WCC: Chatswood Integrated Flood Mitigation and Stormwater Reuse Scheme. He extended the NPA's congratulation to Council and its officers for the successful completion of The Concourse.

Flood Studies:

Flood risk management is delegated to Councils by the State Government. In 2006, 2007 and 2008, there have been delegated studies across the LGA, especially flood prone properties. In 2009 a detailed upgrade took place. The Flat Rock Gully Bridge on Willoughby Road causes major backup.

Solutions: 1. increasing stormwater drainage. 2. More controls on buildings. 3. Looking at detention systems like the one operating in Artarmon to slow water flow. Currently there are Government Stormwater grants provided for better treatment/re-use reducing the use of potable water and overall better use of water resources.

Open Spaces - Naremburn Park

A map of the planned upgrade is available on Council's website and is a major 2012 project. It is funded by a Commonwealth Government grant. A pathway constructed around the park will provide improved access for prams, young children on bikes and an exercise option for the elderly. A similar project in Willoughby Park has proved popular. There are plans for a remodelled netball area playground on Bicentennial Reserve.

Parking and Traffic issues

Commuter parking in Naremburn is the most frequently raised issue with Council. Before considering improvement options, Council is looking at the area and its issues. Naremburn is impacted by the Artarmon Industrial Area, RNS Hospital and the St Leonard's CBD. Businesses and rate paying residents have to be considered. The residential parking scheme is drawn up by State Government through the NSW Transport Roads and Marine Services. The Act requires that Council cannot make a decision without consent of the Government. Visitor parking permits are a matter under consideration. Parking meters are the best form of parking enforcement. While Rangers are considered negatively by part of the community, others are happy to see them overseeing parking.

Naremburn Community Centre

OOSH will move to a vastly improved site at Bales Park, a facility being upgraded under the Community Building partnership Program. Once completed it has to be reviewed before it is gazetted. Funds for upgrade of the Naremburn Community Centre have been set aside in the 2012 and 2013 budget. There will be dedicated meeting spaces. Upgrade will be mostly internal. There will be more secure book storage for the Library. (Steven left a concept plan of the proposed upgrade and invited us to return it to him with comments. A copy of the plan is on display in the library.) The project is due to commence early 2013 and run into the first half of 2014.

General

Disruption of roads and footpaths by utilities providers- Under the Energy Act providers get almost unfettered access to areas to provide services (water, gas, electricity). Dealing with less community minded sub-contractors, assets are sometimes not returned in the same condition. WCC would prefer to provide remediation service and have been in vigorous discussion with the providers. Sometimes there are long delays in waiting for a formal order from the utilities company. The legislation is not necessarily on the side of Council. Ausgrid are involved in a major mains upgrade, replacing ageing infrastructure in Herbert Street, Dalleys Road and the south western end of Naremburn Park. WCC has asked Ausgrid to give 14 days notice of intended work. A couple of streets, Ella Street Bridge and the rail line will need to be closed for short period. The upgrade of the pathway on the park will follow this work a map of proposed work is on Council's website.

In the Q&A that followed, Steven took questions on flood mitigation, cycle ways, parking issues and traffic infringements, skateboard activity in western Naremburn, upgrade of Naremburn shops and transport for children in western Naremburn.

The President thanked Steven and called for a five minute break before normal business was resumed

1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **Trisha FitzPatrick (Central Street)** – Trisha reported that the two no parking signs on the corner of Central and Slade Streets have faded. There has been illegal parking on this dangerous corner where there has already been a head on collision. There was a suggestion from the floor that a NO STANDING sign may be more appropriate. It was agreed to write to the appropriate authority requesting the signage be reviewed. On a second traffic matter Trisha reported that one of the 60 km signs between Garland Road and Slade Street has been knocked down, needs to be replaced.
- (b) **Kevin FitzPatrick (Central Street)** – Kevin asked about the proposed planting of trees in Central Street, Open Spaces Manager, Julie Whitfield was to write to residents of the street outlining planting and removal of trees from the street. This was to be done before the summer months. Only a few trees have been planted. Moved that residents of the street be contacted and a letter sent to Julie if required.
- (c) **Beryl Batterham (Garland Road)** – Beryl reported excessive noise from early morning fitness trainers on Bicentennial Reserve near the Henry Lawson cave. Frances and Barry are delegates to the Bicentennial Reserve & Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group and will raise it at next meeting on 23 February.

