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Naremburn Progress Association (NPA)

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## School for Naremburn - update

Following the May Public Meeting that looked at the possibility of reopening a Primary School in Naremburn, there have been two Working Party meetings.

The Working Party is composed of representatives from Willoughby City Council, North Sydney Council, Naremburn Progress Association, as well as local parents.

At the Working Party meeting held on 23 October, a number of reports were tabled.

WCC presented its report, 'Schools in the Willoughby LGA' [local government area]. The report from the State Education's Regional Director, who was not present or represented at the meeting, stated:

*"....Following an assessment of the Catholic Primary site in Naremburn, the Department has determined that the site is unsuitable as a site for a school due to the site size, restricted floor space and unsuitable accommodation. This is also the view of the Catholic Schools Office...."*

The Catholic Schools Office, Diocese of Broken Bay representative, read a report by that office indicating inherent problems of the site in meeting their standards. Clearly there are significant problems with upgrading the former Catholic school site to current standards. However, this has to be balanced against the need for further primary school capacity in the immediate area.

The local government schools, Cammeray, Artarmon and Willoughby, are all at, or near capacity, Cammeray Public, having 10 demountables, Artarmon Primary 13 demountables and Willoughby 6.

The WCC report also stated that the local Catholic primary schools, St Phillip Neri (Northbridge) and St Thomas (Willoughby), cannot accommodate any more students.

A recent North Shore Times article reported: "North Shore public schools are bursting at the seams with 2009 enrolments already at capacity".

As well as the increasing primary school age population, Cammeray Public has stated that it has been inundated with requests from parents wanting to leave the private school system and seeking places at Cammeray. So the need for additional school places is clear; how this can be achieved without reopening a school in Naremburn is difficult to understand. Continued community support, opinions and involvement in the issue are needed.

Updated information and Working Party minutes, as available, will be placed on the NPA website.

The next Working Party meeting will be in February 2009 and will be followed by a further public meeting.

**Anneliese Appleton**  
Waters Road

**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  
 Thursday 11 December 2008  
 No meeting in January  
 Thursday 12 February, 2009  
 Thursday 12 March, 2009

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## President – out and about

Albert Einstein said: *"The world is a dangerous place to live, not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it"*. Was Einstein reworking the famous words of Irish statesman and philosopher, Edmund Burke? *'All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men [and women] to do nothing'*?

Nareburn's history abounds with deeds of men and women who saw a need and met it. In the year of Australia's Federation, they cast a vote for Nareburn by establishing a Progress Association. They live on in our street names, McBurney, the first NPA President, and Rohan, the first NPA Secretary – see also the article in this issue on the recent naming of the Lanes of Nareburn.

After each of the World Wars, Diggers returned home, throwing themselves wholeheartedly into building a better society, a stronger local community. Former Prime Minister and a former Federal Member for this area, Billy Hughes, met delegations mounted with military precision, requesting a post office, bank, better phone and postal services, more police on the beat, better transport.

In 1947 the concerted efforts of the newly formed Nareburn Amenities Development Association (NADA) worked for the establishment of a library staffed by volunteers with books donated by the local community and a child care centre.

In more recent times the NPA threw its weight behind the *'Save the Shops'* campaign. It did its utmost to get the best outcomes for the local community with regard to the new railway precinct with its high-rise developments, as well as the upgrade of the Gore Hill Freeway and the construction of the Lane Cove Tunnel.

Currently we face the challenge of re-establishing a school in Nareburn. Both the Department of Education and Training and the Diocese of Broken Bay Catholic Education Office say our remnant school, the former St Leonard's Catholic School, cannot be resuscitated. We have news for them! Think outside the circle of your limiting conditions! We call on the parents and citizens of Nareburn to use your voice and influence to re-establish a school in Nareburn.

We now have a powerful tool in our newly established website. Yes, the *'Cinderella Suburb'* has become part of the Global Village! Two Progress Association members generously used their talents to build the website, with the support of their employer, Zurich Financial Services, who also gave the NPA a matching grant of \$500.00.

[www.nareburnprogress.org.au](http://www.nareburnprogress.org.au) will be a highly effective, up to date vehicle for our promotion of the welfare and advancement of the community in Nareburn.

