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Naremburn Progress Association (NPA)

Welcome to the third edition of Naremburn Matters

Community is a word with many meanings and uses. It is customary to view community as a place or a population group or as a concern which people share in common. It is often based on the belief that problems in communities have their solutions in communities. We welcome input to this newsletter from the diverse community that is Naremburn in 2005.

There are two kinds of people, those who do the work, and those who take the credit. Join the first group for there is less opposition – Gandhi

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Every Drop Counts

In 1 AD the world's population was believed to be 180 million. By 1900 it was approximately 1.5 billion. Today it is over 6 billion. For 1,900 years the world's population grew by only 1.3 billion. In the last 100 years it has increased by 4.5 billion. Undoubtedly this is an astonishing increase.

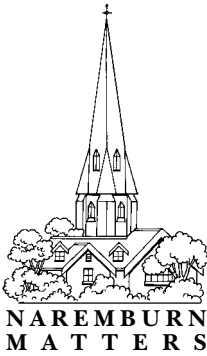
The 21st century will see global warming increase somewhere between 2 and 5 degrees Celsius. Let us think about two degrees warming. Dr Tim Flannery says there would be no more coral reefs in the world, and many indigenous species gone. Rainfall in South Eastern Australia would be minus 20 per cent to minus 50 percent of what it is today. Conserving water is becoming increasingly important. Of all the water on the earth, just three per cent is fresh water. Two-thirds of this three per cent is locked in polar ice caps, glaciers, the atmosphere and soil. That leaves just one per cent of the earth's water available for use.

About 70% of Sydney's water is used within our homes. Business accounts for almost 20% total water use. Our gardens use 25% of all household water. Sydney water treats approximately 1.3 billion litres of water daily at its 31 sewage treatment plants. Some of this waste is recycled into biosolids. Dewatered biosolids are an excellent soil conditioner, providing superior water holding properties that can improve

pastures and increase crop yields. Biosolids are so popular that demand exceeds supply. There are many ways domestic residents can help improve the quality of biosolids. These include using the recommended amount of detergent for your washing machine and of course watch what you pour down the sink. Grease, oil, milk, paints, chemicals are improper things to go into sinks, drains and toilets. By being careful what is poured into sinks we all ultimately improve what returns to the environment after treatment.

The City of Perth has been addressing these issues for 20 years. There have been significant reductions in per capita water use there. Sydney has been somewhat slower but things are now starting to happen. The city is setting water reduction targets of 40% of current use through Basix. In 30 years time 250,00 people will live in around 150,000 homes in new land releases areas of north west and south west Sydney. The State Government is committed to

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Naremburn Progress Association Report Card

As the 2005 calendar year nears an end, it is a good time to reflect on the progress and achievements of the NPA during the past 12 months.

We believe our most notable highlight has been the launch of the Naremburn Matters newsletter in April. We have received incredible support from advertisers and enduring encouragement from Naremburn residents which has been most gratifying.

The major issue for Naremburn has been the Lane Cove Tunnel Project. The NPA has been actively involved in attempting to influence design and construction parameters to improve outcomes for local residents and businesses. We inch closer to having a gateway sign to the community which reads 'Welcome to Naremburn'. There are still a number of ongoing major issues and where

appropriate, help has and will continue to be sought from Willoughby City Council (WCC) and our Local State Member.

The NPA continues to make submissions to WCC on major DAs in support of local residents.

The "Greening of Naremburn" project continued with the assistance of WCC, with more than 75 street trees planted during the year. Sites have been identified for a further 325 trees and residents who wish to participate in this project should contact Janice Hitz or Kevin FitzPatrick.

We're proud of our successful application for a Community Grant from the Federal Government to enable the purchase of equipment for use in the Naremburn Community Centre.

*Ronan Ahern
 NPA President*

Naremburn Progress Association Meeting

The final meeting for 2005 will be held on
 8 December at 7.30pm
 in the Naremburn School Hall,
 corner of Willoughby and Dalleys Road.

All residents and businesses within Naremburn are welcome to attend.

As it is our last meeting for the year, we will finish formalities earlier to enable some festive cheer and chatter.

