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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 13 NOVEMBER 2008

Meeting commenced at 7:35 pm

Naremburn Community Centre 7 Central Street Naremburn

1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **December Meeting/Christmas Function** (Stephen Stapleton – Rhodes Avenue) – can this be held at Naremburn School? Deferred to Matters Arising From Previous Minutes, 5(h) below
- (b) **Website** (Anneliese Appleton – Waters Road) Website looks very good, generally agreed by members present who had visited the website.
- (c) **Lane Names** (Julienne Blunck – Waters Road) Noted that the lane names had been installed. It was confirmed that the past residents so honoured will be listed in Naremburn Matters as well as on the website. The issue of lane closures and sell-offs was also raised; the DA for 21-23 Station Street had highlighted the lane closure issue as the lane at the rear of this development had been sold off to developments backing onto this lane. It is likely that this lane will now be kept open. In 2007, the NPA enquired of WCC as to the future of all the lanes in Naremburn and had received confirmation that no other lanes had been sold.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the Minutes of the General Meeting of 9 October 2008 be accepted.
Proposed: Hilary Wright; Seconded: Trisha FitzPatrick.

Noted that the Secretary was unable to attend and in her absence the Minutes of the November meeting are being taken by the Vice President, David Lendrum.

3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS - No new nominations in the past month.

4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS – No new members in the past month.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **Baseball Diamond Lights** – Watching brief on development; landscaping and tree planting on perimeter of Diamond is under the care of Julie Whitfield, Open Space Manager, WCC. Problems with this area have been raised with WCC's Infrastructure Services Director, Steven Head; Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Committee is due to meet again soon.
- (b) **Small Street/Artarmon Rd Lights** – Currently being reviewed by Steven Head, this issue is related to Bicentennial Reserve. NPA will follow up in the New Year; there is a traffic count on Willoughby Road
- (c) **Naremburn School** – Anneliese Appleton reported on the Working Party meeting of 23 October; the report from WCC concluded that all local schools are at capacity. The Dept of Education & Training (DET) and the Catholic Education Office (CEO) reports both concluded that St Leonard's School premises are unsuitable for use as a school. The CEO report advised that the buildings could be brought up to standard with the expenditure of about \$3-4 million. Local MP Gladys Berejiklian advised the 23/10 meeting that she would be following up with the NSW Minister for Education. General discussion included the standard of accommodation that would need to be provided at a newly opened school; local school enrolment numbers at capacity and future populations of both local primary and high schools discussed; school placement options for secondary school age boys in area.
- (d) **Naremburn Shops** – WCC in the process of cleaning paving and walls and trimming planter beds; letter to be sent to WCC regarding state of the landscaped areas of 1st Choice given the 2006 assurances by GrayPuksand that these areas would be planted out and maintained.
- (e) **Oral History Program** – on hold due to President's hip replacement surgery and recovery; Mary Teteris and Gordon Prentice to be interviewed.
- (f) **Rohan Street/Willoughby Rd intersection** – WCC letter of 5/11/08 received. "Keep Clear" marking on northbound lanes agreed to. Traffic lights audible signal – request for reinstatement is going to RTA.
- (g) **Dodds Street East** – being researched and letter to be drafted.

- (h) **December meeting/Christmas function** – Whether to be held at Naremburn School (special school on cnr Dalleys and Willoughby Roads) or the Community Centre discussed; agreed that for a summer meeting the Naremburn School was too hot and too stuffy; access for preparation for the Christmas Cheer component is of the December meeting is more convenient at the Centre; December meeting is included in our 10 meeting p.a. allocation; 'bring a plate' supper; several members volunteered specific dishes; those not bringing food to be asked for a gold coin donation or greater; NPA will provide the drinks as for 2007 with the addition of sparkling water; agreed that the original primary school building, now Naremburn School (special needs) holds particular historic interest; noted that the building has been used as a polling place for the last few elections; suggested that the school principal could be invited to be a guest speaker at a future NPA general meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

In

- (a) 29/10/2008 – WCC – Update of Willoughby City Guide, any additions or suggestions
 (b) 05/11/2008 – WCC - Steven Head - Intersection of Rohan Street and Willoughby Rd.
 (c) 06/11/2008 – Diana Revington – thank you card for recognition and plaque
 (d) 14/11/2008 – Gladys Berejiklian MP - Pedestrian Crossing on Willoughby Rd in the vicinity of Rohan St.

