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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THURSDAY 11 OCTOBER 2012

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

GUEST SPEAKER MELANIE SMITH, WCC DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Melanie Smith is the WCC Director of Community Services, and advised the following:

- The Community Services Department has conducted a Community Needs Survey within the Willoughby Council area, covering Children, Aged Care, Cultural Diversity and Arts.
- Results are still being finalised, but several trends have already been noted. There is still a need to marry the survey results with the latest ABS data, noting such demographics as the relatively high proportion of working families in the Willoughby Council area.
- The results will be fed into the Willoughby Community Strategic Plan, which will probably be released mid-2013.
- Feedback in the Children's Services area particularly highlighted the need for After Hours childcare, as well as childcare centres in general.
- Feedback also noted a desire to celebrate more festivals.
- The survey was widely circulated in both hardcopy and online, plus the use of Focus Groups. There was a high level of engagement in the survey across all groups, with more than 1000 respondents.

Key objectives of Community Services Department

- Partnering with other Service Providers where possible
- Lobbying for bridging of identified services gaps with Government agencies
- Delivering in own service areas adequately
 - eg Youth Services, Aged Care, Arts & Culture, Children's Services, Disability Services, Multicultural issues.

General feedback was that Willoughby City Council rates very well on delivery of Community Services.

1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) Karl Riseborough (**Willoughby Road**). Karl advised he had recently received consent from WCC to change the use of 290 Willoughby Road, formerly known as "Naremburn Natural". He to operate a small scale brewery cafe along with his partner, Jenny. It will be called "Flat Rock Brew Café" and will sell beer made on the premises, along with food. The opening is set for mid-December. The members present were very excited about and supportive of the new venture. Karl also informed the meeting that the shopkeepers of Naremburn were also supportive of his new venture.

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the revised minutes of the General Meetings of 9th August 2012 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting. The minutes of the General Meeting of 13th September 2012 as circulated, amended with the changes below and confirmed as a true and correct record.

- 1(e) remove the word "in" before Olympia Road
- 1(f) remove the word "ön" prior to the State Government's New Planning System Green Paper
- 1(g) remove "to" prior to the doctor
- 1(h) delete (h) and (i) becomes (h)
- 5(b) remove "to" after "Älso"
- 5(c) After 4 weeks remove "c"
- 5(e) 4.7 Brook Street first paragraph to be deleted (duplicated)

Proposed: Margaret Stewart Seconded: Carmen Locherer

8. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS (FWPA)

There was general discussion on the Green Paper. The Federation did make a submission on behalf of all the Progress Associations to WCC. It was noted that ICAC has expressed concerns that the changes of planning could lead to corruption and undermine public confidence in the system. Gladys Berejiklian commented that she had received very little representation from the community regarding the Green Paper. It was suggested that members could still write to the Member for Willoughby expressing their concerns, but more importantly to write directly to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Brad Hazzard.

There is a meeting to be held at WCC on 24 October 2012 regarding the Willoughby City Strategy Review. Planning for the next 15 years underpins Council activity which is based on community visions, values and aspirations. It will be used to determine the needs of the community.

The Annual General Meeting was held. The following members were elected:

President	D. Swonnell (Willoughby South)
Vice President	R. McKillop (Castlecrag) J. McCredie (Chatswood West)
Hon Secretary	E. Wilson (Middle Cove)
Hon Treasurer	D. Jones

The meeting was addressed by the Mayor Pat Reilly, who gave a brief overview of issues pertaining to WCC. The Mayor discussed the Concourse and advised us that it is not in trouble and is financially sound. This is also the case for WCC. The Mayor also discussed concerns regarding the overcrowding of Chatswood Station, particularly with the advent of the North West rail link. He also raised concerns regarding security from undesirables using the Interchange, but advised that there is an active Security Committee which is working effectively in the area. The meeting was also addressed by Mr Chris Scarf who outlined the issues confronting an ageing population in Australia, the unavailability or reduced funding of services and the loss of social interaction. Mr Scarf approached the Federation to seek support for a motion to WCC that WCC jointly applies for a grant with North Sydney Council for the amount of \$60,000 from the NSW Government's Age-friendly Community Local Government Grant Scheme. This is to assess the feasibility of establishing a member driven and funded organisation for local residents, which employs staff to provide a range of services and programmes so that members may stay in their own homes in their community. This was supported by members of the Federation.

The next meeting will be held on 8 December 2012.

Trisha FitzPatrick proposed that Roger Promnitz be elected as the alternate delegate to represent the NPA at the FWPA meetings. A representative must be an Executive Member with the NPA.

9. WARD COUNCILLORS

No Naremburn Ward Councillors were present at this meeting.

10. SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS

(a) Development Applications received since the 11 September meeting – 3 tabled

DA-2012/328	72-76 Chandos Street	Addition of one illuminated and one non-illuminated signage and enclose existing terrace and associated works
DA-2012/335	24 Mitchell Street	Alterations and additions to existing dwelling and ancillary and associated works
DA-2012/339	50 Market Street	Alterations and additions to existing dwelling and ancillary and associated works

- (b) **Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group** – The President contacted Julie Whitfield and was advised that the next meeting will be held in the New Year. Currently the issues concerning the lights for the baseball park are currently under review.
- (c) **Events** – Executive Committee to discuss the potential for holding the NPA Christmas Party after the December meeting.
- (d) **Membership** – 154 financial members with another 40 members un-financial.
- (e) **Naremburn Community Centre** – Kevin FitzPatrick advised that the DA had been approved and they are currently waiting on LEP to be gazetted. Possible start date on building is December 2012.
- (f) **Naremburn Matters** – As yet, no replacement editor has been found for this publication. It is a concern to the Executive Committee as we believe it is important for the Community to have a newsletter. If members are aware of anyone with the skills who might be interested in taking on this role they are asked to make themselves known to us.
- (g) **Naremburn Park** – Nil to report.
- (h) **Open Spaces** – Nil to Report. Council has advised that there are no funds available for lights around the “Naremburn” sign. It was noted that regular maintenance is being done.
- (i) **Website** – Carmen Loecherer and Trisha have yet to meet to organise changeover.

- 11 CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK** – 18 Members, 6 Apologies from Members, 2 Visitors
- 12. MOTION OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN** – It is proposed that Roger Promnitz be elected as alternate representative for the NPA at the FWPA. This matter will be put to the vote at the next General Meeting.
- 13. NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** - The next **General Meeting** of the NPA will be held on Thursday 8 November 2012 at the Naremburn Community Centre 7 Central Street, commencing 7.30pm.
- 14. CLOSURE:** The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.