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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 9 August 2012

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

1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **Simon Blaney (Northcote Street)** – Simon advised about the Complying Development application involving 13 Moonbria Street which backs onto several properties in Northcote Street, including his (CD-2012/174). Simon wanted to make Members aware of the changes that have recently taken place regarding development applications. Unlike DA's, which are merit-based, Complying Development applications are entirely rules-based so if such areas as setbacks etc are met then issues such as bulk, loss of amenity and other areas of concern for adjoining property holders are no longer part of the approval process. Furthermore, certification can be provided by a Private Certifier.
- (b) **Viviane Leveaux (Olympia Road)** – Viviane advised that tree pruning was undertaken in the Naremburn Area by Ausgrid and that while residents appreciate the need to ensure that the electricity supply is not interrupted due to overhanging tree branches that electricity lines are kept clear it has been very distressing to see the results of such selective and in some cases aggressive pruning. It was requested to write a letter to Willoughby Council to investigate a tree pruning and maintenance program as well as selective planting to ensure that they are maintained.

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the General Meeting of 16 June 2012, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Proposed: Joann Morand; Seconded: Viviane Leveaux

3 NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Andrew Murray, Melissa McMaugh, Ian McMaugh, Simon Blaney, Brian Chapman, Richard Gould

Proposed; Joann Morand; Seconded; John Bell

4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Phil Brady, Kirsten Smith, Geoffrey Gemmell, Peter Johnston

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **Willoughby Local Environment Plan 2012** – Frances O'Brien read the report from Council.
- (b) **Naremburn Shops** – Kirsten Smith to provide update. Kirsten Smith raised concerns about the area at the back of the shops. She was particularly concerned about the lack of tidiness of this area. Members of the NPA Executive inspected the area and found it to be now well maintained and tidy. No further action is required.
- (c) **Parking in Northcote Street** – Phil Brady to provide update. At the last meeting Phil Brady expressed his frustrations and that of his neighbours of commuter parking on their private property. Councillor Stuart Coppock was present at the meeting and discussed this issue privately with Phil. Councillor Coppock stated that commuter parking is becoming a major concern of the residents of WCC and the Council is looking at various options to improve these parking issues.
- (d) **Drains in Waters Road** – ongoing maintenance by the Council.
- (e) **Willoughby Rd/Quiamong Street Slip Road** – this is a known issue and is being monitored. Roads and Maritime Department are responsible for this road and drainage not WCC.
- (f) **Western Area of Naremburn – Traffic and Parking Safety Issues.** Nil to report.
- (g) **School for Naremburn** – Nil to report.
- (h) **Traffic Committee Report (RTA, Police, State Member, WCC)** – Nil to Report
- (i) **Oral History** - Kevin FitzPatrick reported that Adrian Turley, current proprietor of Cream, had family connections with Naremburn. His great, great grandparents built a small weatherboard cottage called Garland Cottage in Garland Road. It was demolished long ago but the name has been retained on the current brick home which incidentally is owned by former NPA Vice President, Martha Follent. Kevin showed a picture taken in 1912 which Adrian lent to him. It shows the

family gathered on the front veranda and a very barren looking Flat Rock Gully in the northerly background. Adrian is consulting with family to provide further photographs for our archives.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

In

- (a) 01/07/2012 – Letter from Sue Howes – Naremburn Matters Newsletter – Deliveries discontinued
- (b) 06/07/2012 – Letter from Hon Joe Hockey to Secretary NPA re Federal Volunteer Grants have opened for 2012.
- (c) 12/07/2012 – Letter from King & Wood Mallesons, Legal Firm to Secretary NPA re Property 7 & 9 Donnelly Road Naremburn DA 2011/261
- (d) 17/07/2012 – Letter from WCC Lyn Smith re Workshops targeted for older people.
- (e) 23/07/012 – WCC Ordinary Council Agenda
- (f) 27/07/2012 – Email WCC – Julie Whitfield Weekly Traffic update for Artarmon to Crows Nest cable project.
- (g) 05/08/2012 – Email – Chris Chaseling re membership renewal
- (h) 07/08/2012 – Email – Naremburn OOSH Gabrielle Adams – Naremburn Open Day meeting
- (a) 09/08/2012 - Letter- Frances O'Brien read the resignation statement from Trisha FitzPatrick. Trisha resigned as Public Officer, Website Coordinator and NM Editor. Frances thanked Trisha for her work and support over the last several years to the NPA

