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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 10 MAY 2012

Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm at the
Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street, Naremburn

The President announced that normal business would be suspended until the conclusion of the guest speaker's Q & A session

Guest Speaker: Senior Constable Matthew Jewell, North Shore Local Area Command

Opportunistic Crime: Crims don't necessarily plan specific crimes. They are looking for opportunities to strike. They can window shop cars in a car park, looking for opportunities where reward is greater than risk. Property-related crime is greater in our area than violent crime. Much crime is committed to fuel drug habits. Crims receive little for their efforts – 10 cents in the dollar – for a \$400 computer they get \$40 so they need to steal three to get what they need. Cash is the best return \$ for \$. There are minimal personal assaults – we live in a good area. Take away the opportunity.

Safety Factors: Always think safety factors. When in the car, keep the car doors locked (Police are trained to keep their car doors locked), it prevents car-jacking. With the driver and passenger doors locked there is less danger of being thrown from the car. Locked doors provide added strength to the vehicle in the event of a collision. Put the handbag behind the seat, not on the front seat beside the driver.

Home Security: Windows and doors need to be well-anchored. If you have deadlocks keep the key handy to enable exit in an emergency. Security cameras are not big help for home security.

Council Clean Up: Don't advertise that you have a new TV or computer. Cut up the cartons and place in your recycling bin.

Eyewatch: - does not replace Neighbourhood Watch, it replaces meetings and newsletters. There is always a need to have eyes on the ground. Eyewatch enable NSW Police to put information they can control out to the community. He does frequent press releases to the North Shore Times.

Skateboarders: - He is for skateboard activities in a public place where activities can be monitored, an active site. He said that The Concourse is a good active site,

Identity Theft: - Most active area of crime. Lock your letter box. Use a shredder.

The President thanked Matt Jewell for attending our meeting and for providing information of use to us all.

1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **Doug Armstrong (Martin Street)** –Doug notified the NPA that Reading Hour will take place on 25 August 2012 and will be both a focal point for the National Year of Reading 2012 for all ages and also the call to action for families – "share a book with your child for 10 minutes a day, an hour a week".
- (b) **Helen Mellquist (Waters Road)** – Helen advised that Ausgrid recently put down new cabling along the footpath in her street and they have only put a temporary bitumen covering over the cabling rather than concrete. She said that it is not very safe to walk on. Fran O'Brien said that once Ausgrid have finished WCC will be covering the bitumen with concrete.
- (c) **Roger Promnitz (Merrenburn Avenue)** – Roger commented that not many people seem to have house numbers on their letterbox and it is difficult to identify house numbers in the street. Roger commented that Council had done some stenciling of house numbers on the curb however you cannot see these at night. It was requested that the NPA write to council about this and see if there is way for house numbers to be easily identified.
Motion proposed: Trisha FitzPatrick; Seconded: Martha Follett
- (d) **Kevin FitzPatrick (Central Street)** - Kevin requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Ray's framing for framing 'Faces of Naremburn' that was compiled for the 110th anniversary of the NPA.
- (e) **Michael Wright (Central Street)** - Michael asked whether a response had been received in relation to the planting of the trees in Central Street. It was advised that a letter was received on 18 April to inform the NPA that Council will be planting the new trees and it will take 4-6 weeks. NPA will follow up with another letter.

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the revised minutes of the General Meeting of 12 April 2012, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Proposed: Kevin FitzPatrick; Seconded: Alan Gray

3 NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

None for this meeting

4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Kirsty Cranfield, Keith Cranfield, Jo Cocks, Mike Cocks, Michael Heath, Michael Wright