*Tea, coffee and bubbles are provided;
 please bring a small plate of food to share.*

Community Service Recognition Award

At its December meeting, the NPA has traditionally recognised individuals who have lived or worked in Naremburn for some time, providing service to the community worthy of recognition.

If you know someone whom you think "fits the bill", please contact a member of the NPA executive as soon as possible.

Thanks!

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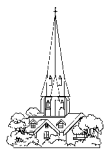
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Lane Cove Tunnel Project Nareburn Update

Landscaping

As some building works are completed, the Lane Cove Tunnel Project builder, TJH, is commencing landscaping. Alex Augustyn has been appointed Landscape Coordinator and he attended the November meeting of the Nareburn Progress Association (NPA). Over the next few months, areas near the Walter St retaining wall, White Rabbit Child Care Centre and underpass of the North Shore Railway Line will be landscaped. James Smallhorn from Willoughby Council will come to a future meeting with the NPA to discuss plans for the landscaping of Nareburn Hill at the intersection of the Gore Hill Freeway and Willoughby Road.

Shared Pathway

Work on widening the footbridge between the Nareburn shops has now commenced and should be finished early 2006. Detailed design of the pathway between the Shops and Park St is still in progress following consultation with local residents.

Traffic Management

The RTA has set up various Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Advisory Groups to consult regarding traffic implications of the project. While the Artarmon group will consider use of Dalleys Road etc as part of the broader traffic issues, it is not intended to include any recommendations regarding the streets in Nareburn. Willoughby Council has recommended that TJH follow an LATM process for Nareburn that would consult with the local community and if required, include appropriate traffic calming measures. To date, it is unknown whether TJH will follow this recommendation.

North Shore Railway Underpass

Pedestrian access at the North Shore Railway underpass is scheduled to be reopened by the end of the year.

Link Road Update

Council is looking to defer construction of the link road between Herbert St and Chandos Street. The suggested reason for this deferral is to wait until the master planning is complete for the North Shore Hospital. When this master plan will be complete is unknown. No suggestions have been put forward to reduce the traffic rat running through Nareburn. There has been much work done on the link road to date including strengthening the railway bridge, drafting engineering plans and proposals for further site acquisition. Council has collected millions of dollars to carry out this work from the S.94 payments they have received over the years from the redevelopment of this area. What Council plans to do with these funds now is unknown.

The building of this road has been in planning since the 1980s, endorsed by various traffic studies in the 1990s and approved by the full Council in 2005.

In the interim, Council propose to use the site for all day parking. Less than 50 cars will be accommodated. Council's traffic committee has recommended that further consideration of the issue be deferred until such time that consultation with the NPA has occurred, and further advice on proposed works on Chandos Street, by North Sydney Council, is outlined.

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True or False

How well do you know your suburb?

- 1 The NPA turns 104 on 29 November 2005
- 2 Former Australian Test Captain and pigeon-fancier, Bill Lawry, was a member of the North Sydney Pigeon Racing Club, based in Nareburn
- 3 Graffiti is recent phenomenon in Nareburn.
- 4 Two of Nareburn's streets are named after founding executive members of the NPA.
- 5 Nareburn's first school tuckshop was established in the 1920s.
- 6 Billy Jack, a colourful local identity, represented Australia at football.

(Answers on page 6)

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Every drop counts

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seeing every one of these homes use 40% less water. Every home will have access to recycled water for non drinking purposes. Experience has shown that drinking water usage can be reduced by around 50% if recycled water is used for purposes such as toilet flushings, garden watering and cleaning hard surfaces.

Willoughby City Council homes use more water than the Sydney average while businesses use substantially less than the Sydney average. Council is looking through, its E. restore program, to educate the community and reduce water usage. Amongst their initiatives rainwater tanks are required on all new developments.

Rainwater tanks up to 10,000 litres do not require a development application. The exception to this is if your property is in a conservation area. In order to promote the use of rainwater tanks Council will discount all or part of a requirement of On Site Detention (OSD) tanks for residential dwellings. Requirements for commercial or multiunit OSD tanks credits using rainwater tanks are assessed on individual cases. Willoughby Council does not recommend the use of grey water reuse systems in the Naremburn area due to the topography and usually small block sizes. Grey water systems can only hold water for one day. Any grey water held longer than a day must be treated.

