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Naremburn Progress Association (NPA)

Public meeting on Thursday 14 June at 7.30pm

WCC's intentions regarding the future of the Naremburn Library and the After School Care facility at the Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street, will be discussed by Marcia Waller, WCC Community Services Director and Nick Tobin, WCC Corporate Services Director at a Naremburn Progress Association meeting at the Centre on Thursday 14 June. The 15 minute Open Forum for residents will commence at 7:30 pm, then normal business will be suspended to allow the guest speakers to commence at 7:50 pm. All residents are invited to attend. The future of the Centre affects all families in Naremburn!

WCC's recently appointed Sustainability Director
Dr Haydn Washington
will speak on Thursday 9 August at the
Naremburn Community Centre

Hear Council's Dr Haydn Washington speak on the environment as a 'cradle to grave' experience and on Council's intention to expand its ecological sustainability activities to take a leading position, with a focus on climate change mitigation. The meeting will commence with a 15 minute Open Forum session, then normal business will be suspended so that Dr Washington's session can commence at 7:50 pm.

"Haydn's PhD is in Social Ecology. He has a 30 year background in Environmental Science, including teaching at Glenaeon School and finding the second site of the Wollemi Pine, as part of his founding association with the Wollemi National Park. Author of the books 'Ecosolutions' and 'A Sense of Wonder', Haydn is a current Member of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Advisory Committee and the Executive of the Nature Conservation Foundation."

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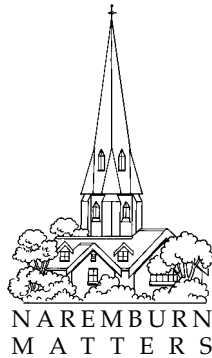
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Naremburn Community Centre
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 Main business of the meeting.

Thursday 14 June 2007
 Thursday 9 August 2007
 Thursday 13 September 2007
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President's Point of View

Do you love Naremburn and what it has to offer?

When I attend the general meetings of the Naremburn Progress Association (NPA) in our Community Centre I observe something that has been a constant in the 106 years of this Association – a love of the Naremburn suburb and a desire to see its people flourish in a safe, healthy, natural environment. The NPA is as old as Federation itself, having been established in 1901 and is the oldest of the nine progress associations in Willoughby City.

Despite two World Wars and a Depression that scarred the district with such names as 'Struggle Town' and 'Pension Town', it built its churches and schools and consistently strove from its very inception to establish a community meeting place which would provide such services as a Baby Health Centre, a Children's Library, a public Gymnasium. Sixty years ago, members of the Progress Association joined with other residents to form the Naremburn Amenities Development Association (NADA) to achieve these goals. Ironically, one of the suggested names for the group was Naremburn Civic Place Committee!

Eventually a Baby Health Care Centre and a Children's Library were established at the houses at 7 and 9 Central Street. Many varied fund-raising activities helped to train librarians, supply books and generally staff these facilities provided by Council. Records for 1962 tell us that 580 children were library members availing of its 2,300 books, many donated by local residents.

In September this year, we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the upgrading of the two facilities into one building that houses a general library, a pre school, a Willoughby After School Centre, and, a meeting place for such bodies as the Naremburn Progress Association, the Naremburn Over 50s Club, the Breastfeeding Association and the Northern Suburbs Philatelic Society.

In recent years we have seen our suburb cut in half by major road works with the loss of many houses and shops. Our three schools, once serving 1,500 children from our district have been closed without adequate and constructive consultation with local residents. It is mutually beneficial when 'out of town experts' confer with people who live in the area and use the local facilities.

We have been assured by Willoughby City Council that our local library will continue despite the construction of a new Chatswood Library in Civic Place and the upgrading of both the Artarmon and Northbridge branch libraries.

It has been reported that the Willoughby After School Care will cease operation at Naremburn at the end of 2008 with this activity and the Centre Director transferred to Bales Park in Willoughby.

In the light of the closure of local schools and the marked population increase in Naremburn we the residents of this suburb need to be consulted by Council with regard provision of facilities to meet genuine needs in the light of the shift in population occurring with a growing birth rate.

As we go to press, the NPA has invited Council to comment on the future of the Centre, in particular, the After School Care facility and the Naremburn Branch Library. Marcia Waller, Community Services Director and Nick Tobin, Corporate Services Director will address the Association's general meeting, open to all residents, that commences at 7:30 pm on Thursday, 14 June.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will see an application form to join the Progress Association. Please take the opportunity to join. Membership is \$10.00 per person per annum (\$1 concession). Members will be receiving e-mail updates regarding local issues. Minutes and agendas are also e-mailed. Copies are hand delivered to those members who do not have e-mail addresses.

