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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 14 March 2013 at 7.30 pm
Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street, Naremburn

1. WELCOME:

The President, Frances O'Brien, welcomed those present and opened the Annual General Meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

That the Minutes of the 2012 AGM as circulated on 14 March 2012 and again to all financial members as at 26 February 2013, be accepted as a true record and account of that meeting.

Proposed: Geoff Gemmell Seconded: Barry Shaw

3. ACCEPTANCE OF NEW MEMBERS

Zoe Harpham, Ali Millgate.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2012

2012 was a busy year for the Naremburn Progress Association. There were contentious issues which we faced and will probably continue to encounter over the following year.

The Naremburn Progress Association Executive decided that in 2012 we would try to have more guest speakers to present at our General Meetings, on topics that would be relevant to our community. These meetings were very informative and we hope to follow the same framework for 2013.

At our February meeting, Steven Head, the Director of Infrastructure at Willoughby City Council joined us to discuss issues confronting our suburb. Steven discussed the Floodplain Risk Management Plan for Naremburn. Steven explained that the plan focused predominantly on West Naremburn around the stormwater channels along Olympia and Park Roads and Artarmon Reserve. This flood study is the first stage in developing an overall Plan of Management for flood prone areas within the Willoughby LGA. Steven then answered concerns that residents had regarding the increase in commuter parking and traffic in our local area. This commuter parking is continuing to be a growing problem for Naremburn. Willoughby City Council acknowledges this and will continue to monitor the situation. An update on the plans for the Community Centre was also given. A concept plan was displayed at the Library for the Community to make comment on.

The NPA hosted only one event for the Community in 2012, and that was Earth Hour which was held at the Naremburn Shops on Saturday 31st March 2012. The event was very well supported by the Community, local Shopkeepers and the Willoughby City Council. The evening was organised and co-ordinated by the NPA Events Committee. This Committee consisted of Martha Follent, Helene Kemp, Joann Morand, Marianne Shaw, Viviane Leveaux, Carmen Loecherer and our MC for the evening, John Bell. To the Events Committee, many thanks for your enthusiasm and commitment to getting the show on the road!

At another General Meeting, Senior Constable Matthew Jewell addressed the meeting regarding ways to prevent crime happening in our suburb and ways in which we can prevent crime affecting us personally. Matt also spoke of EyeWatch which can be found on Facebook. This is an extension of Neighbourhood Watch. It was a very informative evening and we thank Matt for taking the time to address our meeting.

Steven Head, Director of Infrastructure Services at Willoughby City Council, again addressed a General Meeting in September to give us an update of the Master Plan for the Willoughby Leisure Centre. Some of the enhancements at the Leisure Centre include an 8 lane, 50 metre pool, a larger gym and purpose built group fitness rooms. This may help alleviate some of the noise being experienced by residents in the Garland Rd area.

Also in September, the local Council elections took place. Councillors Kate Lamb and Barry Thompson did not stand for re-election. On behalf of the Naremburn Progress Association, I thank them for all their support and guidance over the years. I also congratulate Councillors Michelle Sloane, Stuart Coppock and Nic Wright for their election as Councillors for the

Naremburn Ward. The Naremburn Progress Association looks forward to working closely with the Councillors and having them in attendance at our General Meetings so that they can be more accessible to their constituents. Congratulations must also be extended to Councillor Coppock for his election as Deputy Mayor of Willoughby City Council.

I alluded earlier to issues which impacted on our Community. The most influential of these issues has been the release of the Willoughby Local Environmental Plan 2012 to guide development over the next 20 years. The Local Environmental Plan provides the statutory framework for all planning, development and building. The LEP outlines zoning types and development restrictions for land, and aims to conserve local heritage and protect sensitive land. There have been some changes particularly around the shops area. In October, the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Amendment Bill 2012*, was released which included changes to development applications which are merit based. The changes pertain to the Complying Development applications which are entirely rules-based so if areas such 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. Certification can be provided by a Private Certifier. The Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations (of which the NPA is a member) wrote on behalf of all the Willoughby Progress Associations, to the Minister of Planning to request that the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Amendment Bill 2012* be amended so that conservation areas in New South Wales are adequately protected from insensitive and inappropriate development.

In November, we were advised that **Channel Nine** planned to redevelop their site in Willoughby. This redevelopment will not only have an impact on Naremburn, but on Willoughby City as a whole. It has been revealed in the final concept plan that the redevelopment will consist of 585 apartments and various buildings up to a height of 18 storeys, with other developments on the site at 10 and 12 storeys. Whilst the community at large is in agreement with a medium density redevelopment of the site, it is felt that the proposal put forward is a gross over-development. The Executive of the NPA have been very active on this issue and encouraged our local community to go to the website that has been set up by the consultants regarding this development to gather more information. The Naremburn Progress Association has joined with both Willoughby South and Artarmon Progress Associations to ensure our communities are aware of this redevelopment. With the potential residential redevelopment of the Channel 9 site, overcrowding of our schools is becoming more of an issue for our local community. A Community Meeting was held at Willoughby Girls High and organised by Steph Croft President of the Northern Sydney Council of P&Cs. The Department of Education has acknowledged that schools in the local area have reached capacity and it is imperative that this issue be addressed as a matter of urgency. Again I raised this issue at the NSW 2021 Forum, at which I represented the NPA and hosted by Jillian Skinner, to discuss issues impacting on our community and to assist the Government in the development of a Regional Action Plan. During this meeting I also raised the issues of transport and parking. I am pleased to report that the subject of a School for our suburb has gone to the Minister for Education, Adrian Piccoli, for consideration.