Sydney Water is offering new showerheads installed by a plumber for just \$22. The plumber will also install water efficient aerators or flow regulators in your kitchen or bathroom sinks. They will also adjust the float valves in single flush toilets. Sydney water also offer rebates of between \$300 (2,000 litres) - \$650 (7,000 + litres) for installation of rainwater tanks. Australia is the driest continent on earth. Every drop counts.

Ronan Ahern

Mary's Musings

One year when I was working on the food stall located near the window of the kitchen of the hall. This would be in the early 50s. The 'Wynyard' tram came to the stop at Donnelly/Willoughby Roads, from which one of our parishioners from Willoughby alighted and made her way to the school. As she approached me I found it very interesting as she was laughing. Usually she was such a quiet person, so, as she came up to the counter she said, "Mary, I must tell you what happened on the tram. A man sitting in the outer section, facing me, was enjoying a toffee! Suddenly he pulled out the toffee, complete with his dentures, placed them on the seat and said "now, go on you buggers, fight it out yourselves!"

Mary Teteris, Merrenburn Ave, Naremburn

Councillor Corner by Councillor Barry Thompson

Owner's Corporation Forum

Early in 2006, a meeting will be called of representatives of all the Strata Title properties in the City. I strongly supported the Mayoral minute that called for the forum because it provides an avenue for the issues of apartment dwellers to be brought before Council. It has been my experience that those issues receive scant attention if measured in 'hours of Council meeting time consumed'. A Notice will be sent to all Owner's Corporation shortly and you should see copies on your notice board. Please ensure your Corporation is represented - even if you have to volunteer to attend yourself.

Local Government Association Conference

I was pleased to attend this event recently in Mudgee (and behaved impeccably, even if I say so myself). Three motions from Willoughby were passed by the Conference and the Association will make representations to relevant (State) authorities as a result. Our motions related to graffiti prevention, asbestos hazards and penalties for unauthorised building work. I pursued the last of these partly in response to a letter from a local resident.

Changes to Development Application Approval Procedure

Recently, agreement has been reached on the manner in which contested Development Applications will be handled by Council. Contested DAs are those where objections have been raised or where a Councillor has requested that a DA be considered by Council, rather than approved by Council Officers under delegation. Rather than come before the full Council, such DAs will now be referred to a Ward Councillors meeting. The Ward Councillors have power to approve such DAs, provided that they agree unanimously with the Officer's recommendation or unanimously agree on a different outcome and that new outcome has, or subsequently obtains, the agreement of the Director of Environmental Services. Only when the ward councillors are divided will these DAs be decided by the full Council. Notification procedures have been strengthened under the new arrangement. I hope and expect that the new arrangement will allow local representatives in each ward to be more accountable as well as streamlining the approval procedure and allowing the time of the full Council to be used more fully and productively on policy matters.

Civic Place

The penultimate stage of the design is now complete. I am excited by a recent change which brings the multipurpose hall into the main facility, rather than being provided within the adjacent private hotel structure. Cost and revenue impacts remain well in control despite this and other changes and improvements to definition.

The public appeal has begun. The Chinese community embraced the project to such an extent that the first fund-raiser was organised for and by them - with great success. Benefactors may be recognised by plaques in various rooms or on assets such as book collections and theatre seats. A similar funding program was executed very successfully recently for the refurbishment of the fire-gutted St Patrick's cathedral in Parramatta. Opportunities for involvement will be rolled out through our communities in the New Year, so do not feel you have been overlooked!

Councillor Barry Thompson
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Footpath Cycling Have Fun and Reduce the Risks

As Summer approaches we see many young families groups enjoying a ride around the neighbourhood. There are many places they can cycle. Apart from shared paths through the lovely Bicentennial and Artamon Reserves, children under 12 and accompanying adult bicycle riders can legally ride on the footpath.