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the General Meeting of 8 December 2011, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Proposed: Beryl Batterham; Seconded: Helene Kemp

3 NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

None for this meeting.

4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Peter Brady, Artie Chao, Carol Craggs-Pearce, Kevin Duxfield, Michele Graham, Jenny Heeks, David Kennedy, Linda Mitchell, Justine Molloy, Julia Rhead, Philip Rhead, Luke Silcock, Deborah Sweetman

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **Western area of Naremburn – Traffic and Parking Safety issues** – These issues were dealt with in Steven Head's address and the subsequent Q&A session.
- (b) **Oral History Program** – Kevin reported that Ida Szewczyk of Grafton Avenue was recently given a very early photograph of the Northbridge Suspension Bridge and offered it for our historic collection. He also reported the closing of a chapter in Naremburn's history with news that the Over 50s club has been wound up. He called on NPA member, Cyril Clark, the Public Officer for the Over 50s club to give details. Cyril reported that all members are now over 80 and there are only about six active members left. They have decided to meet informally for a meal at a chosen venue. As Public Officer he closed the clubs accounts and finalized paperwork with the Office of Fair Trading as required for an incorporated body.
- (c) **Naremburn Shops** – Frances O'Brien and Viviane Leveaux reported they had visited all Naremburn shops to inform them of the 2012 EH arrangements. ThaiTanium and the Naremburn Pizzeria will remain open for EH, Martin Rolon had advised that Delicia would not be open. Dr Sahagian would be moving from his premises to Penshurst Street Willoughby in four months when his lease expires. Bus transport would enable his Naremburn patients to visit his surgery without inconvenience. It was noted that the shop fronts of his surgery and Montien Thai have recently been renovated with a more modern look. The former Naremburn Natural has now been vacant for 12 months. A lease sign is now displayed at the former barCellos.
- (d) **Willoughby Local Environment Plan 2009** – pending legislation. Nothing to report.
- (e) **Traffic Committee Report (RTA, Police, State Member, WCC)** – The next meeting will be held on 13 February.
- (f) **School for Naremburn** – Steven Head had stated in his address that there are negotiations to provide transport for children from western Naremburn who travel to Artarmon Public School. This could be one of the shuttle buses currently used by the Council to provide transport for people working in the area.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

In

- (a) 02/12/2011 – letter – WCC – James Brocklebank, Group Leader, Traffic & Transport –Ruth/Park/Olympia Roads.
- (b) 09/12/2011 – letter – WCC – Paul Gomez, Infrastructure & Parking –Sealed footpaths, Grandview & Ruth Streets.
- (c) 28/12/2011 – letter – WCC – Eilis O'Beirne, Festival & Events Manager –Willoughby Spring Fair 2012
- (d) 04/01/2012 – letter – WCC – Invitation to attend the official opening of the Chinese New Year Festival 2012.
- (e) 17/01/2012 – email – WCC – Availability of WCC GM to address the NPA
- (f) 17/01/2012 – letter – Mallesons Stephen Jaques – invitation to on site conciliation 7&9 Donnelly Rd 21 February
- (g) 24/01/2012 – email – WCC – Media Release Willoughby Historical Society to meet at The Concourse 24/01/2012
- (h) 25/01/2012 – email – WCC – Media Release Willoughby City Library to launch the National Year of Reading 14/02/2012

Out

- (a) 16/12/2011 – letter – WCC – covering letter for deliver y of Naremburn Matters to WCC Councillors, Senior Staff, etc.
- (b) 17/01/2012 – email – WCC - acknowledging invitation for General Manager to address the NPA
- (c) 03/02/2012 – letter – WCC - GM – Damaged seat outside Ray's Framing 304 Willoughby Road/smoking area.
- (d) 04/02/2012 – letter – WCC - Director Infrastructure Services – Naremburn Hill Maintenance and Lighting.

7. ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer Barry Shaw presented the financial report for the period 8 December 2011 to 7 February 2012

Opening Balance as at 7 December 2012 \$9,693.31

Add: Income:

Naremburn Matters advertising – Dec '11 issue		1,865.00
Member's subscriptions	50.00	
Sale of 2012 calendars- 110th	60.00	
Bank interest	<u>8.87</u>	<u>1,983.87</u>
		11,677.18

less: Expenditure

B. Shaw – mtg supper, net	40.60	
K. Fitzpatrick - copying, etc.	16.80	
Naremburn Matters production – Dec '11		2,039.89
110 th Street Party		
B. Shaw - sausages		
- drinks, ice, cleaning, BBQ gas etc.	459.62	
V. Leveaux – display board items & photos		
- sweet, cakes, decorations for tables	225.65	
H. Kemp – display board items	<u>78.45</u>	<u>763.72</u>
		<u>2,861.01</u>

Closing Bank Balance as at 7 February 2012 \$8,816.17 *

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

Expenditure Approvals Requested:

K.FitzPatrick – toner, stamps, and printing	80.98
2012 Earth Hour	
M. Shaw – Portaloo rental reimb.	555.50
H. Kemp –supper supplies	25.01

That this expenditure be approved.

Proposed: Roger Promnitz: Seconded: Alan Gray

8. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS (FWPA)

NPA delegates Frances O'Brien, Kevin and Trisha FitzPatrick were unable to attend the 3 December meeting at the Dougherty Centre. Frances and Trisha had both emailed the FWPA Secretary with correction to the minutes that reported the issue of bells for the St Leonard's Catholic Church had been resolved. This was not the case. Kevin reported that he had recently spoken to Geoff Gemmell, chair of the committee overseeing the project. Geoff reported that representatives of the parish as well as representatives of three streets likely to be affected by the bells had met on two occasions. Meetings had been attended by WCC Environmental Services Director Greg Woodham and WCC officer Lara Ngyuen. Geoff had visited St Mark's Church Randwick and a church in Burwood to research use of bells by those churches and impact on their communities. On Sunday 19 February there will be a sound trial with projected sound levels equivalent to the 6 bells when installed. This will take place 9:30 to 9:45 and 10:00 to 10:15. Measuring devices around the suburb will record the sound impact at various points. Council is to distribute 500 flyers to areas potentially affected by sound. An email address is given on the flyer to enable residents to give feedback. The next combined meetings of church and street representatives will take place on 22 February.

9. WARD COUNCILLORS

There were no Councillors present. Cr Thompson had emailed his apology due to a meeting of NSROC he was to attend that evening at Hornsby.

10. SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS

(e) Development Applications received since the December meeting –6 tabled

DA-2011/527	262 Willoughby Road	Proposed vehicular crossing and onsite vehicular hard stand area
DA-2011/582	3 Grafton Avenue	Dem of existing carport, cons.new carport, associated works.
DA-2011/588	24 Dalleys Road	Construction of carport and associated works.
DA-2011/593	23 Market Street	Alts and adds to existing dwelling and ancillary and assoc works.
DA-2011/595	29 Market Street	Alts and adds to existing dwelling and associated works.
DA-2011/641	24 Darvall Street	Alts and adds to existing dwelling and associated works.

Section 82A Review – 1 tabled

DA-2011/261	7&9 Donnelly Road	Review and Determination for 72 place Child Care Centre c/w manager's apartment and basement car parking. This App. has been discussed at a previous NPA meeting.
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Notification of Building Certificate Application – Unauthorized Building Work

App.No-2011/137	8 McBurney Street	Application for deck and awning to receive Building Certificate.
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With regard to the Section 82A Review for 7&9 Donnelly Road, Roger Promnitz read from the letter from Mallesons Stephen Jaques who act for WCC inviting a representative to take part in an on-site conciliation conference with a Commissioner from the Land and Environment Court, to be held on Tuesday 21 February 2012 at 9:30 am. The NPA has received this invitation as an objector to the Childcare Project, (NPA letter sent to WCC 8/11/2012), and can make an oral submission at the on-site conciliation conference. Donnelly Road Partnership has commenced court proceedings against WCC for its refusal of the DA for the construction of a 72 place childcare centre at the site.