What can you do? Join the Nareburn Progress Association. The membership fee is only \$10.00 per person per annum; our Membership Application Form is on page 7. Our growing collective voice will be heard at Council, at State and Federal level. Don't leave it to the next person. There are no memorials to apathy and indifference.

On behalf of the Nareburn Progress Association I wish you and your family a happy Christmas and a healthy New Year filled with hope and promise.

**Kevin FitzPatrick**  
 President NPA

### Christmas Carols Willoughby Park

Saturday 13 December,  
 7:00 pm

Sing along to your favourite  
 Christmas carols with the  
**Willoughby Symphony Choir  
 and Willoughby Band**

Sausage sizzle and coffee cart  
 All proceeds to StreetWork

Gates open at 6:00 pm

RSVP by 8 December 9777 1028

## Summer Fun and Games at Nareburn Library

*The Library is offering some great free entertainment for kids.*

Children aged 5 to 12 years can enjoy making a game during a craft session from 3:00 to 4:00 pm on Monday 12 January 2009.

Stories about games are on offer for children aged 6 and under on Friday 16 January from 10:30 to 11:15 am.

Booking starts on Monday 22 December 2008 and can be made at both Nareburn Library (9439 5584) and Chatswood Library 9777 7900).

*'Get in the game - read!'* is the theme for the 2009 Summer Reading Club, which is a wonderful way to encourage reading during the holidays.

Adults will also find plenty of leisure reading at the Library, so please call in soon.

Nareburn Community Centre Foyer, 7 Central Street Nareburn

Mon & Thu – 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm; Sat – 9:30 am to 12 Noon

## Naremburn's State Champions!

Local football (soccer) club, Northbridge FC were crowned Boys Under 13 state champions and Girls Under 14 state runners-up in the annual *Champion of Champions* competition at Football NSW on Sunday 23 October 2008.

The Under 13 boys, who play home games at Naremburn Oval on Saturday mornings, beat Bexley 1-0 in a very close final. It was a great day for the red and white stripes and they became only the second ever Northbridge FC team to win a state title (the first were the Under 11s in 2002).

The Under 14 girls, who play at Bicentennial Reserve, had to settle for second place. In another closely contested game they lost 4-2 to the Central Coast's representatives, Kincumber, who as they say, were better on the day. Special mention also, to the Under 16 Girls and the Over 45 Men's teams, both District Champions in 2008.

To even qualify for the statewide *Champion of Champions* competition is an achievement in itself, as first you have to win the Kuringai District Association championships.

Football (soccer) is booming in the area. In 2008 the club had over 1,500 Willoughby City residents - 140 teams, across all levels – playing the game. Football disregards age and gender barriers and Northbridge FC boasts over 260 Under 6 players and a few dedicated diehards over 60 (still playing in the Over 45s!).

Girls/Women's football grows every year as the club tries to find the next star – local girl and former Northbridge FC player, Thea Slayter, now plays in the new W-League for Canberra United and also for Australia's Women's team, The Matildas. For more information see [www.northbridgefc.com.au](http://www.northbridgefc.com.au), or phone Brian Norton, the Coach at Northbridge FC, on 0413 949 242.

**Brian Norton**  
Glenmore Street



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## Christmas at Naremburn Shops!

Friday 5 December, 5:30 pm

There's fun and excitement for boys and girls when Santa comes to Naremburn Shops. Last year he arrived on the back of a Harley!

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### Abandoned Trolleys

Recently we have had a few abandoned trolleys (from Coles) left in our street and around and about. I picked up a leaflet from Coles on this issue. If the trolleys are from Woolies, Coles, Franklins, Target, Kmart or Big W, anyone can call the Trolley Tracker hotline, freecall on 1800 641 497, or there is a 'report a trolley' option on [www.trolleytracker.com.au](http://www.trolleytracker.com.au).

Each month everyone who has reported an abandoned trolley has the opportunity to be included in the draw for one of five \$1,000 open-order rewards. It is an offence to abandon a shopping trolley - fines \$110-\$220. Fines for unit dwellers are up to \$560 (contravening by-laws).