While footpath cycling is a relatively safe place for families to ride, the community needs to be aware that there are still dangers on the footpath at driveway crossings and road intersections and there is much they can do to reduce the risks. Dangers at driveways are more marked for children on bicycles as they travel faster than walkers and thus have less time to react to a dangerous situation.

Parents need to be aware of these risks and should accompany their children on cycling excursions. Children should not be left alone to cycle the footpaths until they are old enough to comprehend the road rules, understand the potential dangers and apply what they know to avert those situations. Most primary school aged children are not ready to ride alone, but this is an excellent opportunity to teach your child and prepare them for the independence that must come in high school days. This is also the time to teach them the courtesy and consideration due to other people on the paths.

The local community can also do much to reduce the risks. Motorists are required to give way to people on the footpath, whether they are walking, riding a bike or a skateboard or in control of a mobility scooter.

Carolyn New

Colourful Characters

As the first village on Sydney's Lower North Shore, Naremburn, variously known as Central Township, Dog Town, Pension Town and The Township, produced its share of colourful characters.

There was 'Frontend Phil' aka 'Aeroplane' because of his ample girth and ability to extend his arms for balance when he'd had one too many. One of my favourites is Billy Jack or 'Silent Billy', a Scottish immigrant and local businessman who represented our area as Federal Member for North Sydney. After one year of employment as a grocer for the Balmain Co-operative Society, he opened his own grocery shop in Walker Street, North Sydney. In 1914, he purchased a horse and cart and began selling butter, eggs, ice and freshly trapped rabbits in nearby northern suburbs.

He married Annie Smith and settled in Pine Street, Cammeray. In 1922, he moved to Holtermann Street, Crows Nest for a short time before settling at 35 Merrenburn Avenue, now The White Rabbit Childcare Centre.

During the Great Depression, as our suburb's nicknames indicate, Naremburn had its fair share of battlers. They found Billy Jack to be a businessman with a heart for those in need. Families never forgot his kindness, particularly when he stood for public office. Billy's apprenticeship in local community matters was served on the NPA. To ensure that Naremburn was effectively represented on Willoughby Council, Billy stood and was duly elected Alderman for the Naremburn Ward in 1939. After a stint as Deputy Mayor in 1947, he was elected Mayor for 1949-50. At the local level, Billy, his wife Annie and daughter, Ella, worked tirelessly for the establishment of the Naremburn Amenities Development Association – our present Community Centre housing the library, pre-school and hall at Central Street. Billy was elected to Federal Parliament in 1949 with a modest majority of 750, but continually increased this margin until his retirement from Parliament in 1966. It would seem that for 'Silent Billy', a man of few public words, his actions spoke for themselves. Known for his silence in the Parliament, one of his last speeches commenced "I can contain my silence no longer". Billy received the OBE in 1968 for service to Parliament and the community. The local rabbitoh, William Mathers Jack, who rose to a high office in this land, was given the final tribute – "He lived respected and died regretted."

Kevin FitzPatrick

Healthy Living in Naremburn

As residents, we have chosen to live in Naremburn for a variety of reasons but may not be aware of the numerous options to improve our health that exist as soon as we step outside the boundary of our own property.

Apart from the food options that are on offer in the Naremburn village, the following is a list of some of the activities and facilities that you can utilise without wandering far from home:

- *Naremburn Park- facilities include a playground (soon to be upgraded); cricket net; basketball/netball court; two ovals used for sports as diverse as 'flying discs' and junior soccer, but also cricket and rugby; together with plenty of space to walk, sit or run. The park also hosts a scout hall.*
- *Love'n Deuce tennis courts in Talus and also Weatleigh St- courts for hire; competitions; coaching.*
- *Bush tracks from St Leonards Station to Middle Harbour via Tunks Park - lovingly improved by bushcare groups and WCC. If you have not tried it, it is well worth the time, whether in one hit or several.*
- *Bike and shared paths that provide access to Bicentennial Reserve and all that it has to offer.*
- *Naremburn Library located in the Community Centre in Central Street is a local facility that can be used by adults and children alike. The Community Centre also serves as the meeting place for the Progress Association, Over 50s, Pre School, Playgroup, After School Care and Breast Feeding Association.*
- *Join a local bushcare group for just 2-3 hours once a month working with the help of WCC to improve the bushland, walks and waterways in Naremburn.*
- *Listen to a poetry reading at 'Henry Lawson's Cave'.*
- *Visit the Willoughby Leisure Centre in Small Street which houses swimming pool, spa, sauna, gym(including group fitness classes), bicycle room, multi purpose two court sports hall (netball, basketball, badminton etc.).*