Out

- (a) 16/07/2012 – email to WCC Mark Hayward from Trisha FitzPatrick cc R Promnitz, H Kemp, F O'Brien re Naremburn Shops – kebab sign on fence.
- (b) 20/07/2012 – Letter to WCC - Nick Tobin General Manager from Trisha FitzPatrick re Willoughby Development Control Plan Part E – Commercial and Top Shop Development –E6- Naremburn Shops.
- (c) 08/08/2012 – Email to WCC – Director of Community Services Melanie Smith invitation to be guest speaker.

7. ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer Carmen Loecherer presented the financial report for the period 14 June to 9 August 2012

Opening Balance as at 14 June 2012 \$8460.68

Add: Income:

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| Members' subscriptions | 130.00 | |
| Donations | - | |
| Advertising – Naremburn Matters | 580.00 | |
| Interest | 6.57 | |
| | | <u>716.57</u> |

Less: Expenditure

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| Stationery/Postage/Toner/Folders | 96.50 | |
| Meeting amenities | 56.03 | |
| Naremburn Matters Publication | 2039.89 | |
| Miscellaneous | - | |
| | | <u>2192.42</u> |

Closing Bank Balance as at 9 August 2012 \$6,984.43

Expenditure Approvals Requested:

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| Joann Morand - Aug meeting supper | 21.38 |
| Trisha FitzPatrick – copy paper | 5.49 |

That this expenditure be approved.

Proposed: Viviane Leveaux Seconded: Margaret Stewart

8. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS (FWPA)

The meeting was held on 4 August 2012.

Issues that were discussed were the Chatswood CBD Traffic Study that has recently been undertaken to review the traffic patterns in Chatswood with the aim to alleviate congestion around the CBD. Various options were given including the closure of Spring Street, improved operation and efficiency of the Westfield carpark with a CBD wide parking guidance system.

The Chatswood Bus interchange was discussed as the Mayor has raised concerns about it and he has called for an independent review. The interchange can no longer cope with the volume of buses using it particularly during peak period. There is an urgent need for additional bus layover areas and consideration of a second level for buses at the Interchange. There have been no contentious issues raised at the Traffic Committee. These meeting take place every second month. It was reported that the Tree planting Day at Artarmon Reserve was very successful with over 700 plants given away.

There are a number of cultural events taking place. The Willoughby Fauna Fair will be held on 26 August at Willoughby Park from 10am until 3pm. The 2012 Willoughby Spring Festival will run from 1 September- 7 October and will feature 70 events including the Street Fair on 15 September with over 130 stalls. The Naremburn Community Centre will also be hosting an Open Day on 1 September.

It was noted that the fox baiting in the parks and reserves of Willoughby and the eradication of feral animals has been successful with the native animal population now beginning to flourish. Wallaby numbers are now reputed to have reached about 30 and brush turkeys are now commonplace.

It was raised by the Naremburn Progress Association Representative (Frances O'Brien) that a member of the Naremburn Progress Association asked if WCC would consider allowing ratepayers of Willoughby City a discounted rate when using the Leisure Centre if they are required to finance the upgrade of the Centre. A letter was written to WCC by the FWPA regarding this issue and a response is still forthcoming.

The next meeting will take place on 6 October and this meeting will be the AGM

9. WARD COUNCILLORS

No councillors attended the meeting.

10. SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS

(a) Development Applications received since the 14th June meeting – 8 tabled

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| DA-2010/165/C | 36 Glenmore Road | S96 – modify proposed works |
| DA-2011/470/A | 51 Dalleys Road | S96 – modify proposed works |
| DA-2012/109 | 20 Bongalong Street | Alterations and additions to existing dwelling |
| DA-2012/129 | 20A Station Street | Alterations and additions to existing dwelling |
| DA-2012/181 | 64-66 Chandos Street | Demolition of existing building |
| DA-2012/205 | 7 Oxley Street | Replacement of existing carport |
| DA-2012/242 | 16 Central Street | Alterations and additions to existing dwelling |
| DA-2012/267 | 28 Darvall Street | Alterations and additions to existing building |

Other active items

DA-2011/261 7 & 9 Donnelly Road 72 place childcare centre

Willoughby council rejected this latest application from the developer at its meeting on 9th July. NPA was represented by Roger Promnitz, who was one of several speakers at the meeting. Subsequent to the Council's decision, a Land and Environment Court hearing has been set for 16 and 17 August, commencing onsite 9.30am.

(b) Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group – Nil to report.

(c) Events – Earth Hour - the Acquittal Form for the WCC Small Grant of \$3,000 to the NPA for Earth Hour 2012 was successfully lodged online on 29 June, the requirement being to upload invoices/receipts for items matching what was lodged in the application, upload publicity in NM and website items, to ensure that the requirements of the grant were met and that the NPA did not have to refund money to WCC.

110th Anniversary – The President's report to WCC on the success of the Community Street Party and details of the budget and expenditure of the \$2,000 special grant from WCC together with the Secretary's covering letter sent 27 June 2012.

(d) Membership Trisha FitzPatrick (Public Officer) reported that 6 of the committee members have been phoning 49 members who have not yet paid their 2012 renewal subscription – and a few of these members have now paid their subs for 2012. Following Trisha's resignation letter as read to the meeting, Frances O'Brien announced that the Public Officer among whose duties is control of the Register and NPA records, is an appointment made by the Executive Committee; it has been agreed to appoint ROGER PROMNITZ as Public Officer to take effect from Friday 7 September 2012.

(e) Naremburn Community Centre – Kevin reported he and Barry Shaw met with Steven Farr, WCC's Asset Manager, to review the proposed plans for the Community Centre upgrade. Changes suggested by the NPA were accepted, particularly access to adequate storage area for our records. Steven arranged removal of old cupboards and unwanted items from the former Over 50s storage room. We now share that facility with staff from the Pre School. Steven hopes the DA will be completed by late August. Work on the upgrade is likely to commence in December and would take approximately twelve weeks to complete

(f) Naremburn Matters Trisha FitzPatrick (Editor) said that the September issue is coming together on schedule, the main delay will be getting paragraphs and headshots from Naremburn Ward candidates. Ad sales currently total approximately \$1,750; the cost to produce this issue is approximately \$2040. Andy is doing his page 3 article from London and has already emailed his photos; there are articles on learning bellringing, Bongalong Street Community Garden update, Neighbourhood Watch. She said that she will see this issue through to the delivery of the boxes from rocket design's printer expected to be 31 August. If between the meeting and 24 August an NPA member volunteers to be Editor, he/she can take part in that section of the process. An email via naremburn.matters@naremburnprogress.org.au will be sent to members seeking a new editor. Sue Howes has coordinated the distribution and walkers for 28 issues of Naremburn Matters, all but the first issue, and has emailed that she wishes to step down from this role. The NPA will need to find someone to coordinate NM hand deliveries in Naremburn. Kevin FitzPatrick proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to Sue Howes. Kevin to forward a draft letter to the Secretary.

(g) Naremburn Park – Nil to report.

(h) Open Spaces – Ongoing maintenance to Naremburn sign has been done.

- (i) **Website** – The President announced that as the Website Coordinator also handles NPA records that are uploaded to www.naremburnprogress.org.au that this is also an appointment made by the Executive Committee. It has been agreed that Carmen Loecherer is appointed Website Coordinator to take effect from Friday 7 September 2012. Carmen will work with Peter Witcombe, NPA webmaster. The President then asked Trisha to report; she said that recent updates to the website have been Minutes and June NM; Peter is working on solving the problems with the Vice President and Treasurer email addresses and that some restructuring of where items are held on the website is about to take place.

- 11 CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK** – 21 Members, 5 Apologies from Members, 0 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 13 September 2012 at the Naremburn Community Centre 7 Central Street.
- 14. CLOSURE:** The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.