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Naremburn Progress Association (NPA)



Trivia Night !!

Saturday, 22 September,
6:30 pm for 7:00 pm, until 10:00 pm
Town Hall, Willoughby Civic Centre

We all know that the Civic Place project is about to commence.

To make way for that work, the Town Hall will be demolished.

The Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations – there are 9 including Naremburn – have organised a fun night to say ‘good-bye’ to the old Town Hall and hear the magnificent Wurlitzer before it gets packed away for a three year rest.

- ▶ Form your team of 8, a table of 8, \$20 for the table
- ▶ Or, join a Naremburn group
- ▶ Bring a picnic basket!
- ▶ Share a meal, conversation and laughter
- ▶ Then enjoy the trivia challenge!

Did you miss out being on ‘Who wants to be a Millionaire?’

Or, has Eddie not invited you to be on ‘1 vs 100’?

Do you beat the buzzer on ‘Temptation’? Or, do you just like the idea of a fun evening? Become interactive with your information, terrific with your trivia. Our Trivia Night will be a fun way to test your general knowledge, to name the tunes played on the Wurlitzer, to answer questions with a Willoughby flavour, to identify photos of local sites. All things great and trivial !! And, there are prizes !!

To reserve your own group’s table, OR, if you would like to join a Naremburn table, please contact Kevin FitzPatrick on 9439 8119 or e-mail naremburnmatters@yahoo.com

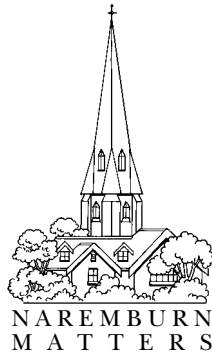
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NAREMBURN VILLAGE SHOPS

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General Meetings

Nareburn Community Centre
Central Street, Nareburn
Commencing at 7:30 pm with a
15 minute Open Forum ahead of the
Main business of the meeting.

Thursday 13 September 2007

Thursday 11 October 2007

Thursday 8 November 2007

Thursday 13 December 2007

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President's Point of View

Spring is in the air as we reflect on new life and new growth in Nareburn. Planting along the freeway and the shared use pathways show the welcome effect of abundant winter rains. Residents of Dargan Street will benefit from the National Tree Day (29 July) planting of new trees in their street.

The late Sir William Prentice and the late Lady Mary Prentice, former residents of Olympia Road, and pioneers of the native suburban garden, would be delighted that Prentice Park in Nareburn was opened in their honour by Mayor Pat Reilly on 18 August. Sir William was Chief Justice of PNG after its independence and the ceremony was performed in the presence of His Excellency Mr Charles Lepani, PNG's High Commissioner to Australia, as well as members of the Prentice family – see the article on page 4 for more details of this delightful event.

We are now looking forward to Willoughby Spring Festival events involving Nareburn:

- ▶ Nareburn Community Centre's 20th birthday celebration Open Day on Saturday 22 September, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- ▶ Trivia Night at the Chatswood Town Hall on Saturday 22 September, 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm
- ▶ Northside Garden Show at Bicentennial Reserve on Sunday 23 September,
- ▶ Gore Hill Bike Path Discovery, Bicentennial Reserve, Hallstrom Park children's playground, Sunday 23 September, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

The 2006 ABS Census results will confirm Nareburn's increased contribution to the burgeoning birth-rate. It is good to see the many parents with their strollers - babies and toddlers - at our local shops and out along the shared user pathways.

The NPA is concerned for the future of child care and public education for the suburb's young residents. We are undertaking research into this potentially vexatious issue. Nareburn no longer has a public primary school. Children in the area can either attend Artarmon Primary School or Cammeray Primary School. The Catholic Church closed down its school in 1996 and the Anglican Church does not have a school.

Beyond that serious lack of facilities is the issue of what is known as Out of School Hours (OOSH) care. Currently WCC operates an OOSH facility at the Community Centre at 7 Central Street, but it is likely to be moved to Bales Park as the children using this service are from Willoughby, not Nareburn, and they attend Willoughby Primary or St Thomas Catholic Primary School, Willoughby. Additionally, the Central Street facility no longer meets government requirements.

If you are a parent of a young child, you do need to be aware that your child's care needs may not be catered for in Nareburn. And you may wish to have a say on that issue!

Kevin FitzPatrick
President NPA

A Nareburn Library 'first'



The first Author Talk to be held at Nareburn Library took place on Thursday 23 August.