Out

Secretary Fran O'Brien, Nurse Manager, Theatres, at Prince of Wales Hospital had been required to host a delegation of theatre nurses visiting from China. Correspondence out will be read and listed at the December meeting.

7. ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer, David Turner, was unavoidably detained.

It was noted that the bank balance is \$4,006 and that this includes the \$500.00 matching grant from Zurich that relates to the development of the NPA website.

Expenditure Approvals Requested

WCC – photocopying the Centre	\$52.00
Kevin FitzPatrick – November meeting expenses	\$ 8.65

That these expenditures are approved:-

Proposed: Beryl Batterham, Seconded: Robyn Butler

8. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS AND WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Federation

In absence due to illness of our delegate, Don Swonnell who was the NPA's only representative at the last FWPA meeting, Kevin gave a brief secondhand report commenting that he not been able to attend the last Federation meeting held due to his second hip replacement operation. Don Swonnell had been elected Vice President; update on the Chatswood Interchange; still an issue regarding who will be Secretary; C/r Wendy Norton had volunteered that if she was not re-elected to Council, she would volunteer for Secretary; in the meantime, Bob McKillop is maintaining the role. The next Federation meeting is Saturday 6 December.

Ward Councillors

There were no Ward Councillors present at the meeting.

9. SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS

(a) DAs – 11 tabled

DA 2004/1026/A	14 Artarmon Road Willoughby S96	Minor changes
DA 2005/783/A	45-47 Garland Rd S96	Minor changes
DA 2007/932/A	7 Mitchell St S96	Modifications
DA 2008/115	14/11 Herbert Street St Leonards	Unauthorised work
DA 2008/114	43 Carlotta Street Artarmon	Unauthorised mezzanine
DA 2008/465	46 Mitchell Street	Alts & Adds - Amended plans
DA 2008/699	9 Herbert Street Artarmon	Mezzanine
DA 2008/701	405 Pacific Highway Artarmon	Alts & Adds
DA 2008/709	16 Olympia Rd	Alts & Adds
DA 2008/771	48 Garland Rd	Alts & Adds
DA 2008/805	56 Brook Street	Alts & adds

(b) **Events** – sub-committee meeting to be held within the next month.

(c) **Library and Community Centre** – It has been noted that Nick Tobin, WCC General Manager, had visited the Centre recently; letter to be sent to WCC requesting update on the proposed redevelopment of the Centre, public consultation process.

(d) **Membership** – The NPA has 101 financial members for 2008. The meeting expressed its appreciation to David Lendrum for delivering the hard copy minutes and agendas to the members not on email. NPA is to continue its drive for new members. The President said that membership numbers are a question of 'promote, promote, promote', and that he would like to see the NPA with 120 members by March 2009 and 240 by March 2010; strong membership numbers aid the NPA's negotiations with WCC, State and Federal governments on behalf of Naremburn..

(e) **Naremburn Matters** - December issue is underway; launch of the website will be announced; school for Naremburn mentioned in four articles; promotion of Santa at the Shops; Naming of the Lanes; NM from the printer at the end of November.

- (f) **Open Spaces** – Graffiti increased; damage to 'Nareburn Natural' roller shutter; mural suggested as a solution. Shop owners' situation generally discussed; they are to be encouraged to participate in the Christmas celebrations and to co-operate with the 'Santa at the shops' event; shop-keepers have co-ordinated this in the past, Kevin FitzPatrick is to discuss with Michael Hockey; Christmas in July event was suggested to utilise the promised TJH \$3,000 thank you event never held; letter to be sent to TJH regarding the Shops 'thank you' event.
- (g) **Young Parents Group** – members of this sub-committee had attended the Working Party meeting on 23 October 2008 at the Community Centre, see report in Matters Arising From Previous Minutes, 5(c) above.
- (h) **NPA Website** - www.nareburnprogress.org.au – style and content well received; Nigel stated that there had been 184 hits so far; continual updating of content; Rebecca offered to start up a facebook page.

10. MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN:-

- (a) **THAT David Lendrum is granted Life Membership** of the Nareburn Progress Association for his commitment to and valuable contribution to Nareburn and its residents over a 20 year period.

David served as Association Secretary 1989-1994, as President from 1996-1998. During the past 2 years David has been Vice President. His greatest, long-reaching influence was his organisation of a protest against Gordon Rugby Club's proposal of a grandstand and playing facilities on Bicentennial Reserve in the area adjacent to Willoughby Road. This successful action established a balance of active and passive use of this valuable local open space. David was honoured by WCC in the NPA's Centenary Celebrations in 2001 with a plaque marking his contribution to the local community. He brings his valuable professional expertise to the NPA's DA Sub-Committee and the School for Nareburn Working Party.

Proposed: Kevin FitzPatrick; Seconded: Don Swonnell
Put to meeting and carried unanimously.

- (b) **THAT Beryl Batterham is granted Life Membership** of the Nareburn Progress Association for her commitment to and valuable contribution to Nareburn and its residents over a 20 year period.

Beryl moved to Garland Road in 1972 and joined the NPA in 1989. Beryl has great enthusiasm for Nareburn and the work of the NPA. We believe that Beryl is, in part, responsible for the 15 of the Association's 101 financial members in 2008 being from Garland Road. Her community commitment is widespread; she has worked at the Willoughby City Information Centre, Home Help Volunteer, Linen Service, is an active member of the Nareburn Over 50s Club and, for some years, has been the NPA's representative on the Community Centre User Group.

Beryl has actively campaigned for preservation of the Nareburn Shops, better parking controls to assist local residents, street tree planting. Despite her 80 plus years, Beryl is the Convenor of the Bicentennial Bush Regeneration Group and represents bush regenerators on the Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group.

Proposed: Don Swonnell; Seconded: Margaret Stewart
Put to meeting and carried unanimously.

- (c) **THAT Margaret Willington is granted Life Membership** of the Nareburn Progress Association for her committed service to Nareburn and its residents over a 14 year period.

Margaret joined the NPA in 1994 and served as Treasurer in 2002. She has been an Executive Committee Member on a number of occasions. Margaret was on the organising committee for the NPA's Centenary Celebrations in 2001. On the NPA's incorporation in June 2004, Margaret performed the functions that assisted the Public Officer, including the membership register, and, prior to the use of email, Margaret co-ordinated delivery of the Association's minutes.

Margaret is a valued member of the Nareburn Over 50s Club, holding Executive positions; recognised by Willoughby City as its 2004 Citizen of the Year; in 2002, for her service to the community, she received the Centenary Medal from the Hon Joe Hockey MP, representing the Prime Minister.

Proposed: Frances O'Brien; Seconded: Kevin FitzPatrick
Put to meeting and carried.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Noted that policy for Life Membership is being drawn up; the Executive is in the process of developing a manual describing tasks and functions within the NPA to make it easier for new Committee Members to run the NPA.

PUBLIC OFFICER

Noted that the role of Public Officer is a wide-reaching one; the Executive appreciate the contribution of Trisha FitzPatrick in performing this role for the NPA.

- 11. **CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK:-** 15 Members, 9 Apologies from Members, there were no Visitors
- 12. **SUBSEQUENT MEETING:** -Thursday, 11 December 2008, 7:30 pm, Nareburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street. at which meeting supper will be 'Christmas Cheer'.
- 13. **CLOSURE:** - The meeting concluded at 9:20 pm.
- 14. **SUPPER:** - Tea, coffee and biscuits were served.