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **Western area of Naremburn – Traffic and Parking Safety issues** – Refer to (e).
- (b) **Oral History Program** – Kevin FitzPatrick reported on an interview he had with Ian Mercer who had begun his carpentry apprenticeship in 1953. With his neighbour and St Leonard's Catholic Church project site foreman, Alex Burns, Ian worked on the extension to St Leonard's Church and the addition of the spire in 1955. [The extension was blessed by Cardinal Gilroy in December 1956]. The project meant doubling the size of the 1913 built church and replacing the western timber back of the original church with brick. Bricks were sourced from the North Sydney Brick and Tile Company in Herbert Street. The roof slates known as 'blue heelers' came from a quarry in Ireland. The ceiling was lined with stained Oregon timber while the choir loft and gothic entrance doors were Queensland Maple which is no longer available. Foundations for the tower were deep, sandstone or ironstone providing a strong, safe foundation for the tower. Before the copper spire was hoisted into place by two mechanical cranes supplied by E.W. Marr, it was painted with milk and allowed to dry; the algae that formed gave it an enhanced copper look. The cross on the top of the spire has a metal circle around it. Different coloured reflectors were set on this 'crown' giving wonderful reflection when new from the eastern and western sun. On the south side of the tower you can see a solid copper lightning conductor wire and a maintenance trapdoor. The builders used a minimum amount of sandstone in the extension. Brickwork was rendered, then painted and before it dried it was blasted with sand giving a sandstone look when completed. The tower was designed with a convex curved finish so that when viewed from a distance it always looked straight. Ian described the Alex Burns the foreman as a brilliant carpenter and excellent mentor.
- (c) **Naremburn Shops** – Noted that a Kebab and Grill shop is being fitted out in the premises formerly occupied by barCelos.
- (d) **Willoughby Local Environment Plan 2009** – pending legislation.
- (e) **Traffic Committee Report (RTA, Police, State Member, WCC)** – NPA President Fran O'Brien said that The Traffic Report was discussed at the April FWPA Meeting. There were some issues that may impact on Naremburn reported at this meeting. They were the continuation of the traffic flow around the Netball courts at Bicentennial Reserve from April-September. This is an ongoing problem, particularly when Rugby is being played at Shore. The Taxi stand will remain in its current location at St Leonard's in Reserve Road. Signage will be improved. Other matters discussed were the traffic flow at the Interchange, with WCC asking the STA to consider relocating some of the bus-stands on the other side of the railway station. There is also a development about to commence at the corner of Albert Avenue and Archer Street. The Developer wishes to close off Claude Street between Westfield Car Park and the site for 14 months. Westfield has not agreed to this and it is now proposed to re-open the northern end of Claude Street to provide an exit to Johnson Street. An additional proposal is to change traffic arrangements in Albert Avenue to permit right hand turns from the car park into Albert Avenue. Discussions are also at hand regarding the Eastern Valley Way and Edinburgh Road intersection and ways to make it safer.
- (f) **School for Naremburn** – The President, Frances O'Brien received a letter from Barry O'Farrell, MP, and Premier of New South Wales thanking Frances for her attendance at the NSW 2021 Forum for developing Regional Action Plans. The correspondence relates to primary schooling in Naremburn and has been referred to the Minister for Education, the Hon Adrian Piccoli, MP, for his attention.
- (g) **St Leonard's Bells:** John Tatham sent an email to the Secretary of the NPA advising that the report that Kevin FitzPatrick provided in the revised April minutes was inaccurate. John had asked for the minutes to be changed. It was pointed out that this was not possible as John had not spoken at the April Meeting and the minutes were an accurate representation of what had occurred at that meeting. It was agreed that John's subsequent email be read to the meeting and form part of these minutes

“INACURATE APRIL 2012 NPA MINUTES

Inaccurate information appears in the contents of the original April NPA General meeting minutes distributed 19 April 2012 & the revised April NPA minutes distributed 8 May 2012.

In both sets of minutes at item 5 (g) St. Leonard's Bells is inaccurate where the minutes read, "WCC allowed 6 speakers to address council- 4 were for the bells, 2 against the bells."

At the March council meeting the discussion was not about being for or against the bells, it was about the length of time the bells would toll and the noise they would create with the high decibel level.

At no time did either of the two working group community representative speakers say that they were representing a "no bell campaign".

As to the number of speakers, it was agreed at the final working group meeting at the request of Mr. Greg Woodhams that each group would limit the speakers to two people. However the parish group for some unexplained reason ran with four. Regarding the members of the community working group. The terms of reference for representatives from various locations was initiated by the WCC meeting facilitator, Mr. Greg Woodhams as was the name given to that group. None of the Naremburn ward councillors were involved in the formation of the group. It is inappropriate for the writer to add his personal thoughts to the minutes of a registered organisation and then name Cr.Coppock as an offender is really flawed.

The original minutes and the revised minutes as drafted do not represent the fact”.

Due to professional commitments, Geoff Gemmell arrived at the meeting after this item was read, and it was agreed that his update on the bells would be minuted at this point.