**Lyndal Jenney**  
Mitchell Street

### Merrenburn Memories

I came by a copy of your newspaper some time ago, and have been meaning to email you. My family lived at 33 Merrenburn Ave for about 30 years, before demolition in 1975. I assume that you would be interested in any surviving photos of houses and streetscapes in your publication. Unfortunately none survive, if any were ever taken. However my memories of living there - the house, the street, the village and general lifestyle, may be of interest to your readers. I could work up a story which you could edit if necessary, to appear in your paper as space permits. Please pass this by your editorial committee and let me know, and I wouldn't be offended by rejection!

**Richard Bray**  
Dubbo

## Church expansion ~ Church contraction

Nareburn has witnessed many changes in the church communities that have been part of its district; Congregational Church (1884–1973), Church of Christ (1925–1985), Church of England/Anglican (1883 - ), Catholic Church (1894 - ) The last two remain, have historic district links, and face exciting and challenging changes.




**'Main Street Nareburn 1978'** Left: the Anglican Memorial Hall, demolished in 1983, St Cuthbert's Anglican Church, St Leonard's Catholic School and Church. Note the pedestrian crossing at the corner of Rohan, with the bus stop further north.

These two local communities started out as Market Street neighbours in Central Township. In 1894 Catholics established a school that doubled as a church on Sunday, alongside the Anglican Church (then called the Church of England) that was located on Lots 38 and 39. A new Catholic school/church was built in 1904 to cope with ever increasing numbers. However those with vision saw the need for separate church and school buildings. They selected a site on the corner of Willoughby and Donnelly Roads, once known as Dodd's Picnic Grounds. St Leonard's Catholic Church was opened on 7 December 1913. It was not until 1916 that Nareburn parish was split from the parish of Chatswood. A house for the parish priest (presbytery) was built and occupied in 1916.

Prior to this, Anglicans had built a church at 53 Market Street to accommodate a congregation of 140. The Mission District of Nareburn, created in 1912, amalgamated the two Anglican Churches of the area; the other was at Alexander Street, Crows Nest. The site for a new church was on the corner of Willoughby Road and Merrenburn Avenue, considered by some at the time as too large a site. Again neighbour to the local Catholic Church, it was opened on 29 July 1916. The St Cuthbert's Memorial Hall on Willoughby Road had been demolished in 1983 to make way for the present Rectory.

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**ST LEONARD'S  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Cnr Willoughby &  
Donnelly Rds, Nareburn

**CHRISTMAS 2008**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
7:00pm Vigil Mass ~ carols at 6:30pm  
**MIDNIGHT MASS**  
Carols begin at 11:30pm

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
8:00am Mass  
10:30am Mass ~ carols at 10:00am  
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## Church expansion ~ Church contraction *Continued from page 4*

We fast forward to 2007 when the Naremburn Cammeray Anglican (NCA) community, the two parishes combined in 1976, lodged a Development Application with Willoughby City Council for a two-storey Parish Ministry Centre on the east end of the 1916 St Cuthbert's Church. With a cost of \$3,000,000, the addition will occupy what was the sanctuary area of the existing church plus the demountable; it will house offices, meeting rooms, a kitchen and bathrooms.

While expansion of St Cuthbert's to enable a Parish Ministry Centre takes place, St Leonard's Catholic Church has licensed St Cuthbert's to use the Catholic Church Hall for Sunday Services and the upper classrooms of the former school for Kids Church. Completion of the Ministry Centre is expected to be late 2009.

Dissimilar changes have taken place at St Leonard's Catholic Church over the years. Its Primary School was closed in 1997 amid strong community opposition. Since then the former school has been tenanted by Kick Performance School for Performing Arts and Centacare, a Church-based counselling and family support organisation. Father Michael O'Toole, who arrived as Parish Priest in 1997, after the school closure decision, was moved to another parish in 2007. He was replaced by an Administrator, Father Jack Robson.

From the parish bulletin of 2 November 2008:

*"A Steering Committee has been established to support the formation of a new single parish [Naremburn, Northbridge and Willoughby].... The timeline for the formation of the new parish is roughly the middle of 2009....Father Frank Dineen [Willoughby] will be the Parish Priest for the new Parish....Parish boundaries will remain as they are...."*

Three priests serving the combined parish will live separately at Naremburn, Northbridge and Willoughby. We await a presentation to the wider community of the pros and cons of such an amalgamation.

