

# NAREMBURN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 9 DECEMBER 2010

Meeting commenced at 7.33 pm.

Naremburn Community Centre 7 Central Street Naremburn

### 1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **Paul Lancaster (Dalleys Road)** – Resident of Area 23 affected by WLEP 2009. Expressed concern that neighbouring residents and others in the community were not adequately notified of the proposed changes. Suggested that the NPA could take more of an information spreading role by distributing the general meeting minutes throughout the Naremburn community.

Kevin FitzPatrick, NPA President responded that this level of advice was not the NPA's role. Naremburn Matters was the community newsletter of the NPA and topical issues were included. Also, locals are welcome to join the NPA which will entitle them to receipt of the minutes and to attend meetings and to raise matters.

- (b) **Kevin FitzPatrick (Central Street)** – Considering that the Sisters of St Joseph operated a school in Naremburn and Mother Mary of the Cross visited the area the NPA write a letter of congratulations to the movement.

### 2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the General Meeting of 11 November 2010, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting

Proposed: Beryl Batterham; Seconded: Martha Follent.

### 3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Paul Lehmann, Fiona Kelly.

Proposed: Trisha FitzPatrick; Seconded: Helene Kemp.

### 4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Alex Tan

### 5. MATTER ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **Ella Street Bridge closure and traffic issues** – NPA correspondence and WCC reply previously referred to various traffic management strategies suggested by the NPA to be implemented to improve traffic in this area of Naremburn. NPA to write to Council Officer James Brocklebank requesting an update.
- (b) **Oral History program** – Nothing new to report.
- (c) **Naremburn Shops** – Naremburn Shops: WCC responded to NPA's letter requesting repair of dangerous paver displacement in front of Barcelos and Olde Fashioned Fish Shop as well as attention to overhanging branches of the trees in this area. Council completed this work on Mon 6 Dec All gardens in the area including Rohan Street have been weeded and mulched. The footpath south of Rohan Street adjacent to the busy bus stop continues to be cluttered with plastic milk containers, papers and more recently Christmas trees for sale on this footpath area. All is in readiness for Santa's arrival on Fri 10 Dec at 6pm. Aret will again pilot the big man aboard his Harley-Davidson sleigh. Maree of Hair by Maree is providing 400 bags of lollies for the children (up from 350 last year). Sadly they report they are more than disappointed with the behaviour of some children and their parents. Older children take more than one bag. Last year a parent abused Santa for not complying. Kevin offered to assist Rob Forsyth in ensuring that the under 5s get to see Santa first and older children wait their turn. Face painting and live music is to be provided by Forsyths.
- (d) **Long Gully Bridge, Northbridge** – No more information on the name has been received from the RTA.
- (e) **The Roles of Office-Bearers and Committee Members** – Development of tasks and rosters is ongoing. Membership Co-ordinator, Helene Kemp to work on a welcome pack for new Naremburn residents.
- (f) **Naremburn Park** – Agreed that Donna Kessler, Robyn Butler and Julienne Blunck be nominated as a working sub-committee and prepare a letter to be sent by the NPA to Council's Director of Infrastructure, Steven Head, proposing a revision of the Plan of Management for the park to enable an advisory group to be formed.
- The dog damage issue was discussed. It was thought that this may be an initial move to change the "off leash" status of the park and fore more organised sport to occur.
- Councillor Barry Thompson advised that the existing Plan Of Management would define the balance of active vs passive activities.
- (g) **Willoughby Local Environmental Plan (Draft WLEP 2009)** – WCC passed the draft WLEP proposals together with amendments at its Special Council Meeting of 3 November 2010.

- (h) **Loop Bus service through Artarmon/Naremburn** - Naremburn route had low patronage; all routes will be reviewed by WCC. Councillor Lamb said Alison Jones Council's Sustainable Transport officer is the contact person; the original Artarmon Loop is well patronized.
- (i) **WCC Traffic Committee Meetings** – The new speed limit of 50kph outside school hours is in place between Dalleys Road and the expressway exit at the shops.
- (j) **School for Naremburn** – The meeting was asked if the members considered that this matter should stay on our agenda or if a conclusion had been reached and there was no likelihood of any further action in the future. Councillor Barry Thompson commented that the initial positive feelings expressed by the Catholic education Office and the Department of Education & Training seemed to have evaporated. A possibility was that a Naremburn Parents and citizens Association could be created to act for any future school and to give the parents of school age children a local voice.  
The meeting considered that, as there was currently no local ground swell of opinion pushing the school issue, the NPA would not follow up.  
The current DET commitment is for the existing local schools to be upgraded as required to accommodate the predicted growth.  
The item is to be left on the agenda until after the State election in March 2011 to see if a new government may consider action.
- (k) **Bicentennial Reserve & Flat Rock Gully Advisory Committee** – Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Creek Advisory Group met 25 November. Barry Shaw has joined David Lendrum and Kevin FitzPatrick in representing the NPA. Barry replaces former NPA member, Howard Townsend who has left the suburb. A review of the Traffic Management Program for the winter sports season has taken place. While Council is happy with traffic changes, Northern Suburbs Basketball Association believe there is no improvement. Traffic counts will continue. Sporting bodies have been encouraged to car pool, walk or ride a bike.  
Sports ground availability was discussed at regional NSROC meetings. A report is to go to respective Council Officers and then to Council Mayors.  
Canteen and Change Rooms: A canteen to be shared by baseballers and footballers has been erected adjacent to the Children's Playground area near Bicentennial Oval. The Northbridge Football Association has proposed a Change Room, particularly for female players using the Oval. They cited change room upgrades at Artarmon and Cammeray. Change rooms were not part of the original POM; it was suggested a change room plan be prepared for Council review. Cr Kate Lamb urged consultation with local bodies such as Progress Associations representing local residents regarding any changes. Incinerator: to be completed January 2011.
- (l) **Gallery Development 96 Chandos Street** – No further action, do not include in next agenda.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