Yes, we all have busy lives. Yet, a small contribution in time can make a significant difference to the Naremburn we love.

**Kevin FitzPatrick
 Central Street**

Film Night acknowledgements

The 10 February showing of Al Gore's 'An Inconvenient Truth' in Naremburn Park attracted an audience of more than 2,000. This successful event would not have been possible without the encouragement, assistance and commitment of many people and organisations.

Space restrictions in the March newsletter issued to publicise the AGM and the 'Meet the Candidates' session prevented us from acknowledging all those who helped. The NPA's thanks to:

Mayor Pat Reilly, John Owen WCC General Manager, Nick Tobin WCC Corporate Services Director, Councillors Stuart Coppock, Kate Lamb, Barry Thompson of Naremburn Ward; Willoughby Events Department Manager Eilis O'Beirne ably assisted by Sarah Maddock, Willoughby Environmental Protection Association (WEPA), Sarah Clarry, Corporate Social Responsibility Manager for Unilever Australia, Mark Duffy, Director General, Dept of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability (DEUS), Greenpower, Australian Conservation Foundation, Chatswood Police, Forest and Wood Products Australia (FWPA), Declan O'Beirne, David MacGowan, Castlecrag's Ampitheatre team of Richard Newton, Howard Rubie and Jack Metcalfe, Forsyth Coffee, www.realestate.com.au, Stephen Stapleton, Friends of Naremburn Park, VideoWall, Naremburn Parkcare, University of Western Sydney, North Shore Times, BEP Productions, Gareth McCarthy, Bernard Lau, Bec Hill, Sam Taranto, Leone Donnelly, Denise Anderson, Claire Gosson, Cyril Clarke, George Farrell, Mark McEvoy, Don Swonnell, Shannon Ashton, Carolyn New, Cameron Mitchell, Sustainability Street, Janice Hitz, Robyn Read, Trevor Johnston, Maverick Marketing, Elizabeth Cameron, Sue Howes and Paul Swinhoe of Naremburn Neighbourhood Watch and the street coordinators for letterboxing 'An Inconvenient Truth' flyers ahead of the Film Night.....And Al Gore!

2008 Community Event

Following the success of the Film Night 'An Inconvenient Truth', screened in Naremburn Park with the assistance of WCC's Events team, discussions are underway regarding another WCC/NPA event for February 2008. More in our September issue!

Apologies to anyone who helped and is not on this list. We do appreciate your contribution to the event.

And thank you to all those who came to Naremburn Park on the evening of Saturday 10 February 2007!

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And barbecue chairs,
Streets and drains,
And window panes.

It can spray a fine mist,
It can spitter and spatter,
It can spurt like a hose,
It can gurgle and chatter.

When it falls on me
I say "What luck!"
I splish and splosh
And pretend I'm a duck.

Annette Kosseris- Haynes
Kindamindi
Chelmsford Avenue

Naremburn Library News

Construction of the Civic Place Project will commence toward the end of 2007.

To make way for this groundbreaking facility, Chatswood Library will relocate during the construction period to Level 1, The Mandarin Centre, 65 Albert Ave, Chatswood. Chatswood Library will close at 9:00 pm, Thursday 7 June and reopen at 9:00 am, Monday 2 July in the Mandarin Centre.

During the closure period all collections and facilities at Chatswood Library will be temporarily inaccessible and all services conducted at Chatswood Library will be temporarily suspended. However, returns can still be made through the after hours returns chute at the old Library.

Prior to closure, Thursday 7 June, Chatswood Library will double its loan limit to 40 items and extend the loan period to 6 weeks **to ensure customers have books readily available during the closure period.**

The branch libraries at Naremburn, Northbridge and Artarmon, will temporarily increase their opening hours and offer additional children's story time sessions while Chatswood Library is closed.

Naremburn's temporary hours from Friday 8 June to Saturday 30 June will be:

Monday	9:30 am to 5:00 pm
Tuesday	9:30 am to 5:00 pm
Wednesday	9:30 am to 5:00 pm
Thursday	9:30 am to 5:00 pm
Friday	9:30 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday	9:30 am to 12:00 noon

Three preschool story times will be held at Naremburn - Tuesday 12 June, Tuesday 19 June, and Tuesday 26 June, from 10.30 am to 11.15 am.

Naremburn's normal hours will resume on Monday, 2 July, 2007. i.e.