So, if you are pondering what to do as you pursue a healthy lifestyle, the answers may be at your very own doorstep.

Ronan Ahern

Plaques, Old and New...

The Naremburn Progress Association has installed plaques at three historical sites within the suburb.

The plaque I wish to talk about is that material on our teeth which is detrimental to our dental health and general well-being. Dental plaque is a mixture of food particles and dead cells from the skin lining our mouth. If this plaque is left on the tooth surface for longer than twenty minutes, the Calcium salts in our saliva, settle into this plaque, causing it to set hard, and so making scale or tartar.

Once scale has formed, pigment from the food we eat is absorbed into it making it stained. If we didn't eat pigmented foods, the scale would be a cream colour. So, the order of formation is plaque, scale and then the stain.

It is possible to remove plaque with a toothbrush and dental floss because it is soft textured. Plaque harbours the bacteria which cause dental decay, so it should be removed as soon as possible. Once it has formed scale, it is difficult to remove and needs professional help.

Scale irritates the gum margin, causing it to recede down the tooth. If the gum goes more than half way down the tooth it becomes loose and will eventually fall out if the scale is not removed.

Jeffrey W. Hinde, Dental Surgeon.

Inspired by a Mr. S. New who was a dentist in Willoughby Road during 1919 according to a photo in the The Naremburn Story by Eric Wilksch.

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True or False Naremburn School

1 TRUE

In 1901, as Council elections loomed, local public-spirited citizens considered that Naremburn was the neglected outskirts of the Borough of Willoughby.

They called a meeting at the Temperance Hall in Central Street. The date was 29 November 1901.

2 FALSE

While North Sydney Pigeon Racing Club has a long and colourful history (1913-2001) it cannot claim Bill. At its peak, it had 36 members who enjoyed racing their pigeons to far away places like Tasmania and South Australia. The old Clubhouse still exists in a small lane off Dalleys Road East. A Heritage plaque outside the building relates its history.

3 FALSE

The North Shore Times in March 1987 reported the Deputy Principal of Naremburn Public School, Miss Helen Moschell deploring the vandals and graffiti writers entering school grounds and undoing the students' efforts to beautify their school grounds.

4 TRUE

McBurney Street is named after Harold McBurney, founding President of the NPA and Rohan Street is named after Joseph Rohan, the NPA's founding Secretary.

5 TRUE

A neighbour of the primary school in Dalleys Road, opened her back verandah as school tuckshop in the 1920s. In those days, the pupils were also allowed to go home for lunch or go out to purchase lunch at the local shops.

6 FALSE

William Mathers Jack OBE represented the local area in the Australian Parliament as the Federal Member for North Sydney between 1949 and 1966. (See *Colourful Characters* on page 5)

Naremburn School was officially opened as a behaviour school, in 2002. During that year it was extensively renovated to accommodate 28 students. Students who enrol with us have usually exhausted the support that their mainstream school can offer and are ready to make some positive changes to their behaviour.

The staff implement a highly structured and consistent behaviour management system whereby students monitor their own behaviour and get extra points for being honest about their issues and actions. The staff use a calm and consistent approach in dealing with the students. In return the students usually display respect and consideration to the staff. All the students are on an individual education plan. Each student has group classes each week of cooking, art and carpentry/woodwork. Every year, usually in late August, the school holds its "ANNUAL OPEN DAY AND ART/WOODWORK SHOW". This year we were thrilled to see so many visitors, even some from the community who wanted to meet the students and see the renovated building. The students cooked for days before and the food was delicious! The art and wood work was terrific and the students were so proud to show off their efforts. Thank you to everyone who came.