### In

- (a) Naremburn over 50s Club. 23/11/2010 Storage by the NPA

### Email Threads

- (a) Norman Jennings, Seasons greetings and apology for meeting 9/12/2010  
 (b) Kate Lamb, Seasons greetings and apology for meeting 9/12/2010  
 (c) Paul Lancaster, Distribution of information re WLEP 2009

### Out

None for this meeting

## 7. ACCOUNTS Treasurer Barry Shaw presented his report.

Opening Bank balance as at 8 September 2010		\$6,859.10
<u>Add: Income :</u>		
Membership subs	-new	\$20.00
	-renewals	\$30.00
		<u>\$50.00</u>
Naremburn Matters Advertising		<u>\$2,200.00</u>
		\$2,250.00
		<u>\$9,109.10</u>
<u>Less: Expenditure</u>		
November meeting exes		\$6.08
Stationary		\$57.76
Photocopying stamps etc		\$21.00
Key to library building		\$50.00
		<u>\$134.84</u>
Closing Bank balance as at 11 November 2010		<u>\$8,974.26</u>

### Expenditure Approvals Requested

December meeting Christmas celebration		
D. Swonnell, decorations food		\$25.00
K. FitzPatrick, 36 wine glasses		\$72.00
David Lendrum, photocopying		\$10.00
David Lendrum, drinks and food		<u>\$207.00</u>
		\$304
December Naremburn Matters		
Robin Phelan Associates		<u>\$2,692.52</u>
		<u>\$3,006.52</u>

That these expenditures be approved:

Proposed: Frances O'Brien; Seconded: Beryl Batterham.

## 8. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS REPORT

Water Tanks known as the Chatswood Reservoir at the corner of Mowbray Road and the Pacific Highway, built 1888, were discussed. They celebrated the centenary of settlement and have been heritage listed by Sydney Water. Focus for Heritage Week 2011 will be Tales of Flat Rock Creek, impact of man on Flat Rock Creek particularly the impact of garbage disposal. The Concourse is on track, there was discussion about the purchase of a new concert piano to replace the 33 year old Steinway. The Incinerator is undergoing an internal fit out with official opening to take place February 2011 The Concourse: there will be a couple of workshops conducted between now and Christmas. Official Opening will be November 2011 with possible use for the Spring Fair. The Library will begin move in mid-year with end of year likely opening. A Venue Manager is yet to be announced; all tenders to date have been rejected.

## 9. WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT

### Councillor Barry Thompson

The changes to the Bicentennial Reserve traffic and parking have met with mixed reactions. The Netball Association considers that there has been no improvement but Council considers improvements to safety and supervision requirements have been beneficial. Further work needs to be done.

Work is proposed for the Leisure centre to improve and increase facilities within the existing building fabric.

The renovation work to the incinerator is expected to be complete in January 2011. Tenders are to be called for the café operator.

The Concourse retail component is expected to be available for fitout in mid 2011.

The boutique hotel proposal for the old library car park has fallen through. The developer has forfeited a \$13M deposit which was non-refundable. The loss of this proposal opens up the possibility for a more integrated development possibly including the existing retail buildings on the corner of Archer street and Victoria Avenue.

The Victoria Avenue Mall construction work is to be mainly finished by Christmas.

Questions invited from the floor.

Paul Lancaster. Why did Councillors Barry Thompson and Kate Lamb support the upzoning of WLEP Area 23 from R2 to R3 when Councillor Stuart Coppock supported R2.

Response: Kate and I considered that this upzoning was warranted and supported the Council Officers' recommendation. It was noted that local residents supported both proposed R2 and the R3 zonings.

A Master Planning Study needs to be carried out for this area to ensure any future development is done sensitively and acknowledges heritage issues.