Monday	2:30 pm to 5:00 pm
Thursday	2:30 pm to 5:00 pm
Saturday	9:30 am to 12:00 noon

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Sharing Shared Paths

Many will have explored the new path alongside the Gore Hill Freeway between the Pacific Highway and Merrenburn Avenue, Naremburn. During these first few months it has been very popular with people walking and cycling alike. Apart from families and other groups of walkers and cyclists exploring the new route, there are also many taking advantage of the quick and convenient access to the Naremburn Village Shops – much easier than taking the car!

This is only the first stage – soon work will begin on the underpass of the Pacific Highway, as part of the bus interchange works on Longueville Road and it will also be very easy to ride your bike or walk to the Lane Cove shopping area.

This path is a shared path – shared by people walking, cycling, roller skating, etc, and there are rules of etiquette that everyone needs to be aware of to share a path successfully. Older shared paths were already in use through Bicentennial Reserve, but this new path is much more substantial and is expected to be part of a network of paths that one day will connect the Sydney Harbour Bridge to Chatswood and North Ryde. This new path is mostly four metres wide with a line separating where people walk from where people ride their bikes. There is another dotted line to separate people on bikes by direction of travel. Some path sections are only three metres wide and walkers and cyclists are then supposed to share the same space. To reinforce how people are supposed to use the path, pedestrian crossing markings designate where people should cross between the separated and shared sections.

Pathways are wonderful shared community assets that can enrich all our lives and contribute to more connected community. It does though take cooperation through courtesy between all users of the path and respect for the rights of all people to use the path.

Here are a few rules of etiquette when using these paths:

► **Keep to the Left**

As far as possible, keep to your own designated space. For walkers, this will always be to the left. While it may not always be practical for groups to keep totally within the designated space, do make sure you never block the path for other users.

► **Be Aware Be Predictable**

Walking or cycling: always be aware that you are sharing the path with potentially faster users. Be predictable, travel in a straight line so faster users can detour around you. Check before entering the pathway or when you need to cross the pathway.

► **Appropriate Speed**

Ride at an appropriate speed for the conditions of the bike path, taking into consideration the number of other users and reduced sightlines.

► **Warnings**

Bicycles must have a bell, which is used to warn others of your approach. Some walkers do not hear the bell or do not know how to react. A voice can often be better heard and more informative. It's not a bad idea to sound your bell first and then as you approach more closely give a cheerful greeting such as, "Good Morning, Passing on Your Right".

► **Keep Children and Pets Under Control**

This path is a transport corridor and people are using this path at speed with a purpose to reach work, home or other destinations. While they have a responsibility to take care when passing walkers, you too need to ensure that your pets and children don't make sudden unpredictable movement into their travel path. Pets should be kept on a leash and it would be wise to hold your young child's hand when bicycles are passing.

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Grafton Avenue



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Trivia Night

The NPA is collaborating with other Willoughby City Progress Associations on a Trivia Night in the Town Hall before it closes for the Civic Place Project. Apart from the fun and games, it's a chance to hear the Wurlitzer that is being packed away! "Bring a plate and a drink, bring a mate who can think, bring all manner of Nanas, come in winner!" Saturday 22 September 2007 at 6.30 for 7.00 pm til 10.00 pm, Willoughby Town Hall. \$20 per team of 8 - \$2 per individual.

Thank You, Katherine

Thank you to our former editor, Katherine Raskob-Esman, for the 6 issues of Naremburn Matters, December 2005 to March 2007. The NPA is very appreciative of her tremendous contribution of ideas, time, effort and leadership in ensuring an excellent publication for the residents and businesses of Naremburn. Katherine, who lives in Grandview with husband Jan and son, Joshua, is Head of Marketing for SBS. We wish Katherine ongoing success in her career and much happiness.

Prentice Park

Mayor Pat Reilly will open Prentice Park on Saturday 28 July at 12:30 pm. Located north of the canal to Artarmon Reserve, the park honours the late Sir William Prentice, PNG's first Attorney General, an environmentalist, active in the St Vincent de Paul Society, and a resident of Olympia Road

Lawson Cave Bush Poetry

It's Henry's birthday again! Saturday, 17 June, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, at the cave, behind the Willoughby Leisure Centre toward Naremburn. Bring a cushion or a folding chair, your own refreshments and/or a mug for tea with damper. Bookings/Inquiries/Wet Weather message on 9777 7755.

Water Tanks in Naremburn

In January 2006 we employed Andrew Viali of Viali Design to draw up plans to renovate our home. Our DA had to comply with Willoughby Councils' requirements to retain storm water on the property. Our land size is 306 square metres and to put in a retention tank or tanks would have either destroyed most of the front yard or the back yard.