The students were saddened to hear of the earthquake in Pakistan recently. As it is coming up to their winter, we were concerned that these displaced people would have little or no housing when the weather turned cold. We are trying to raise \$400 to donate to the RED CROSS so they can buy a winter tent that will be the home of at least one family.

ALL CASH DONATIONS TO THIS WORTHWHILE CAUSE CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS.

We are always interested in meeting members of the public. Anytime you happen to be walking past you are welcome to drop in to say hello.

One of the more successful programs we have to offer is work experience. Students work for a whole week or one day each week for five weeks, at a business to learn the skills and attitudes needed to do that job. If any companies or shops would like to host one of our young people in that way (for free too!), please give Karen a call on 9906 8498 Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays. Most of our students would like experience in automotive, landscaping, building or retail for the young men and retail, office work, hairdressing and beauty for the young ladies. Thank you for being so patient with our students. I understand they can be rather noisy when walking to and from the station. Like all teenagers, they display some language and volume of speech that is 'over the top' at times. Should these cause you concern please call us on 9906-8498.



Learning for Life

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Naremburn Public School Est. 1887

Perhaps this was your school and you can share the recollection of that first terrifying experience, or, exciting adventure? Naremburn Matters would love to hear your story.

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(Word Limit : 150 words)

The Anderson family settled in Naremburn in the early 1900s whilst Harry Anderson, my grandfather, was in The Royal Australian Air Force. We proudly grew as a family and with this three generations attended Naremburn Public School. My father, Terry Anderson, finished in 1950 and 36 years later I finished in 1986 as School Captain. I am proud of all the school offered me as a student.

Nearly 20 years on and living in nearby Neutral Bay, I still play an active part in the Naremburn community, working as a personal trainer from both Naremburn Oval and Hallstrom Park. I hope we can get to hear more of Naremburn Public School Pride.

Matthew Anderson, Sydney City Fitness & Personal Training

Not only was Naremburn my school but both my father and son attended it as well. I started there in kindergarten in 1944 in Miss Vincent's class, had a Miss Brown in 1st class and Miss Burroughs in 2nd class.

My parents moved away from the area so I spent the next few years at other schools and returned to Naremburn in 1949 when my family moved to Wollstonecraft. My teacher then was Mr Carse who formed a school flute band that year, and in my last year there, my teacher was the headmaster, Mr Russell. He was very interested in astronomy and I can still pick out some of the constellations he introduced us to.

Terry Anderson, Bateau Bay NSW

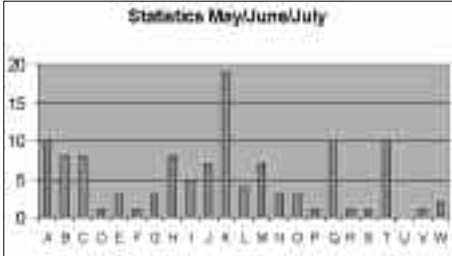


Nareburn Neighbourhood Watch

November 2005

Statistics

The following graph shows the statistics for Nareburn for May, June and July.



The items are as follows:

A Assault	M Major traffic crash
B Breach AVO	N Minor traffic collision
C Break and enter	O Miscellaneous
D Child/young person at risk	P Move on
E Domestic Violence no offence	Q Occurrence only
F Drug detection	R Personal violence - non domestic
G Found property	S Person search
H Fraud	T Stealing
I Judicial Offences	U Stolen vehicle
J Lost property	V Suicide/self harm
K Malicious damage	W Traffic
L Mental health act	

There are some interesting points to be made about these statistics:

- 1 I had to drop a number of entries belonging to other Neighbourhood Watch areas. There are probably similar items from our area reported in other areas.
- 2 Two ongoing issues seem to be responsible for 25 of these events, including most of the assaults, breach of AVO and judicial issues.
- 3 Malicious damage is mostly graffiti related, plus a few events where property was attacked in some way, including a refrigerator being smashed.
- 4 Break and enter was mainly through a rear door lock being broken. Items taken usually jewellery and laptops.