Catherine Taylor spoke about her book 'Once upon a Time in Beirut'. Catherine, a journalist, moved from Sydney to Beirut with her journalist husband. She became fascinated by the different cultures and witnessed first hand the impact of 9/11 on the region. Reluctantly, Catherine left Beirut for several years; she returned in 2006 to discover the amazing resilience of her adopted country and its people.

This Author Talk was presented by Willoughby Library Service.

Photo: George Farrell

The 272 and the 273

In the past few months many Naremburn residents have contacted me about their concerns with the reliability of the 272 and 273 bus services. Long queues in the mornings, especially at the last few stops on Willoughby Road, cancelled services and buses simply skipping stops have unfortunately become common occurrences.

Prior to this job, I relied on the 272 every day to get to and from work in the City and I have watched both the 272 and 273 services deteriorate over the last few years. It seems absurd that as demand increases due to increased population density in our community, the services are being pared back.

So many of us want to do the right thing; by catching public transport in order to help alleviate stress on the environment and congestion on our roads. It seems both unfair and illogical that this basic task has turned into such an unpredictable and harrowing experience.

I placed some questions on Notice in Parliament to the Minister for Transport about the bus services back in May following cuts to both the 272 and 273. I was incensed by the Minister's recent response to these questions that stated: "service adjustments made in September 2006 were initiated by State Transit in order to provide a level of service commensurate with current passenger demand".

I want to assure all Naremburn residents that I will continue to fight for the reinstatement of these services, notwithstanding the State Government's inaction. I have started a petition and will also visit the bus stops again during the next few weeks to collect signatures and receive further feedback. If anyone would like to sign the petition or else provide further feedback they can pop into my office at 280 Willoughby Road, call on 9439 4199 or e-mail gladys.berejklian@parliament.nsw.gov.au.

Gladys Berejklian
Member for Willoughby

Our next meeting Thursday 13 September

The next general meeting of the Naremburn Progress Association will be held on:

Thursday, 13 September
7:30 pm
Community Centre,
7 Central Street,
Naremburn

Thank you to Delicia at Naremburn Shops for the pastries donated for each meeting's tea and coffee.

2008 Community Event

The Willoughby City Council and Naremburn Progress Association community event in Naremburn Park for next year is at the initial planning stage, and the tentative date for this much anticipated event is the evening of Saturday 15 March 2008. Full details in our December issue.

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In December 2004 when Jacinta Prentice was asked by the NPA how she would like her father and mother remembered, she said that having a piece of Naremburn's ecology named after them would be welcomed.

We acknowledge those who helped achieve this park, and in no particular order – David Polkinghorne, Carolyn New, Cllr Kate Lamb, Jeff Organ, Jan Esman, David MacGowan, Yaffa & Jeff Gould, Heather Jackson, Members of CCLG3, Cllr Barry Thompson, Cllr Stuart Coppock, the Wilksch Family, Lesley Stevens, Mandy Chadwick, James Smallhorn, Ronan Ahern and members of the Naremburn Progress Association, and all those who had input to the debate about this place.

From Jacinta Prentice's letter of 24 August 2007

"I am writing on behalf of my family to express our deepest appreciation for all the efforts undertaken by the Progress Association and volunteers of the parish to establish Prentice Park. Saturday's opening was a wonderful event for all of us and such an apt tribute to our parents – their civic-mindedness, their love of nature and the mark they made on the people of Naremburn during their lives... My brothers and I are immensely proud that they were the inspiration for the name of the park and we hope that the people of Naremburn enjoy the natural sanctuary along the pathway for many years to come."

Prentice Park Opening

Prentice Park honours Sir William Prentice, PNG's first Chief Justice, and his wife, Lady Mary Prentice, both now deceased, who lived at 16 Olympia Road with their four children, Damien, Toby, Felix and Jacinta, and were very much local identities.



From left to right: Damien Prentice, Felix Prentice, Toby Prentice, Jacinta Prentice and Gordon Prentice. Photo: David Lendrum

Members of St Leonard's Catholic Parish in Naremburn, the children attended the Catholic Primary School, Bill was active in the St Vincent de Paul Society and Mary, a trained teacher, volunteered as a relief teacher when needed as well as being a catechist. Despite his rank, Bill was a no frills, down-to-earth kind of bloke. Both Bill and Mary were avid readers and Mary help set up the library at Marist Brothers North Shore.

