

NAREMBURN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 13 March 2014 commencing at 7.40 pm
Parish of Lower North Shore Catholic Hall, Willoughby Road, Naremburn

1. WELCOME:

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

That the Minutes of the 2013 AGM as previously circulated be taken as read and accepted as a true record and account of that meeting.

Proposed: Trisha FitzPatrick Seconded: Joann Morand

3. ACCEPTANCE OF NEW MEMBERS

Ruth Heyman

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2013

2013 proved to be a very challenging year for the Naremburn Progress Association. Whilst we did not conduct any community events, the Executive committee has been very busy with a major issue confronting the Naremburn Community, that being the Channel 9 redevelopment. Other issues that Naremburn continued to face were in relation to the Bells of St Leonard's Church, the lack of adequate schooling facilities for our children and traffic congestion and parking.

In February 2013, Bob Taffel (President of the Willoughby South Progress Association) sought the support of the surrounding Progress Associations of Artarmon and Naremburn, to sign a petition against the proposed scope of development of the Channel 9 site. 2 910 people signed the petition, which was a great achievement. In April 2013, the Community Consultations commenced with Channel 9 regarding the redevelopment of the Artarmon Rd site. From these meetings Bob Taffel took the lead to keep us all informed and up to date on developments. A Community Meeting of concerned members of the public was then held in our Community Centre. There were over 200 people in attendance. From this meeting it was obvious that there would be further Community action and the only way to achieve this was to form the WAAG, led by Peter Wilton. This group remains very active and vigilant. Further communication with Willoughby City Council and the community produced an alternative plan submitted to the Department of Planning of which we have recently been informed has been supported by the Planning and Assessment Commission. NPA and other Progress Associations have worked with Council in this matter.

In September, the Council Elections were held. We were very sorry to see two of our longstanding Councillors step down from their positions. Kate Lamb and Barry Thompson were both very strong supporters of the Progress Association and freely offered us advice. We thank them for their commitment to our Ward. But, as two step down, then two are replaced. We welcomed Michelle Sloane and Nic Wright as our newly elected Councillors for the Naremburn Ward and look forward to having a good working relationship with them both. We must also congratulate Stuart Coppock for his re-election to our Ward.

Over the course of the year we had a variety of speakers, such as Valerie Willemsen speaking on volunteering in the Community and how to get involved. This was a very worthwhile presentation informing us of the services that are available in the community and ways in which individuals can get involved.

Steph Croft addressed another meeting, giving us an update on the situation of schooling facilities on the Lower North Shore. The Naremburn Progress Association endeavours to have speakers of interest at the General Meetings and we welcome any suggestions that our members may have for the future.

In December, work commenced on the renovations and upgrade of the Naremburn Library and the Community Centre. The Willoughby City Council offered the Naremburn Progress Association a meeting room at either the Artarmon Library or the Dougherty Centre at Chatswood. It was decided by the Executive that it would be more appropriate to try and keep the meetings "local" so that members would be able to continue to attend the meetings in Naremburn. We asked if we could use the halls at either St Cuthbert's or St Leonard's. Unfortunately St Cuthbert's Hall was in regular use, but St Leonard's hall was available. Our first meeting to be held there was our Christmas meeting and this (13th March) will be our last meeting. The revamped Community Centre should be available for our April Meeting.

Naremburn Matters continues to be published quarterly. We have a new Editor, Zoe Harpham. Zoe has done an excellent job in planning, organising, editing and publishing this newsletter for the people of Naremburn whilst juggling the commitments of a young family. She commenced initially under the guidance of Trisha Fitzpatrick but is now putting her own stamp on the magazine. We thank Trisha for her help over this transition period and also for producing such an interesting Newsletter. Zoe now is ably assisted by Viviane Leveaux, from our Executive Committee. Naremburn Matters continues to go from strength to strength. There has also been an increase in the number of advertisers. To our Advertisers, thank you for your support. I must also extend our gratitude to the wonderful team of "walkers" who deliver Naremburn Matters to every letterbox in our suburb. We also thank those of you who write articles for Naremburn Matters. I do hope that you continue writing for Naremburn Matters as this is what makes it so interesting and relevant to our Community.

The Residents of Naremburn are continually faced with the challenges of "inner city" living particularly in relation to increasing traffic congestion and commuter parking. Willoughby City Council is aware of these issues and continues to monitor the situation, particularly around the St Leonard's area. The draft Parking Strategy has been released and is available for comment by residents. We have been encouraged to work with the Council Officers on this matter, because as we have seen from the Channel 9 redevelopment, if we do work together we can achieve positive outcomes.

Our website has undergone some changes. Peter Witcombe, with the assistance of Helene Kemp, has taken over as our Webmaster and he is working on making the website more interactive and user friendly. The majority of our membership is now on email, so the NPA will be making more use of the website to communicate events and upcoming issues with our members.