- 5 Stealing is still mostly from cars/garages. Items most often taken are wine/spirits and food.
- 6 The vast majority of the traffic incidents occurred in Brook Street.

The Silly Season

The Summer months see an increase in break and enter in our area due to the combination of school holidays (fewer people around) and warmer weather. Summer before last we had several serious break and enters in the middle of the night through open windows and doors while people were sleeping. So, please remember to lock windows into an open position too small for a person to enter before you go to bed, or close and lock them. Also, if you see people you are not familiar with hanging around let the police know and they will investigate – better safe than sorry.

Our other top tips are:

- If you are going away tell neighbours and have them collect mail.
- Leave contact details with a neighbour or two.
- Organise for someone to mow lawns if you are away for more than two or so weeks.
- If you have a trusted neighbour leave a set of keys and alarm codes with them – this way the police can get access without breaking the door down if they need to and the alarm can be reset.
- Register on the vacant properties register with the police. If they are passing your way they will have a quick look and it also helps them if something does happen while you are away.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting for 2005 is:

Date: **Wednesday 7 December 2005**
 Time: **8:00pm**
 Where: St Cuthbert's Church Hall, Merrenburn Ave

Please let us know of any issues/topics on the e-mail address: naremnhw@tpg.com.au or call Sue on 9436 3564.

Get in Touch with the Past

Founded in 1974, the Willoughby District Historical Society, and its Museum located at 58 Johnson Street Chatswood, holds an intriguing display of local history of interest to students, residents, local history buffs and historians of all ages. The museum, 'Boronia' was built in 1912, a typical house of that period, and was donated to the society to be used as a museum. Each room has its own theme, with displays of the history of local industries, such as the Tanneries, Stonemasonry and Potteries. There are fascinating displays of photographs of early buildings, and posters advertising early subdivisions of estates. The tool display, largely collected by the late Mr. Eric Wilksch, is an eclectic collection of historic tools, including tools used by coach builders, woodworkers, stonemasons, and engineers, to provide a tangible and intriguing link to many lost skills. The exhibition of 'Growing Up in Willoughby District' is a wonderful collection of children's toys, books, activities and games to delight all ages, especially those young at heart. Willoughby District Historical Society members maintain local history records, study the social, cultural and industrial history of Willoughby, organise exhibitions, and conduct guided tours to promote better understanding and appreciation of this community's rich heritage. The society advocates for protection of local social and built heritage, such as the historic Chatswood Railway Station.

The Museum is open to the public on the 1st Sunday of the month from 1.30pm – 4pm, and the 2nd and 4th Thursdays 10am – 4pm. Groups welcome, entry by donation. New members welcome.

Further information, ring Mrs Mary Thom, on 9419 5851

Lynne Saville

Love 'n Deuce

LOCATIONS

Talus Street
St Leonards

Wheatleigh
Street
Nareburn

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TENNIS & SPORTS CAMPS



TENNIS CAMPS

- Mon 19 – Fri 23 Dec - \$180
- Mon 16 – Fri 20 Jan - \$180
- Mon 23 – Fri 27 Jan - \$160 (4 days)

TIME: 9.30am – 3.30 pm

AGES: 3 – 15 years



Established since 1975

For further information call 9901 3144

Noticeboard

We welcome contributions to the community noticeboard. It provides free advertising for not-for-profit community and charity organisations in Nareburn. Please ring David MacGowan on 9437 0556

Christmas at the Shops

The Nareburn Shops will hold their annual Christmas celebration on Friday 2 December starting at 6.30pm in the Shops area. Santa Claus will be making an early appearance for the kids and all are welcome to join.

Nareburn "Over Fifties"

Meets almost every Monday at 10.30am in the Community Centre. Come along and enjoy speakers, demonstrations, member participation discussions or leisure activities. Contact Lorna (Secretary) 9436 3304 or Nola (President) 9958 4140 for more information.

Breastfeeding Association

Meets in the Community Centre on the first Tuesday of every month from 10am–12 Noon. Your local Breastfeeding Counsellor is Michelle 9906 3353.