The NPA's Public Officer Trisha FitzPatrick stated that the NPA needs to record its decision on the issues associated with a childcare centre on this site, as until late 2011 the NPA has not taken an active role in the process. That should the developer ultimately be successful, for the sake of future office-bearers and NPA members, the NPA needs to deal with this issue by way of motions and voting by show of hands. Trisha asked Roger if he was prepared to propose a motion. The motion was put:

That the Naremburn Progress Association send a representative to the onsite conciliation conference by the Land and Environment Court at 7&9 Donnelly Road on Tuesday 21 February 2012.

Proposed: Roger Promnitz; Seconded: Trisha FitzPatrick.

A vote by financial members present at the time was taken by show of hands - 18 for; nil against.

Another further motion was put:

That Roger Promnitz is designated as the Naremburn Progress Association's representative at the on-site conciliation conference by the Land and Environment Court at 7&9 Donnelly Road on Tuesday 21 February 2012.

Proposed: Kevin FitzPatrick: Seconded Alan Gray.

A vote by financial members present at the time was taken by show of hands - 18 for; nil against.

(b) Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group

Next meeting is 23 February. NPA delegates are Frances O'Brien, Barry Shaw and Peter Turner. Frances and Barry to raise issues of noise volume by personal trainers in early mornings; whistles and potential for skate board activity on the Reserve.

(c) Events Earth Hour 2012 at the Shops - 31 March:

Frances reported preparations were well underway with regular meetings. They had obtained an additional \$1500 sponsorship from Peter Chauncy of McGrath Estate Agents. Entertainment would be provided by Drummers and professional dancers. There would be fire twirlers (have their own liability insurance). Entertainment planned for the children includes face painting, a clown, activity by Kick Performance. Arrangements are in process with WCC to close the car park for the event. Tables and chairs for people to dine in the open area of the car park are to be hired. Frances and Viviane have approached local shops with notification of the event. An approach has been made to 1st Choice for organic wine tasting. This will need WCC approval if it is to be held outside the store. Kevin reminded Events that our report to WCC as requested by the GM is still outstanding.

(d) Membership – Helene Kemp reported that there are 137 financial members. Thirteen un-financial members need to be followed up. Treasurer Barry Shaw and Public Officer Trisha FitzPatrick are ensuring that Register of Members is up to date.

(e) Naremburn Community Centre – Steven Head had presented the Concept Plan for redevelopment of the Centre to the meeting. Kevin agreed to request branch librarian Diana Revington display the plan in the library. It will be featured in Naremburn Matters with requests for comments and feedback

(f) Naremburn Matters – NM Editor Trisha FitzPatrick reported that at this stage advertising is \$4.89 short to cover production cost of \$2,039.89 There will be 4 double column ads which is unusual Climate Clever, repeats of Naremburn Pizzeria and Vision Personal Training and new one – Chiropaedics. Peter Chauncy has a permanent booking for page 3. ThaiTanium has taken a single column ad. There are three single column ad spaces still available. Earth Hour will be promoted on page 1, Page 5 will carry a report on Steven's presentation this evening; Cyro aka Cyril Clark has provided and article "End of an Era" the Over Fifties ceased operation since the December meeting. True or false has been completed. Andy is working on his page 3 column.

(g) Naremburn Park – Covered in Steven Head's address.

(h) Open Space – Kevin noted that the Slip Road's blocked drain had been cleared in response to our request. Regarding tree planting and removal of diseased/unnecessary trees in Central Street, WCC Manager, Open Spaces had written to us saying residents would first be consulted by letter before taking action. Agreed that Kevin ask residents if they have received this letter and if not, to write to Council about the matter.

(i) Website – Peter is still waiting for a story on the 110th street party. And we need to have a promo of Earth Hour 2012. Articles and announcements to public.officer@naremburnprogress.org.au

11 CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK – 21 Members, 5 Apologies from Members, 3 Visitors

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

13. NEXT GENERAL MEETING: - The **Annual General Meeting** of the NPA will be held on Thursday 8 December 2012 at the Naremburn Community Centre 7 Central Street.

14. CLOSURE: The meeting closed at 9:45 pm.