It is worth noting that Willoughby and Northbridge Catholic parishes have primary schools with full capacity.

Naremburn urgently needs a K-2 school to cope with its fast-changing demography. The two-storey presbytery on Donnelly Road with one resident priest sits on a large block that has the potential for a substantial multipurpose school building.

Currently the St Leonard's Parish has a distinguished record supporting refugees through its Sanctuary Movement and assists in feeding the homeless at St Canice's Church Kitchen in Kings Cross on two Sundays each year. Recently the parish hosted 600 Dutch pilgrims for World Youth Day.

Anglicans are addressing the needs of our area.

It is time for Naremburn Catholics to use their talents and time, generously given in the past, to accept the challenge for Naremburn?

Its School has been closed. Will they soon lose their unique identity as a parish?

**Kevin FitzPatrick**  
Central Street

## Tips, Taps & Clicks

(Computer hints for Windows)

**WINDOWS:** A lot of programmes open? Use the Windows key and M to minimise them all and reveal the desktop. There is also a toolbar item on the Quick Launch toolbar called Show Desktop which does the same thing.

**MOUSE:** The roller-ball moves the text on your screen up or down at a time. To move a number of lines go to Start, Control Panel, Mouse, Wheel Tab and specify a particular number of lines to move – or a whole page.

**HOAX EMAILS:** Not sure if an email is a hoax or not? Don't forward it until you find out - it's very easy to do. There are great email hoax websites that list a huge number of hoaxes Search in Google or other search engine for 'email hoax'.

**WORD & EXCEL:** Copying formatting - when you have formatted a heading or other set of words in Word or a cell in Excel and you want to copy the same formatting to some other words or cell, use the Format painter. It is the paintbrush on your toolbar. Click on the words or cell you want to copy, then click on format painter, then select the text or cells you want to copy to, using the mouse. Format painter will copy all of the formatting for you. If you want to copy to several different locations, double click on format painter and it will remain on. To turn it off, either click on it once more or press the ESC key on your keyboard.

**Kali Lawrie**  
Olympia Road

## Liz Price has lots to offer as a Naremburn Agent



**"My biggest Real Estate mistake is not having bought in Naremburn when I had the chance 20 years ago!"**

Liz Price comments as she discusses her love for the Naremburn area. Her appreciation of the history and the character of the suburb is infectious. Having lived on the Lower North Shore most of her life, Liz has genuine community interest and knowledge. Combine all this with her past career as a solicitor, for many years in the field of commercial law and more recently as a lawyer at the Land Titles Office, Liz Price is an agent with a lot to offer those contemplating the sale of their home.

**For all property advice, talk to Liz Price!**



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## Trailer with 'Eyes'

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Our March issue carried an article on this trailer. Yes, it is a community service! It is part of a Road Safety Campaign in Willoughby City – awareness of speed limits.

Our Council is one of the few with its own trailer; most councils hire theirs.

The process is:-

- Resident or organisation reports motorists speeding in their street/area;
- WCC installs trailer with Speed Display at reported site;
- Motorists made aware of their speed, and notice the message on the display;
- A 'tube' is subsequently placed across the road where trailer previously located;
- This records percentage of motorists above and below speed limits, and their speed at the time of the 'incident';
- More information from Cassie Otter, WCC Road Safety Officer, 9777 7723

Early 2009 WCC will locate the trailer near primary schools in Willoughby City. Yes, it is likely that Naremburn residents would observe the speed limits; however, others do speed through our streets on their way to another destination.

Why not request the trailer for your street.

## The Naming of the Lanes of Naremburn

This year, un-named lanes within the Willoughby Local Government Area were named; 16 Naremburn lanes now honour some of our past residents who contributed to our community.

**Barnes Lane:** A privately owned bus service, commenced by Stanley Francis Barnes in the 1920s, operated from Naremburn, and was run by his son, Harold F J Barnes.

**Broome Lane:** In 1916, John Broome was appointed Headmaster at Naremburn Public School and held the position until 1932.

