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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 10 March 2011 at 7:35 pm

Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street Naremburn.

1. WELCOME:

The President, Kevin FitzPatrick, welcomed those present and opened the Annual General Meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

That the President's Report from the 2010 AGM not be read as all members have received copies of the Minutes, and, that the remainder of the Minutes be read by the Secretary as required by the NPA Constitution.

Proposed: Frances O'Brien; Seconded: Barry Thompson

The Secretary, David Lendrum, then read the Minutes of the 2010 AGM to the meeting.

That the Minutes of the 2010 AGM be accepted as a true record and account of that meeting,

Proposed: Frances O'Brien; Seconded: Barry Thompson.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF NEW MEMBERS:

Wendy Barlow, Carolyn Memmott, Peter Turner, Deborah Marsh, Judy Baird.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2010:

At first glance our 2010 year may have seemed disappointing. Our 2009 financial membership of 128 dropped to 82 in October 2010 with 46 un-financial members. Had we become complacent, our meetings predictable, or just failing to positively promote the Naremburn Progress Association? My response to each of these questions is - possibly. In particular we had failed to actively promote our Association. The majority of our members received their minutes and agendas by email; a small number receive hand deliveries.

An example of the potential within our suburb is Olympia Road resident, Helene Kemp, a member since 2002 who was on hand-delivery until she emailed the Secretary in June asking how she could assist the NPA. With an HR background she recognised our need to promote the Association and develop a Welcome Pack for the many new residents who choose to live in Naremburn, and the need for an Ops Manual. Helene teamed up with our Public Officer, Trisha FitzPatrick and our Treasurer, Barry Shaw, to ring un-financial members with good results.

Our ten meetings for 2010 had an average attendance of 18 members, 3 visitors and 8 apologies. Our 15 minute Open Forum at the beginning of each meeting, an innovation by Frances O'Brien in 2007, has continued to be productive providing an opportunity for those attending to raise concerns, matters that are retained on subsequent agendas until resolved.

The NPA Ops Manual, a joint project by Helene and Trisha, will be available ahead of the first Executive meeting of the 2011 Committee. A draft was recently circulated to the outgoing 2010 Committee. For the first time, the incoming Committee and Sub-Committees will have clear guidelines for their positions and activities.

A major event in early 2010 was the rebuilding of the Ella Street Bridge. In March, Donna Kessler and Trisha FitzPatrick distributed a survey to 269 households in the western area of Naremburn

impacted by the two bridge's traffic through their streets. From the 89 responses, a creditable 33% response rate, a 20 page report summarising the responses was prepared for Council's consideration in its negotiations with the RTA. Our report put six specific traffic and parking issues to Council; all were taken on board. It is now our responsibility to see that action takes place.

Another major impact on our suburb was the Draft WLEP 2009, Council's response to the NSW State Planning Authority's requirement for re-zoning to provide for 6,800 new dwellings in Willoughby City. In March, all property owners received a letter box drop of *Willoughby Local Environmental Plan News*, listing proposed sites for re-zoning to medium density. Despite our suburb being impacted by WLEP 1995 - still impacted as residents of Garland Road and Olympia Road will attest -some would say we fell asleep at the wheel. Submissions were due on 20 May. *Naremburn Matters* carried articles throughout the year. Affected residents for two of the six sites in Naremburn raised the matter in the Open Forum of our June meeting. Unfortunately discussion of the matter was curtailed by the intervention by one of our members. Leading up to the public meetings in late October the NPA did not resolve to seek permission to address Council. Trisha and I attended the residential property meeting and the subsequent 3 November Special Council Meeting at which the Officers' recommendations were passed. Five of the six Naremburn sites were rezoned from R2 Low Density to R3 Medium Density. The site bordered by Merrenburn Avenue and Donnelly Road was saved from rezoning and retained its R2 status due to well-organised campaigning by affected owners.

Another matter of concern is usage of Naremburn Park the only significant green space within the suburb of Naremburn. A specific resolution taken at our December meeting to write to Council to request inclusion within its Plan of Management, representatives of the NPA to be part of an Advisory Group for the park, was not followed up. The NPA has three representatives on the Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group which meets quarterly. A major concern for Naremburn is the proposal by the Northbridge Football Club to upgrade the existing Canteen and toilets between Hallstrom Park and Bicentennial Oval to include change rooms for players and referees. It is important that the NPA continues to represent the welfare of neighbouring Naremburn residents who are affected by traffic, parking, noise and potential impact from the baseball area lighting when installed.

For the fourth consecutive year, Federal Member for North Sydney, Joe Hockey has acted as our Santa at the Shops on a Friday in early December. It is an event that is popular with children and adults. During the year the NPA was one of the participants in the Open Day at the Naremburn Community Centre, part of Council's Spring Fair. At our December meeting Martha Follent and Robyn Butler volunteered to organise a Naremburn Earth Hour 2011 event on 26 March 2011. We thank them for taking the initiative and look forward to a memorable and highly successful event.

As your President I accepted invitations from Northbridge Progress Association to attend their 90th birthday celebrations, to attend meetings organised by them to protest against overdevelopment of Northbridge Plaza. I was also invited on four occasions to attend Council and RTA organised meetings regarding installation of safety barriers on the RTA designated Long Gully Bridge. I also represented the NPA at Joe Hockey' Christmas thank you function for the various voluntary groups in his electorate. I attended the Council's Christmas functions, the launch of the Willoughby Spring Fair, Council's Australia Day Event and the Council's bi-annual WCC Heritage Awards.