Prentice Park is that section of the shared user path – for pedestrians and cyclists – together with the nature strip skirting the Gore Hill Freeway beyond the elevated section, north of Olympia Road, and south east of Artarmon Reserve. The park was officially opened by Mayor Pat Reilly on Saturday 18 August, a beautiful, slightly overcast afternoon, in the presence of His Excellency Mr Charles Lepani, PNG's High Commissioner to Australia; the sons and daughter of the Prentices; Bill's brother Gordon Prentice, also a Naremburn resident; Naremburn Ward Councillors Kate Lamb, Barry Thompson and Stuart Coppock; Councillor Wendy Norton of Middle Harbour Ward; Members of the PNG Association of Australia; Members of the PNG Catholic Chinese Community; Fr Frank Dineen, MSC, parish priest of Willoughby, former missionary in Rabaul; neighbours; and Members of the Naremburn Progress Association, with its President, Kevin FitzPatrick, as the Master of Ceremonies. His Worship Mayor Pat Reilly performed the ribbon cutting ceremony and declared the park open; Gordon Prentice assisted His Excellency in unveiling the Prentice Park sign; and trees were planted by His Excellency, Gordon Prentice, and Damien, Toby, Felix and Jacinta Prentice. His Excellency paid tribute to Sir William and said that his contribution to PNG is such that of the three arms of government, the judicial is the strongest and most effective, and he emphasised the lasting significance of Sir William's encouragement and support to young Papua New Guineans in the study of the Law. Toby Prentice spoke on behalf of the family and entertained the gathered crowd with tales of their happy childhood and adventures in Naremburn and specifically in the area around the Park.

The Progress Association, with the assistance of members of the St Leonard's Catholic Parish, hosted a sausage sizzle rounded off with Anzac biscuits and tea or coffee. It was a very pleasant and significant community event!

Naremburn Cammeray Anglican Church – OCTOBER events

Friday 12th – JAZZ NIGHT

Con Cambell Quartet
North Sydney Leagues Club
\$15 includes supper

Saturday 20th – MARKET DAY

Cammeray and Naremburn
From 10am

Sunday 21st and 28th – GUEST SERVICES

All Sunday meetings

Wednesday 24th – THE CASE FOR CHRIST

"The Delusion: God, atheism and the Christian faith"
Dr Greg Clarke at Cammeray Public School
8pm with Q and A.

Friday 26th – "KIDS CLUB"

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OUR SUNDAY MEETINGS

all saints' cammeray
5 carter st, cammeray
9:00am 10:30am 5:30pm
2:00pm sydney japanese evangelical church
(service in Japanese)

crows nest centre
2 ernst pl, crows nest
5:30pm naremburn asian australian church

naremburn school
cnr willoughby rd & dalleys rd, naremburn
10:00am naremburn asian australian church
5:00pm fix – youth group

st cuthbert's
cnr willoughby rd & merrenburn ave, naremburn
8:00am 10:00am 5:00pm 7:00pm

New bike routes in Willoughby City

Willoughby City Council promotes ecologically sustainable development, and is working towards achieving a liveable city centre by reducing car dependency and encouraging walking and cycling. Council adopted a new bike plan in September 2006 and funding for the introduction of bicycle facilities received from the RTA was available within Council's budget for 2006-07. The following signposted on-road bike routes have recently been marked:

- ▶ **Route 3:** Cambridge Lane to McIntosh Street in Chatswood.
- ▶ **Routes 10/12:** a route linking the existing cycleway on Johnson Street with the Castlecrag Peninsula, via Laurel Street and Edinburgh Road;
- ▶ **Route 21:** A route through the Artarmon Industrial area linking the Gore Hill Freeway cycleway with Lane Cove;
- ▶ **Route 26:** An east-west route from Merrenburn Avenue/Brook Street, to Henry Lane, Naremburn linking with the existing routes in North Sydney LGA and Willoughby Council routes through Bicentennial Reserve. Subject to RTA approval, a dedicated bike lane would be provided on approach to the traffic signals at Merrenburn Avenue/Brook Street intersection;

Pick up copies of the bike maps, 'Wheeling & Walking in Willoughby' and 'Commuting to Chatswood by Bicycle' at Naremburn Library, 7 Central Street (see Noticeboard on page 8 for hours) or at WCC in Victor Street, Chatswood.

Gore Hill Bike Path Discovery

A Willoughby Spring Festival Event

Sunday 23 September at Bicentennial Reserve, Hallstrom Park Playground

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Guided tour at 11:00 am

Discover the new bike paths in Willoughby City including the new path along the Gore Hill Freeway with Bike North and Willoughby City Council as part of the Willoughby Spring Festival and Bike Week.

- ▶ Register with Willoughby City Council on 9777 7723, or, on the day, for this 10 km exploration of the bike path.
- ▶ Hire one of a limited number of bikes organised by Renegades Cycles and take the opportunity to explore the paths.