**Bucknall Lane:** Charles H Bucknall (LLCM) sought pupils for pianoforte tuition. A concert pianist (gold medallist), he resided at 116 Northcote Street

**Burke Lane:** John Burke, a founding member of our Progress Association.

**Carden Lane:** Edwin Edward de Baskerville Carden presided over the public meeting at the Temperance Hall in Central Street on 27 November 1901, for residents who showed concern for Naremburn's future welfare. A builder and leading figure in the community, when the meeting decided to form itself into a Progress Association, he declined the position of President in favour of Harold McBurney.

**Corbett Lane:** Corbett was an early member of the Naremburn Progress Association.

**Crowley Lane:** Jeremy Crowley was the first Treasurer of the NPA

**Faunce Lane:** A D Faunce of Garland Road, an Alderman, Deputy Mayor 1964-66; President of the NPA; also President of the NPA sponsored Naremburn Amenities Development Association (NADA) when the Baby Health Centre, Public Hall and Library were opened on 18 October 1958. His wife, Ivy, was awarded Willoughby Council's Citizen of the Year 1973 for her outstanding charity work.

**Furnedge Lane:** Furnedge was an early member of the NPA.

**Hutton Lane:** An early member of the NPA and an Alderman of Willoughby Council.

**John Allen Lane:** John Allen lived in Olympia Road; a member of the NPA, he held various positions; President of the Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations (FWPA) from 1995 until his death in September 2007 – Read more in the December 2007 and June 2008 issues of Naremburn Matters at [www.naremburnprogress.org.au](http://www.naremburnprogress.org.au)

**Kershaw Lane:** H J Kershaw was a founding member of the NPA

**Medlands Lane:** The Medlands Cup was for the Annual Gents' Singles Championships held at what was known as the Remah Tennis Courts, in Grafton Avenue; the courts were laid down in 1928. The trophy went missing for many years and eventually turned up in a box of odds and ends left for a charity white elephant stall.

**Schultz Lane:** C Schultz, a local builder, was elected Auditor of the 1901 NPA

**Swann Lane:** William Swann, foundation Headmaster, Naremburn Public School, 1887.

**Woodcock Lane:** Easter's Grocery was in business on the corner of Rohan Street. Later this shop was conducted by Joseph Woodcock as a family business; the whole family was a driving force in the Congregational Church and Joseph Woodcock was recognised with a Life Deaconate in 1947.

## Penny Wade

B.Sc., D.R.M., D.M.H.

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# Naremburn Neighbourhood Watch

December 2008

## Christmas Crime

While this is the season to be jolly, to many thieves it is the season to be active. To keep the thieves at bay we recommend:

- making sure your lawn is mowed, mail and bins brought in while you are away;
- some lights on timers so that it looks as if someone is home;
- letting neighbours know you are away and asking them to keep an eye on the place;
- Placing your house on the vacant houses register at the local police station (Chatswood);
- NOT leaving the boxes from new items on the front verge – turn them inside out or tear them to bits and recycling them is the best way to handle them;
- if sleeping with windows and doors open, have them locked open so that no one can enter at night;
- NOT leaving things in your car – much of the theft in this area is from cars; and
- If you have a house alarm, leave the code with a trusted neighbour – a 2am Christmas alarm is not popular.

## Recent successes

The police have had some good results in our area recently:

Someone saw a man acting suspiciously in Calbina Rd, Northbridge around 7am one Wednesday morning and called police. The witness provided police with a

description and registration number of a car being driven by the person. The details matched a stolen vehicle that was seen and followed by police. The man parked off Mowbray Rd at Willoughby. An arrest and search followed where police found a number of items linked to recent break and enter offences. The man was charged with 10 offences. North Shore Police acting Commander, Detective A/Supt Yeomans stated that "the arrest was an example of the critical role the public can play in helping Police by promptly reporting any suspicious activity in their neighbourhood."

A 26 year old man was arrested and charged after leading Police on a pursuit from Roseville to Mooney Mooney. Chatswood Police were responding to a ram raid at a Chatswood motor cycle dealer when they saw a stolen white Toyota Hiace van make an illegal right hand turn near Boundary Road at Roseville. Police attempted to pull the van over, however the driver failed to stop. A pursuit involving the original police, then the highway patrol, then taken over by Polair resulted in the arrest of the driver. The two occupants of the van fled into bushland. The driver was arrested a short time later trying to hide in mangroves. Inside the stolen van Police located a motor cycle, helmets and numerous items of clothing which were identified as the proceeds of the ram raid offence. The driver was refused bail and was due to appear at Hornsby Local Court on 11 November.