I must also extend our thanks to Councilor Sloane for her continuing support at every meeting that has been held for the Channel Nine site, the issue of overcrowding of our schools and also her explanation of the Environment and Assessment Bill at our meetings.

Naremburn Matters continues to flourish. I must thank all those who contribute to writing and preparing articles, our advertisers and Printer and most importantly our Editor, Trisha Fitzpatrick. Trisha does an exceptional job in ensuring that Naremburn Matters goes to print on time. Without her dedication to this newsletter it would not be possible. I would also like to make mention that Trisha has stepped down as the Editor and we welcome Zoe Harpham as our new Editor. Thank you Trisha and welcome Zoe.

Finally to the wonderful Committee, to which I belong, thank you for your support, dedication and hard work throughout the year.

That the President's Report be adopted

Proposed: Joann Morand; Seconded: Brian Chapman

5. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2012

The Treasurer Carmen Loecherer was an apology Barry Shaw read the financial report:

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT | | |
| <u>Income</u> | | |
| Advertising Naremburn Matters | 8,705 | 8,845 |
| Interest Received | 40 | 34 |
| Membership fees | 1,065 | 1,375 |
| Donations | 170 | - |
| Total Income | <u>9,980</u> | <u>10,254</u> |
| <u>Expenses</u> | | |
| Filing Fees | 72 | 48 |
| Insurance | 147 | 125 |
| Monthly meeting expenses | 155 | 245 |
| Naremburn Matters production | 8,159 | 8,982 |
| Postage and Stationery | 752 | 437 |
| Special Events | | |
| - Earth Hour 2012 (net cost after sponsorship) | (562) | 804 |
| - 110th Anniversary (net cost after WCC Grant) | - | 532 |
| Subscriptions | - | 94 |
| Website expenses | - | 33 |
| Total Expenses | <u>8,723</u> | <u>11,300</u> |
| Profit/(Loss) | <u>1,257</u> | <u>(1,046)</u> |
| BALANCE SHEET | | |
| <u>Assets</u> | | |
| Bank Balance | 7,243 | 10,866 |
| Debtors | | |
| - Outstanding NM advertising invoices | 1,830 | - |
| - m/ship & donations not deposited | 40 | - |
| Total Assets | <u>9,113</u> | <u>10,866</u> |
| <u>Liabilities</u> | | |
| Creditors | | |
| - NM publication - Robin Phelan | 2,040 | 2,040 |
| Subscriptions in advance | - | 10 |
| WCC Grant Earth Hour 2012 | - | 3,000 |
| Total Liabilities | <u>2,040</u> | <u>5,050</u> |
| Net Assets | <u>7,073</u> | <u>5,816</u> |
| <u>Equity</u> | | |
| Balance 1 January | 5,816 | 6,862 |
| Profit/(Loss) for current year | 1,257 | (1,046) |
| Total Equity | <u>7,073</u> | <u>5,816</u> |

That the Treasurer's Report for 2012 be received.

Proposed: Geoffrey Gemell: Seconded: Julia Rhead

6. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FEE:

That the Annual Membership Subscription Fee of \$10.00 per person per annum and \$5.00 Concession per person per annum remain unchanged.

Proposed: Trisha FitzPatrick; Seconded: Kevin FitzPatrick.

7. ELECTION OF RETURNING OFFICER

That Councillor Michelle Sloane be appointed Returning Officer for the NPA 2013 elections.

Proposed: Trisha FitzPatrick; Seconded: Barry Shaw, accepted by a show of hands.

Councillor Michelle Sloane thanked the Naremburn Progress Association for giving her the opportunity to be the Returning Officer for this election.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS

All positions were declared vacant.

Cr Sloane read the rules of eligibility for election to the Executive Committee.

- *Financial member who is a resident of Naremburn*
- *Financial member who is a property owner in Naremburn*
- *Naremburn business persons not a resident of Naremburn and is a member of the NPA; she noted that the only person in this category are Michael Hockey and Karl Riseborough.*

Nominations were called for each position.

Nominations: - .

Frances O'Brien for President:

Proposed: Barry Shaw; Seconded: Trisha FitzPatrick

Helene Kemp for Vice President

Proposed: Joann Morand; Seconded: Viviane Leveaux

Roger Promnitz for Secretary

Proposed: Trisha FitzPatrick; Seconded: Jeanette Savage

Carmen Loecherer for Treasurer

Proposed: Frances O'Brien; Seconded: Kevin FitzPatrick

There being no further nominations, the following were declared elected:-

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| President | Frances O'Brien |
| Vice President | Helene Kemp |
| Secretary | Roger Promnitz |
| Treasurer | Carmen Loecherer |

9. ELECTION OF UP TO THREE (3) COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

All positions were declared vacant. Nominations were called for.

Viviane Leveaux

Proposed: Helene Kemp; Seconded: Frances O'Brien

Joann Morand

Proposed: Trisha FitzPatrick; Seconded: Viviane Leveaux

There being no further nominations, the following were declared elected:-

Viviane Leveaux

Joann Morand

10. ELECTION OF DELEGATES

FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Frances O'Brien – the President is automatically a Delegate

Roger Promnitz – as incoming Secretary for the NPA

These Delegates were accepted by a show of hands

NAREMBURN COMMUNITY CENTRE USER GROUP

Barry Shaw

Proposed: Frances O'Brien; Seconded: Viviane Leveaux

Kevin FitzPatrick

Proposed: Frances O'Brien; Seconded: Viviane Leveaux

BICENTENNIAL RESERVE AND FLAT ROCK GULLY ADVISORY GROUP

Frances O'Brien

Barry Shaw

These Delegates were accepted by a show of hands.

11. CLOSURE: The meeting closed at 8.15pm. *The AGM was followed by the March General Meeting.*