We approached Clr Stuart Coppock regarding Council regulations on water retention on the property with a view that, due to the drought, water retention tanks were a waste of resources, and could we install a water tank instead. Stuart confirmed that Council had changed its policy to allow for water tanks. There was still a need for a water retention tank but its size was considerably reduced. Under the policy we still needed to be able to store about 6,000 litres of water on the property.

In consultation with Viali Design we agreed that the best place for the tank was underground in the front yard on the southern side. There was just enough room to put in a 5,000 litre tank that is buried about 2.5m underground.

The balance of the water storage is in the pipes that feed the tank. At the back of the house on either side the gutters are fed into 10 inch pipes that go underneath our new concrete slab to a single point in the back yard. The water is then fed into a 4 inch pipe that feeds the first flush device. This device is very well designed. There is a fine stainless steel mesh that stops the leaves from entering the tank and it also stores the first 20 litres of any rainfall before the valve that feeds the pipe to the tank is opened. This contains any dirt from entering the tank. It is easy to clean and becomes a water feature when it is raining.

The water travels under the new back room and hall to the front of the house in a 10 inch pipe to the tank. All the large pipes are part of on site water storage.

The tank has a submersible pump that gives about the same pressure as mains water and we have plumbed the tanks to two toilets, the washing machine and two outside taps. It was connected to part of the roof harvesting system in late November 2006 and became fully operational from 21 December. In this period we have been able to water the garden, wash cars and use the water in the bathroom and laundry and have not run out of water in the tank. The water is as clear if not clearer than mains water. It has been a wonderful addition to our renovations and with hindsight we would have put in a bigger tank. We could have built a concrete tank under the car port and probably stored up to 17,000 litres.

The tank was supplied by Action Tanks and the only feature we do not like is the ugly control box. We are trying to reduce its visual impact with plants. The Action Tanks First Flush device works very well and is easy to clean. Rainman also supply these types of tanks. However their First Flush Device is not as good and requires much more maintenance but their Control Box is a much better visual design.

In our case it was much cheaper to install the water tank and a small retention tank rather than a large retention tank.

We would hope that Willoughby Council changes its policy to further encourage the use of water tanks as the water supply in the Sydney Storage Dams has been dramatically reduced. You also have the added benefit of being able to water your garden and wash the car when you like.

Lindsay Harvey
Oxley Street

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Naremburn Neighbourhood Watch

June 2007 Report

Graffiti

In our wanders around the neighbourhood NHW has noticed an increasing quantity, not quality, of graffiti appearing.

Council are in the process of implementing a new initiative on graffiti, details can be found on the Council website. This initiative is to assist residents in the removal of graffiti.

Police advise that it is best to remove graffiti as quickly as possible after it appears. This seems to discourage the perpetrators, as it is apparently fashionable to have your illegible scribble, 'tag', on someone else's property for as long as possible.

While many of the managing agents of unit blocks in this area are astute and remove graffiti very quickly, not everyone has the funds or ability to remove this eyesore. Thus there are areas where a considerable volume of scribble has accumulated.

However, spraying paint on other people's property is criminal damage, and penalties do apply. The hard part is catching or identifying the culprits.

So, if you see people wandering around with spray cans please call the police (9414 8499) and let them know.

If you see people in the act, then please call the police rather than chasing them away, as being caught in the act increases the chance of conviction. If you can video them or identify them in some other way (such as a detailed description) without danger to yourself then this would also be helpful.

If you are suspicious of potential graffiti artists around you please drop a line to the police or to us – we'll pass the info on anonymously if you wish. This assists the police to paint a picture (pardon the pun) of activity in the area and may aid a conviction.

Statistics

In the first 3 months of this year there were 11 break and enters in our area, 7 residential, 4 businesses, 5 in daylight and 6 at night. In none of these instances were the occupiers present at the time.

Two break and enter offenders have been caught, one by the householder and one by the dog squad. The police do not recommend the former as the best approach if you can avoid it – injury is possible.

The biggest issue is graffiti with 15 offences reported.

There have been several armed robberies around our area; many police are involved in these cases.

Winter Safety

Now that winter has finally arrived, our thoughts have turned to safety issues.

Many domestic fires are caused by heating appliances. The fire department recommends that all homes have at least two smoke detectors, one outside the kitchen and one outside the bedrooms. The kitchen alarm allows an early reaction to a kitchen issue, such as burning oil, when there is smoke but not yet fire.