## 10. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

### (a) Development Applications

DA 2008/390/B	72-76 Chandos Street St Leonards	S96 reconfigure parts of commercial building
DA 2008/709/A (2)	16 Olympia Road	S96 renotification due to error
DA 2010/657	207 Pacific Highway St Leonards	Signage
DA 2010/713	4 Central Street	Alterations & additions
DA 2010/720	1 Gaza Road	Alterations & additions
DA 2010/726	39 Waters Road	Demolish existing and erect new dwelling
DA2010 746	19 Park Road	First floor addition
DA 2010/755	10 Garland Road	Demolish existing and erect new dwelling
DA 2010/757	301 Pacific Highway Artarmon	Application for JRPP determination
DA 2010/779	5 Dargan Street	Driveway and carport

(b) **Naremburn Community Centre** – A deposit of \$50.00 paid to WCC for an aloy key to the Over 50s storage room. David and Kevin did a clean and tidy up of the area and transferred little-used but valuable records from our cupboard in the Children's Library to the two cupboards provided by the Over 50s Club for our use.

NPA to write a letter of thanks to the Over 50s.

(c) **Events**—Earth Hour 2011 on 26 March, NPA activity to be planned. Suggested by Councillor Barry Thompson that the NPA start off with a small local event and build up.

Members at the meeting were invited to volunteer to co-ordinate an event. Robyn Butler and Martha Follent offered their services. Thanks Martha and Robyn.

The Wilkes Avenue Artarmon event in 2010 is an example of a smaller local event now encouraged by Council rather than the large scale event Council in conjunction with Naremburn and Artarmon PAs staged in 2009.

(d) **Membership** – Helene Kemp is looking at ways to boost NPA membership numbers. Current numbers are 93 financial members, one of these is an unidentified Internet payment of the membership fee; 30 members have not renewed for 2010 [and no longer receive minutes or agendas].

- (e) **Naremburn Matters** –Trisha said that the December issue arrived from the printer on Wednesday 8 December. She said that she is very happy with this issue, but not with the late arrival from the printer. The main delay was barCelos whose logo artwork was 2 weeks late as the designer was ill, so NM missed its place on the print run queue. This is unfortunate as the delay affected everyone, particularly Sue Howes and the walkers; apologies to all of them for the inconvenience caused, particularly at this time of the year.

Apart from Kevin's contributions and what she writes as editor, Trisha stated that the December issue has 5 articles by financial members. That is a first. It also has an article from each of the three Ward Councillors - Barry Thompson, Stuart Coppock and Kate Lamb - as well as our State Member Gladys Berejiklian - all of whom are members. And, of course, Sue Howes' article for NNHW. Thank you to all our contributors!

Some articles required editing to reduce the number of words. Trisha does most of the work as editor on-line using [naremburnmatters@yahoo.com](mailto:naremburnmatters@yahoo.com) - that includes booking advertisers, updating ads, sending revised articles back to contributors. All told she sent 162 emails and the Inbox was a matching number. The number of hours spent is difficult to estimate as she does not keep a log, Trisha said probably 80 hours.

This 12-page issue has production costs - Robin Phelan and the printer - of \$2,692.52. There are 11 advertisers; the total revenue from these will be \$3,435.00; surplus will be \$742.48. Trisha invoices on artwork, and, to date we have received payments totaling \$2,200 with WCC \$770 and barCelos \$465 yet to come. The total surplus for Naremburn Matters for 2010 should be more than \$2,500. In membership fees revenue terms that is the equivalent of 250 new members.

Page 7 of the December issue promotes membership and includes a half page application form. The next issue of Naremburn Matters will be March 2011; deadlines are listed on page 2 of each issue.

- (f) **Open Space** – As mentioned a good deal of tidying up and mulching has occurred around the shops. Planting and mulching continues along the western side of Willoughby Road between Garland Road and Slade Street. It promises to be a very attractive approach to Naremburn from the north.  
As yet no response from Jane Miura of Central Street regarding her son's review of the Central Street trees, prepared as part of his horticulture course.  
The landscaping has been maintained and the uneven brick paving has been repaired at the shops in time for Santa at the shops on Friday 10/12.
- (g) **Website** – Nothing to report.
- (h) **Young Parents** – Nothing to report.

**11. CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK** - 18 Members; 9 Apologies; 3 Visitors

**12. MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN** –  
None for this meeting

**13. Next Meeting** - Thursday, 10 February 2010 7:30 pm, Community Centre, 7 Central Street.  
**Note that there is no Naremburn Progress Association January meeting**

**14. CLOSURE** – The meeting closed at 9.00pm  
**The meeting was followed by the Christmas celebration, enjoyed by all. The lucky door prize, dinner for 2 at the Delicia Tapas Bar was won by Trisha FitzPatrick.**