As a result of the changes to the Associations Incorporation Act, the Office of Fair Trading invited Public Officers to attend a seminar to update them on the changes; I accompanied Trisha. It was pleasing to note that our NPA Constitution had been well-formulated in 2004; thank you to those who were involved in this time-consuming work.

I thank our Federal and State Members for their support. I thank Gladys Berejiklian, Member for Willoughby who was generous with her time at her address to our November Meeting. I thank our Mayor, our three Ward Councillors and Council Officers. In particular I thank the General Manager, Nick Tobin for addressing us at our February meeting.

I thank the 2010 Committee for their support throughout the year. I thank David Lendrum for filling the role of Secretary during the past two years. Special thanks to Barry Shaw who was elected

Treasurer at the 2010 AGM and has filled this role with a commitment to accuracy and true reporting. I thank Frances O'Brien in the support role of Vice President throughout the year.

Finally, I extend a particular vote of thanks to our Public Officer Trisha FitzPatrick for her diligence, hard work and initiative in upgrading NPA records, in addition to the projects mentioned above; and being Editor of our highly successful publication, Naremburn Matters.

This will be my last Report as President. I will not stand for election as President in 2011 as I believe it is important to make way for new blood, new initiative. I am willing to serve in another capacity to continue to build a better Naremburn Community.

To all NPA members my sincere thanks for your support during my past four years as President.

That the President's Report for 2010 be received.

Proposed: Martha Follent; Seconded: Barry Shaw

5. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2010:

The Treasurer Barry Shaw read the financial report for year ending 31 December 2010.

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
<u>Income</u>		
Advertising Naremburn Matters	11,720	8,655
Interest Received	15	13
Membership fees	1,050	960
Website subsidy	500	-
Total income	<u>13,285</u>	<u>9,628</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Filing fees	209	--
Insurance	122	--
Monthly meeting expenses	225	327
Naremburn Matters production	9,407	7,841
Postage and PO Box rental	169	130
Printing & Stationery	132	124
Special events- Open Day, Xmas, Ella St	434	--
Subscriptions	20	20
Website expenses	77	--
Total Expenses	<u>10,795</u>	<u>8,442</u>
Surplus from ordinary activities	<u>2,490</u>	<u>1,186</u>
<u>Balance Sheet</u>		
Current Assets – cash - Westpac	6,912	
Total Assets	6,912	4,372
Current Liabilities – subscriptions in advance	50	-
Net Assets	<u>6,862</u>	<u>4,372</u>
<u>Equity</u>		
Retained earnings 1 January	4,372	3,186
Surplus for current year	2,490	1,186
Total Equity	<u>6,862</u>	<u>4,372</u>

That the Treasurer's Report for 2010 be received.

Proposed: Trisha FitzPatrick; Seconded: Robyn Butler

6. ELECTION OF RETURNING OFFICER:

That Councillor Barry Thompson is elected Returning Officer.

Proposed: Barry Shaw; Seconded: David Lendrum, accepted by a show of hands.

Councillor Barry Thompson thanked the NPA for giving him the opportunity to be the Returning Officer for this election.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS:

All positions were declared vacant.

Cr Thompson 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 person not a resident of Naremburn and is a member of the NPA; he noted that the only person in this category is Michael Hockey*

Cr Thompson asked if members present were aware of the recent northern boundary change for Naremburn Progress Association and if any member needed clarification.

Nominations were called for each position.

Nominations:-

Frances O'Brien for President	Proposed: Kevin FitzPatrick; Seconded: Trisha FitzPatrick,
Martha Follent for Vice President	Proposed: Kevin FitzPatrick; Seconded: Barry Shaw,
Kevin FitzPatrick for Secretary	Proposed: David Lendrum; Seconded: Trisha FitzPatrick
Barry Shaw for Treasurer	Proposed: Trisha FitzPatrick; Seconded: Martha Follent.

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

PRESIDENT	Frances O'Brien
VICE PRESIDENT	Martha Follent
SECRETARY	Kevin FitzPatrick
TREASURER	Barry Shaw

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

All positions were declared vacant. Nominations were called for.

Donna Kessler	Proposed: Barry Shaw; Seconded: Trisha FitzPatrick
Helene Kemp	Proposed: Trisha FitzPatrick; Seconded: David Lendrum
Roger Promnitz	Proposed: Kevin FitzPatrick; Seconded: Helene Kemp

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

Helene Kemp
 Donna Kessler
 Roger Promnitz

9. ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS

Frances O'Brien (The President is automatically a Delegate)
 Kevin FitzPatrick
 Trisha FitzPatrick

10. ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE NAREMBURN COMMUNITY CENTRE USER GROUP

Beryl Batterham
 Kevin FitzPatrick
 Trisha FitzPatrick
 Martha Follent
 David Lendrum

11. ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE BICENTENNIAL RESERVE AND FLAT ROCK GULLY ADVISORY GROUP

Frances O'Brien
 Barry Shaw
 Peter Turner.

12. CLOSURE: - The Meeting closed at 8:10 pm. *The AGM was followed by the March General Meeting.*