The alarm outside the bedrooms allows a safe exit from the house in the event of fire.

It is also recommended that each household has a fire plan and that this is practised. This should include which exit to use depending on where the fire is located, getting down low, identifying all the occupants, calling for assistance. Practising allows issues such as not having a key handy for the security door to be rectified.

It is also the time that smoke detectors and earth leakage shut offs be checked for the year. Most of these devices have a test button.

The fire brigade also recommend that the batteries in smoke detectors be changed twice per year with each change to daylight savings, so if you haven't already done this, now might be a good time to catch up.

If you have kids at your place we also recommend that you check the material that pyjamas and dressing gowns are made of for flammability. It amazes us that many of these garments are highly flammable and can ignite when they come into contact with open flame or even radiator elements, but this is the case.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is:

Date: Wednesday 20 June, 2007

Time: 8:00pm

**Where: St Cuthbert's Church Hall,
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Community Centre Open Day

2007 will be the Centre's celebration of 20 years. Come along on Saturday 22 September from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and join in the activities, buy some home-made goodies, view displays from the groups that use the Centre at 7 Central Street.

Naremburn Branch Library

The Foyer
Naremburn Community Centre
7 Central Street

Mondays & Thursdays 2:30-5:00 pm
Saturdays 9:30 am – 12 Noon

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HOURS**

Naremburn Over 50s

Meets almost every Monday at 10:30am in the Community Centre. Come along and enjoy speakers, demonstrations, discussions and leisure activities. Phone Lorna (Secretary) on 9436 3304 or Margaret (President) on 9436 2607.

Northern Suburbs Philatelic Society

Meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:45 pm at Naremburn Community Centre. Visitors always welcome. For more information phone Paul Storm (Secretary) on 9419 7354

St Cuthbert's Anglican Church Cnr Willoughby Road & Merrenburn

Sunday Services:
8:00 am & 10:00 am
5:00 pm & 7:00 pm

St Leonard's Catholic Church, Cnr Willoughby Road & Donnelly

Sunday Services
8:00 am & 10:30 am

Willoughby Council's response to the Climate Change threat

For me the overriding issue for Willoughby Council remains **climate change** and its impacts. In late April, Eve and I travelled to Victoria by car. The Southern Highlands were green but, thereafter, most farms had not a blade of grass. There was the occasional exception, suggesting that some spots had benefited from a storm.

In Victoria, the newspapers were saying that this is the first time since white settlement that the entire state has been in drought. Cities like Horsham are desperately short of water. We have a share in a small property on the top of the divide near Ballarat. Normally it catches showers from every passing weather front. We have never seen it so dry and bare in thirty five years of ownership.

The good news is that Willoughby City Council has agreed to tackle climate change and sustainability as key problems and opportunities. The new program will complement Council's e-Restore environmental activities. Councillors and Senior Officers came together for a full day workshop on a recent Saturday to find agreement on a way forward. The following was achieved::

- ▶ confirmation of the appointment of a Sustainability Director to lead ongoing efforts
- ▶ recognition that the problem is real and that the 'fixes' will most likely involve some 'pain' for the community
- ▶ there is no 'golden bullet' or overarching solution but rather a whole range of actions will be required, for which priorities must be set
- ▶ each proposal, after consulting and costing, must be scrutinised and approved by Council.
- ▶ Council can not 'do it alone'. We need to work with our resident and business communities as well as other groups to make real progress.

To me, progress towards ecological sustainability will not be assisted during 2007 by the political posturing which has begun already in the lead up to the Federal election. Since possible outcomes from inaction are disputes, even wars, over energy and water resources, the choice between competition and collaboration becomes very stark. All political parties must be encouraged to collaborate and Local Government has a part to play. I hope that Willoughby's choices can be made apolitically, while, at the same time, realising that the nature of preferred solutions will be influenced by the beliefs and worldviews of the decision-makers. I am particularly pleased that Council has decided to consult widely and give all stakeholders the opportunity to participate in the decision-making.

At our meeting, there was divergence about community attitudes. Some believe that a 'tipping-point' of public opinion has been reached while others assert that the general community remains disengaged. Another view expressed is that many in our community are already way ahead on sustainability and Council needs to catch up (One pointer to this view is the response to NPA's recent screening of Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth*). Most agreed that there is a need for Council to provide leadership; that **we can make a difference**, so that an attitude of helplessness or despair does not take root.

With rate-levy support for e-Restore ending in mid-2008, the work for the preceding period will be to agree on a new program that will reflect a new urgency and the broad range of the changes necessary.

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