North Shore Police are appealing for witnesses after a fight outside a bar on the corner of Railway Street and Brown Street, Chatswood, about 9:45pm on Saturday 8 November 2008. As a result of an altercation between two groups a 22-year-old St Ives man was struck to the head with a glass object, whilst two 19-year old men (Gordon/Turramurra) were punched to the back and face. A Bondi woman sustained an injury to her arm, whilst a 19-year-old Dee Why woman was allegedly punched a number of times. Police would like to speak to two men who might be able to assist with their investigations. The first is described as being white/European appearance, approximately 180cm tall, solid build, wearing a turquoise blue polo shirt. The second is described as being of Middle Eastern/Mediterranean appearance, approximately 175cm tall, solid build, short dark hair, wearing a white t-shirt with black zigzag pattern. Anyone who witnessed the incident or has information which might assist investigators is urged to contact Chatswood Police on 9414 8499 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

## Email network

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Signature: ..... Date: .....

# Noticeboard

We welcome contributions to the community noticeboard. It provides free advertising for not-for-profit community and charity organisations in Nareburn. Please phone Trisha on 9439 8119

**The following are held at the Nareburn Community Centre 7 Central Street, Nareburn**

## **Nareburn Progress Association**

2nd Thursday (except Jan & July)  
7:30 pm to 10:00 pm  
9439 8119 (Kevin or Trisha)

## **Playgroup**

Wednesday and Thursday  
10:00 am to 12 noon  
(School Term only)  
9439 8814

## **Nareburn Over Fifties**

Most Mondays  
10:30 am to 2:00 pm  
9436 3304 (Lorna)  
9436 2607 (Margaret)

## **Northern Suburbs Philatelic Society**

3rd Thursday, 7:45 pm  
Visitors always welcome  
9419 7354 (Paul Storm)

## **Breast Feeding Association**

1st Tuesday  
10:00 am to 12 noon  
9966 1591

## **After School Care**

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(School Term only)  
9439 8814

## **Willoughby Pre School**

Monday to Friday  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
(School Term only)  
9437 4260

## **Nareburn Library**

Mondays – 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm  
Thursdays – 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm  
Saturdays – 9:30 am to 12 noon  
9439 5584



My heartfelt thanks to those residents who supported me at the Council elections. I am also appreciative of my fellow Councillors' election of me as Deputy Mayor.

Priorities for me in the new Council are:

### **Local Public Transport**

Get it established - initially commuter services during the week and community services on weekends. The initial commuter service will be for workers into the Artarmon Industrial Area. Weekend services might include Saturday shuttles to the Chatswood CBD (which appears to me to be close to gridlock from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm) and shuttles to sports fields, again mostly on Saturdays with the aim of reducing parking and traffic pressure in nearby street.

### **Environmental/Sustainability Levy**

See it producing worthwhile outcomes – not easy and not short-term. It is ironic to note that the lower levels of economic activity induced by the current financial turmoil will produce a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions around the world. Let us work to make that improvement permanent.

### **New Younger Residents**

Cater for these residents seeking a healthier lifestyle by increasing their involvement in sport. I will be seeking early action to increase and improve the range and capacity of our sporting/recreation facilities and to match them to expected future demand.

### **Increased Capacity for Local Schools**

Push for increased capacity for local schools which seem severely stretched to keep pace with demographic trends.

Nowhere is this more evident than in Nareburn. Two local primary schools were closed in the 1990s. Activities have begun to reopen a primary school, thereby providing a local community focal point as well as relieving pressure on Artarmon and Cammeray primary schools.

Recent initial responses from authorities have been discouraging by pointing to the difficulty in meeting current standards for 'new' schools. Those same authorities are packing more demountables onto existing school sites and causing them to move further away from those modern standards!

So it seems the Nareburn School Working Party's first goal must be to 'educate the educators' on the reality of 'standards' for inner suburban schools.

....And I could go on about apartment dwellers' unmet needs; inequality of musical opportunity; form and frequency of Council's performance reporting to the community, etc, etc. My activities will be limited only by available time and energy, by the capacity and willingness of my colleagues to support me and by the resources for action available to Council's very capable staff.

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