Come to the Bike North tent for your maps and information about cycling in Willoughby. This event will be adjacent to the Northside Garden Fair so you can pick up some plants and check out the bike paths. Remember the best way to come to that fair is by foot or bike along the paths. Bring your lock and secure your bike. www.bikenorth.org.au

Spring Festival



Northside Garden Fair

A Willoughby Spring Festival Event

Sunday 23 September 2007

Bicentennial Reserve

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

\$4.00 entry, \$2.00 concession, children free

Free parking at Willoughby Leisure Centre

- ▶ Leading nurseries and gardening groups provide everything you need to know to create stunning gardens. Demonstrations and talks on horticultural and sustainability topics
- ▶ Plants and plant supplies will be on sale.
- ▶ Rides, entertainment for the family
- ▶ Prizes to the total value of \$1,500, donated by Willoughby Council, for:
 - ▶ Best Produce Display by a school;
 - ▶ Best School Garden;
 - ▶ Best home garden displaying the best example of diversity;
 - ▶ Best home grown produce display; and
- ▶ Most innovative water sustainability in a home garden.



The Fair is organised by Northbridge Rotary with proceeds going to charity.

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Open Forum

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Each NPA general meeting commences with a 15 minute Open Forum where people can raise topics of concern to them. Everyone is welcome to attend the whole meeting, but this may not be convenient for those with young children. So pop in – Community Centre, 7 Central Street at 7:30 pm, second Thursday of September, October and November.

Men's Shed

Willoughby Community Men's Shed at 296e Sailor's Bay Road (via car park, Northbridge Golf Club) was officially launched on Thursday, 26 July by Mayor Pat Reilly. The shed is very well equipped. Its first operating day was 16 August. Contact Tony Clifford on tonyc@cliffordmarine.com.au.

Coming – a DA near you!

Most DAs lodged with WCC do not have a negative impact on your property; in fact, many not only increase the value of the property being improved, but also help raise the bar for the whole street. It is, however, a wise idea to be alert and respond promptly to Council's notification letter. The yellow notice on a fence is to alert passers-by of the proposed changes. Full plans are at WCC in Victor Street. There is much house extension activity in Naremburn. Don't leave it too late to make your comment!!

Dogs on leashes

For safety's sake – for the dog, a cyclist or another user of the shared pathways – please keep your dog on its leash as stated on the signs. Thank you!

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Vale Michael Haynes

16 July 1937 – 15 June 2007

Michael Haynes, a former member of both the Naremburn Progress Association and the Artarmon Progress Association, was described by Mayor Pat Reilly at the funeral Mass at St Leonard's Catholic Church, Naremburn, as "a valued and long standing member of the community".

Educated at St Ignatius College, Riverview, Michael worked in information systems and information technology at the ABC for 31 years. Michael was Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for Willoughby South for many years and editor of the '272'. He also contributed a regular 'True or False' column to the Artarmon Gazette. For several years, Michael was one of three NPA delegates to the Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations. He helped non computer literate seniors at classes at the Crows Nest Community Centre. Among the many duties he performed at St Leonard's Catholic Church, Michael was the coordinator of the parish team, who, on their rostered weekend, prepare and serve meals for the homeless and the poor at St Canice's Kitchen in Kings Cross/Elizabeth Bay. Always ready to offer assistance, he anticipated ways in which he could help. Michael was a true gentleman and a loving husband and father. We extend our sympathy to his wife Annette Kossieris-Haynes and the Haynes Family.

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Naremburn Neighbourhood Watch

September 2007 Report

Drugs

This is the first part of a two-part article on drugs, their effects and what each of us can do to help.

While illegal drugs seem to attract most attention, the greatest effect on mortality statistics is actually through alcohol and tobacco use. The main difference between these drugs and illegal drug use is the effect on others.

Tobacco and alcohol do affect others via passive smoking, drink driving and the effects of alcohol abuse on family and friends. While illegal drugs can have similar consequences, there is also a high correlation between some crimes, for example, break and enter, and supporting a habit.

There is also the added issue that some drugs cause changes in the behaviour of many users that result in them being unpredictable and sometimes dangerous to others.

Marijuana/Cannabis

Smoked like tobacco and has a sedating effect. Studies have shown that prolonged use can result in a brain that resembles Swiss cheese with significant and permanent brain damage. Apparently very easy to obtain. Main signs of use are the sedative effect and glazed eyes when under the influence.

Cocaine/Speed

Usually snorted up the nostrils, similar to snuff, which contained cocaine. Prolonged use can result in brain damage and damage to the nasal passages and airways. Main signs of use are redness around the nose area and hyperactivity.