In response to a query from Trisha FitzPatrick, Geoff confirmed that he is the Chairperson of the Lower North Shore Parish Finance Committee (Naremburn, Northbridge, Willoughby). Geoff said that:-\

1. The Parish intends to proceed to install the bells as approved by the Council.
2. The Parish is extremely disappointed that the Council did not approve the Parish proposal, particularly in circumstances where the Parish compromised on the ringing times.
3. The effect of the Council's approval is to require the Parish to find an additional \$5,000 to \$10,000 that it would not otherwise have had to.
4. The Parish intends approaching the community to assist in fund-raising for the project. All donations to the Australian and New Zealand Association of Bellringers (ANZAB) for the project are 100% tax deductible. Would the NPA like to be involved?

Geoff was thanked for coming to the meeting to give an update on the bells particularly as his professional commitments are currently so extensive.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

In

- (a) 24/04/2012 – email –WCC – Leonne Donnelly - Thank you for letters of appreciation and certificate for Earth Hour.
- (b) 01/05/2012 – letter - Barry O'Farrell MP, Premier of NSW –Thank you to Ms Frances O'Brien for attending NSW 2021
- (c) 09/05/2012 – email – Member, John Tatham – inaccurate April 2012 NPA minutes
- (d) 09/05/2012 – email – Stuart Coppock – requesting proposed dates for ECM meetings

Out

- (a) 30/04/2012 – Letter – Nick Tobin, General Manager, WCC - NPA Community Centre User Charges
- (b) 02/05/2012 – NSW Fair Trading - Annual Summary of Financial Affairs – NPA y/e 31 December 2011

7. ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer Carmen Loecherer presented the financial report for the period 12 April to 10 May 2012

Opening Balance as at 12 April 2012 \$7,064.19

Add: Income:

Members' subscriptions	120.00	
Donations	-	
Advertising – Naremburn Matters	-	
Earth Hour 2012	-	
		<u>120.00</u>

less: Expenditure

Stationery/Postage/Toner/Folders	76.43	-
Meeting amenities	9.02	
Naremburn Matters Publication	-	
Earth Hour – PA, 4 hours	55.50	
OFT Annual Summary Financial Affairs	72.00	
		<u>212.95</u>

Closing Bank Balance as at 10 May 2012 \$6,971.24

Expenditure Approvals Requested:

Roger Promnitz - May meeting supper 10.56

That this expenditure be approved.

Proposed: Kevin FitzPatrick: Seconded: Trisha FitzPatrick

8. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS (FWPA)

The Meeting was held on 28 April 2012. Issues discussed included the increasing rabbit population around Artarmon. This continues to be a problem. There is a proposed poisoning program to take place. The car park at Westfield (Albert Avenue) will decrease the parking time from 3 hours to 2 hours from 21 May. The car park is leased from WCC and as such WCC cannot dictate how the car park will be run. An extra hour of free parking can be obtained if \$50 is spent in Westfield and that it is validated. There has been no discussion on a decrease of parking time at Chatswood Chase, 3 hours free.

The CBD Master Plan remains on hold pending the release of the draft WLEP 2012 which is expected to go on public exhibition in May or June. Meriton have acquired the Thomas Street car park and plan to build 2 residential towers on the site. The Concourse is going well although WCC is frustrated with the lack of progress on the Interchange. Free tours are currently being conducted of The Concourse site every Tuesday at 11 am from the Box Office. Tours go behind the scenes.

The Heritage Awards were held recently with Castlecrag taking out the majority of awards. Awards are held every two years.

Seniors Week went well and was a success. Earth Hour at The Concourse and Naremburn was well patronised and it too was successful. Planning is continuing for the Spring Fair in September. The theme for this year's Fair is "Burst into Life" and the focus of public relations will be "Brand Chatswood" The English National Ballet will perform at The Concourse 8-17 June. Ticket sales have been good. The Ballet will be accompanied by the Willoughby Symphony Orchestra. The Willoughby

Historical Society has a new exhibition "That's Entertainment – Willoughby in the Spotlight" which features the role Willoughby has played over the years in entertainment. The Museum is open Sundays only 1pm – 4pm.

9. WARD COUNCILLORS

None of the Naremburn Ward Councillors attended this meeting.

10. SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS

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

DA-2011/515	64 Mitchell Street	Alterations and additions to amended plans
DA-2011/102	13 Moonbria Street	Alterations and additions to existing dwelling
DA-2012/109	20 Bongalong Street	Alterations and additions to existing dwelling
DA-2012/129	20A Station Street	Alterations and additions to existing dwelling

Notification of Building Certificate Application – Unauthorised Building Work

App No: 2012/20 5 Grafton Avenue Timber deck & covered pergola

(b) Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group – next meeting is 24 May.

(c) **Events** – Trisha FitzPatrick, Public Officer, reported that this time last year we applied via SmartyGrants.com.au for a WCC Small Grant for Earth Hour 2012. We were successful and received \$3,000. It is now necessary to report online on the event itself, how it went, and expenditure against the \$3,000, with uploaded invoices/receipts. Each section of the online Aquittal form has limited space and the smartygrants.com.au system requires comments with specific word count or it rejects the reporting process. The Earth Hour sub-committee is to provide the data to Trisha and completion of the online aquittal form must occur by Friday 18 May.

(d) **Membership** – Trisha said that she is reporting on Membership while General Committee Members are way. Subscription fees for the calendar year fall due on the day of the AGM, the second Thursday of March each year. We have 149 members who are currently financial with many of them needing to pay for 2012 by 8-14 June to remain financial. In addition to the 149 members on our Register, there are 34 people who have been dropped off the Register for missing the 2011 sub payment. Subs are \$10 per person per annum, and \$5.00 Concession. In the next few weeks we will send an email reminder to those who have yet to pay. Payments can be made EFT – BSB 032 297 ACC 20 1474 or cheque to POB 393 St Leonards 1590.

(e) **Naremburn Community Centre** –. Kevin FitzPatrick reminded the meeting that he and Barry Shaw, elected NPA Delegates to the Naremburn Community Centre had met informally with WCC Properties Manager, Steven Farr to discuss the Naremburn Community Centre Concept Plan. Kevin and Barry had put forward suggestions for the upgrade and sought clarification of the Council's proposed changes. Steven could only respond to building matters, not Council policy on use of the Centre by specific groups. Matters covered included the three meeting rooms, their respective sizes, the capacity of the largest space Meeting Room 1(40m²) and a possible area for NPA General Meetings. Kevin and Barry suggested a kitchenette for this room. Their suggestions would be put to the architect and modifications made accordingly. They are unsure of proposals put forward by any other member of the Centre User Group. It is likely the DA will go before Council by December with tenders called in early 2013. The upgrade will take 10-15 weeks. Council will provide alternate meeting arrangements for the NPA possibly at the upgraded Artarmon Library in Artarmon Road; there is a hall behind the proposed library. Council will provide temporary storage for NPA records and property during the upgrade; the upgraded Centre will have provision for these records. It is uncertain who will manage Centre bookings. The likely option is the Manager of the Willoughby Leisure Centre. Barry and Kevin will continue to meet with Steven Farr as further changes to the upgrade are proposed.

(f) **Naremburn Matters** – Trisha FitzPatrick as Editor reported that advertising for the June issue currently totals \$1,885 – ads from Peter Chauncy, Naremburn Pizzeria, Workforce (a new advertiser who approached us via our website) Vision Personal Training (a regular advertiser from Fran O'Brien) and Pacific Advisory. We need to sell two single column ads to cover production costs

(g) **Naremburn Park** – Nil to report.

(h) **Open Space** - Naremburn Hill Lighting. The item for potential installation of solar lighting to illuminate the Naremburn entry sign has been recently handed on to Roger Promnitz to follow up with WCC. Documentation covering the various equipment levels is being gathered, but WCC have indicated that funding has not been allocated in the current financial year

(i) **Website** – Trisha as Public Officer reported that she and our Webmaster Peter Witcombe have been emailing back and forth with updates. The 'Who We Are' page has been updated, names and mobile numbers only, no photos, and there are other updates on that page. Coming additions to the website will include The Bells, Earth Hour 2012.

11 CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK – 16 Members, 2 Apologies from Members, 2 Visitors

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

13. NEXT GENERAL MEETING: - The **General Meeting** of the NPA will be held on Thursday 14 June 2012 at the Naremburn Community Centre 7 Central Street.

14. CLOSURE: The meeting closed at 9:40 pm.