Preschool Story time at Nareburn Branch Library

Nareburn Branch Library is holding a story time for preschoolers from 10.30 a.m. to 11.15 am, on Friday, 13 January, 2006. After the stories, the children can take part in a fun craft activity. This holidays, the theme is "Summer Safari". Please book on 9439 5584 or 9777 7900 if Nareburn is closed.

Nareburn Branch Library

The Foyer, Nareburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street
Mondays & Thursdays 2:30–5:00pm
Saturdays 9:30–12 Noon
Ph: 9438 5584 during opening hours
Ph: 9777 7900 at other times.
Please call in when you need entertaining reading for the whole family.

School Holidays

School holidays this year run from Thursday 22 December 2005 to Friday 27 January 2006

To the Editor

Contributions to: PO Box 393, St Leonards 1590
NareburnMatters@yahoo.com (150 word limit)

On behalf of Planet Ark, Toyota, and the AMP Foundation, we'd like to thank you and your volunteers for your fantastic efforts on National Tree Day.

You were amongst 320,000 volunteers who helped us to plant a million natives at 4,000 sites around Australia. Over 2,000 of these sites were schools. Given the drought and water restrictions, it was a great result and you helped us to celebrate Tree Day's 10th birthday in a really big way!

We do hope that the maintenance and aftercare for your site is going well.

National Tree Day 2006 will take place on Sunday July 30th and Schools Tree Day will be held on Friday 28th. Please start propagating your seeds now!!

Thank you once again for your help with National Tree Day - we really appreciate your support.

With best regards,

Jon Dee, Founder & Managing Director of Planet Ark

The trees planted this year and last year are growing well, particularly benefiting from recent rain, but are in need of weeding to avoid root competition. Given the NPA commitment to the program, I was hoping that residents can remove the encroaching grass from around the trees for a distance of 500mm from the trunks and re-mulch the area with woodchips. We will be happy to supply the woodchips for this purpose.

*Robert Kerr, Parks Projects Coordinator
Willoughby City Council – 02 9777 7757*

I just wanted to say how much I enjoyed reading the July issue of Nareburn Matters. Thank you for providing a mechanism for fostering community spirit within our Nareburn area. I would also like to volunteer my services to deliver copies of the newsletter to residences in Waters Road and surrounding streets

Anneliese Appleton, Waters Road

Many thanks to the NPA for producing this great new newsletter for Nareburn residents – well done! We would also like to thank all of the volunteer families who planted so many new trees in our street last weekend, a great effort with lots of help from the kids. The tree planting program is long overdue in this area and we look forward to a greener Nareburn. We will do our best to care for our lovely new tree.

Debbie, Peter & Lucy Wyborn, Nareburn

I was interested to read about the Nareburn disaster of 1906 in your latest newsletter. Do you have any more details such as newspaper articles, weather bureau reports etc which we can get a copy of?

I am also interested in the street tree program and would like to know how species are selected for the various locations. Is consideration given to such things as overhead power lines, underground services, adjacent paving, the trees mature height and spread, species which are known to shed large limbs and fall over in strong winds, species which are more prone to weakening by insect attack, species of local provenance etc.?

Ian Partridge

Acting Local Controller Willoughby - Lane Cove SES

What stinks this month!

Enjoyment of the parks and streets in lovely Nareburn can be impeded by a number of things, but the following are two of my own pet hates:

- Garage sale notices which remain taped or nailed to trees and poles long after the sale is over; and
- Dog droppings left behind by careless owners who seem to delight in taking their dogs for a walk in public places but have no interest in cleaning up their mess.

We have an individual and collective responsibility to ensure that the environment we enjoy is not spoiled by selfishness. If we put a sign up, take it down promptly. If we take a dog for a walk, carry and use a bag to collect any refuse. If you need a financial incentive for taking responsibility for your dog, be aware that Council Rangers can issue a \$220 fine for failure to remove dog faeces. More importantly, spare a thought for the sporting teams, adults and children playing or walking in the parks. If we see someone else's sign or dogs aftermath, give them a polite reminder of their responsibility. Over to you – clean up the "poo".

David McGowan