Heroin

A highly addictive derivative of opium that is injected into the blood stream; results in an almost dreamlike state where users are much sedated while under the influence. Users when not under the influence often appear irritable, nervous, moody or jumpy. Track marks appear in the veins after a while from repeated injections.

“Ice” (methamphetamine)

This drug has recently become popular in Australia. There are several unfortunate

aspects to this drug; a first time user can become instantly addicted, it affects the part of the brain that governs behaviour and inhibition, so users can be unpredictable and often violent to others and prolonged use permanently fries parts of the brain.

In general, the main signs of serious drug use are:

- Changes in behaviour;
- Mood swings;
- Disturbed sleep patterns;
- Inability to concentrate;
- Redness of the eye and nose areas;
- Glazing of the eyes;
- Inappropriate social behaviour in public.

While most of these signs would occur with many teenagers passing through puberty, it is the degree that is the greatest indicator, although we do agree that sometimes it is very difficult to tell.

In the next issue we will examine what we can do to prevent and combat drug addiction.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is:

Date: Wednesday 26 Sept, 2007

Time: 8:00pm

**Where: St Cuthbert's Church Hall,
Merrenburn Avenue**

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OPEN DAY

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A Willoughby Spring Festival Event
Saturday 22 September
10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

- Buy home-made goodies
- Kindy Farm
- Face painting
- Sausage sizzle
- Displays by the groups who use the Centre
- And join the NPA!

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Naremburn Branch Library

The Foyer
Naremburn Community Centre
7 Central Street

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Thursdays – 2.30 to 5.00 pm
Saturdays – 9:30 am to 12 Noon

Naremburn Over 50s

Meets almost every Monday at 10:30 am 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 Leonard's Catholic Church, Cnr Willoughby Road & Donnelly

Sunday Services
8:00 am & 10:30 am

Naremburn's Future

Toby Prentice, at the Prentice Park dedication, reminisced on his idyllic childhood in Naremburn, adventures in and around Foster's Dairy, where Channel Nine's Antenna now stands, and the waterfall at the sandstone bridge on Willoughby Road near Garland Road. The bike track now runs through that spot. A Naremburn local has told me that so deep was the waterfall's waterhole that no one ever touched bottom, even when carrying a sandstone rock to aid the descent!

Open space is at a premium and is much treasured but there are serious pressures developing that will put at risk what remains. The expected Federal Government Immigration Program requires that, in the next 20 years, over 1,000,000 people must settle in Sydney. This is not a party political thing; it is an estimate based on historical data. Three-quarters of these people must be located in established urban areas. Australia has the highest urbanised rate in the Western world; we cram ourselves into major cities on the edge of the eastern seaboard. The State Government has announced Metro-Strategy that states what has been traditional State Government policy - avoid building new infrastructure and lift zoning for higher density along transport corridors. Willoughby City and Naremburn have already gone through a rezoning process. The Forum, Herbert Street and the zoning on the northern side of Garland and Olympia are a result of this State Government's directives to lift population density. The next stage can only be achieved by multi-storey zoning through rezoning and lot consolidation and this is unlikely to introduce open space requirements.

The State Government has also indicated that DA approval is likely to be taken away from Councils. This is imminent. Within very broad parameters, the objective is to allow development without approval of neighbours and communities. Minister Sartor is determined that this objective be achieved. An introduced form of this already exists with private certifiers. Those residents near a development where a private certifier has been appointed, in lieu of a council certifier, know that nothing that can be done to protect local interests.

This is not a defence of Councils. It is to point out that citizens will find themselves stripped of the ability to protect their interests against inappropriate local development and the traumas that can occur during construction.

Naremburn folk need to keep watch on all these issues. A railway line runs along one boundary, a planned new railway line to Crows Nest estimated to be constructed in the next decade, and one freeway (tollway) that still reserves land for an exit onto Willoughby Road - this suburb sits squarely in a transport corridor!

If asked, my advocacy for suggested sites for high rise density would be the area of Chatswood bounded by the railway line, the Pacific Highway, Mowbray Road and Albert Street, and not the Chandos, Mitchell, Northcote area. Some may say of the threat to that area of Naremburn "this will never happen!" My reply is "just watch Minister Sartor and his capacity to make things happen!"

Naremburn is a jewel, an extraordinary community still. Toby Prentice's comments on his childhood and how the community watched over them might be recalling a time decades ago, but that spirit in the village lives on. There is evidence of it every day. The nature and form of the place has been preserved in spite of State Government planning demands and highway constructions. Let's be mindful of maintaining our jewel!

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