I must thank the members of the Executive. We have an exceptional team and we work well together. To Roger, you have been an excellent Secretary and Public Officer, ensuring that our members received their Minutes of Meetings and other relevant communications in a timely fashion. Your attention to detail and your understanding and interpretation of matters arising is significant. To Helene, thank you for stepping in for me at short notice to chair meetings. I am indebted to you. Carmen, you have kept us on track with our finances. Thank you. I must also extend my appreciation to Viviane and Joann who have worked tirelessly in the background assisting with the organisation of our various meetings.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the passing of our beloved Mayor, Pat Reilly. Mayor Reilly was very supportive of the Progress Associations and saw the value that these Associations have for the local community. To his wife Beth and daughter Sophie, we send our condolences. Mayor Reilly will be remembered for a very long time because of his generosity and commitment to the people of Willoughby.

In conclusion I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to all those who have supported the Naremburn Progress Association. Naremburn has a very strong community spirit and this continues to grow despite the adversities that we may face. It has been a privilege to represent Naremburn.

That the President's Report be adopted

Proposed: Viviane Leveaux; Seconded: Trisha FitzPatrick

5. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2013

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT		
<u>Income</u>		
Advertising Naremburn Matters	6,660	8,705
Interest Received	22	40
Membership fees	840	1,065
Donations	140	170
Total Income	7,662	9,980
<u>Expenses</u>		
Filing Fees	51	72
Insurance	155	147
Monthly meeting expenses	214	155
Naremburn Matters production	8,120	8,160
Postage and Stationery	68	752
Earth Hour 2012 (net cost after sponsorship)	-	(562)
Website expenses	83	0
Renewal of Post Office address	156	-
Bank fees	2	-
Contribution to Channel 9 fund	82	-
Total Expenses	8,931	8,723
Profit/(Loss)	(1,269)	1,257
BALANCE SHEET		
<u>Assets</u>		
Bank Balance	6,604	7,243
Debtors		
- Outstanding NM advertising income	1,200	1,830
- m/ship & donations not deposited	30	40
Total Assets	7,834	9,113
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Creditors		
- NM publication - Robin Phelan	2,030	2,040
- Reimbursement chq 192 not deposited	-	-
Total Liabilities	2,030	2,040

Net Assets	5,804	7,073
Equity		-
Balance 1 January 2013	7,073	5,816
Profit/(Loss) for current year	(1,269)	1,257
Total Equity	5,804	7,073

That the Treasurer's Report for 2013 be received.

Proposed: Helene Kemp: Seconded: Viviane Leveaux

6. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FEE:

That the Annual Membership Subscription be increased to \$15.00 per person per annum and \$10.00 Concession per person per annum effective 14 March 2014.

Proposed: Carmen Loecherer (Treasurer); Seconded: Geoff Gemmill.

Carried unanimously: 15 For, 0 Against.

7. ELECTION OF RETURNING OFFICER

That Councillor Stuart Coppock be appointed Returning Officer for the NPA 2014 elections.

Proposed: Roger Promnitz; Seconded: Helene Kemp, accepted by a show of hands.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS

All positions were declared vacant.

Cr Coppock 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; he noted that the only person in this category is Michael Hockey.*

Nominations were called for each position.

Nominations: - .

Frances O'Brien for President:	Seconded: Helene Kemp
Viviane Leveaux for Vice President	Seconded: Julia Rhead
Roger Promnitz for Secretary	Seconded: Alan Gray
Carmen Loecherer for Treasurer	Seconded: Barry Shaw

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

President	Frances O'Brien
Vice President	Viviane Leveaux
Secretary	Roger Promnitz
Treasurer	Carmen Loecherer

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

All positions were declared vacant. Nominations were called for.

Nominated were: Helene Kemp, Joann Morand and Richard Gould.

Proposed: Frances O'Brien; Seconded: Carmen Loecherer.

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

Helene Kemp
Joann Morand
Richard Gould

10. ELECTION OF DELEGATES

FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Frances O'Brien – the President is automatically a Delegate
Roger Promnitz – as Secretary for the NPA
Proposed: Helene Kemp; Seconded: Carmen Loecherer.
These Delegates were accepted by a show of hands

NAREMBURN COMMUNITY CENTRE USER GROUP

Barry Shaw Proposed: Helene Kemp; Seconded: Carmen Loecherer
Kevin FitzPatrick Proposed: Helene Kemp; Seconded: Carmen Loecherer

BICENTENNIAL RESERVE AND FLAT ROCK GULLY ADVISORY GROUP

Frances O'Brien
Barry Shaw
Reserve: Richard Gould
Proposed: Helene Kemp; Seconded: Trisha FitzPatrick
These Delegates were accepted by a show of hands.

A vote of thanks to the outgoing Executive Committee was proposed by Geoff Gemmell.

11. CLOSURE: The meeting closed at 8.25pm. *The AGM was followed by the March General Meeting.*