



Naremburn Matters

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The newsletter of the
Naremburn Progress Association (NPA)

Santa comes to town ! Our town !

This will be the 8th year we have welcomed an early visit from Santa to Naremburn where children love to meet him!



Where: Naremburn shops

When: Friday 4 December 2009 at 6:00 pm

How: See Santa burn into the 'burn astride Aret's sleigh, aka the yellow Harley

Bring your children and grand-children, nieces, nephews. And if you don't have any of these, watch the littlies' eyes light up when they see Santa. There's fun, food sampling, laughter, community! After Santa has waved good-bye, if you so desire, you can dine al fresco at one of the several eating places along the strip. Looking forward to meeting you there!

Naremburn! What do you want?

- A real library in Naremburn, not a 'library' in a foyer?
- That our asset, the Community Centre, is upgraded?
- That our Community Centre provides services for our young people, now and into the future?
- That adults can take a stroll from home to the Centre, borrow a book or two, a DVD, and attend an interest group?
- That our children can walk or ride their bikes to a library in their suburb?
- That the NPA has a sufficiently large room for meetings, secure storage for NPA records, and a place for members to work on projects?

'The future of Naremburn Community Centre'

Nick Tobin, General Manager, WCC

Our Guest Speaker at the NPA General Meeting
Community Centre, 7 Central Street, Naremburn

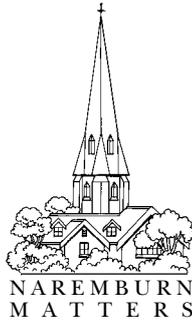
Thursday, 11 February 2010 at 7:30 pm

*See the article on page 4 of this issue as well as comments on
page 2 in President – out and about*

**NAREMBURN
VILLAGE SHOPS**

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Second Thursday excluding January and June
 Naremburn Community Centre,
 7 Central Street
 Commencing at 7:30 pm with a
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President – out and about

Our NPA minute books detail the NPA and Willoughby Municipal Council clashes over the three Rs – rates, roads and rubbish. At times, Naremburn threatened secession to North Sydney Council.

They were tough times; WW1, the Depression, WW2; the local tip that put the burn (and stink) into Naremburn; road openings, school closures. It was claimed that Naremburn was the Cinderella suburb in the eyes of the WMC. Naremburn citizens were made of sterner stuff and fought vigorously and collaborated for what they believed to be their rights. The Suburban Herald of 27 April 1928 was prophetic. "Anyhow there need be no fears that Naremburn will not be a place of expanding interests and progress. With so many civic activities as its assets it is destined to become one of the choicest parts of North Shore." Naremburn with its proximity to both the Harbour and Chatswood, its open spaces, sporting facilities, leafy streets, village-style shopping area, minimal crime rate and its hidden gem of a Community Centre, has become a suburb of choice.

The long struggle aided by generous contributions of time, talents and money by residents made the Centre a reality. Today it is home to the groups listed in the Noticeboard on our back page. This year's Spring Fair Open Day drew 700 visitors to the Centre that has an uncertain future. The 2007 proposal for redevelopment of the Centre and the move by OOSH to from the Centre to Bales Park, Willoughby are on hold. WCC General Manager, Nick Tobin has accepted our invitation to address our NPA 11 February meeting on the issues.

Council's Director of Infrastructure Services, Steven Head, spoke at our 14 May meeting on the impact of the Ella Street Bridge temporary closure. Residents living in west Naremburn have welcomed the reduction of traffic, particularly the rat run by non residents through that part of the suburb. WCC Environmental Services Director Greg Woodhams spoke on the planning reform legislation changes at our 11 June meeting.

We thank Council for its prompt response to the NPA's requests for improving the approach to our suburb from the north and the maintenance program around the Naremburn 'Hill' area as well as the Naremburn shops. Council and the RTA finally agreed to the NPA's request for Keep Clear markings on the tarmac of the northbound lanes of Willoughby Road at the Rohan Street intersection.

As the NPA pursues its objective to promote the welfare and advancement of the community in the Naremburn area, we thank WCC, our Ward Councillors, Kate Lamb, Stuart Coppock and Barry Thompson. We wish Mayor Pat Reilly a speedy recovery after his recent accident and hospitalisation. We thank Gladys Berejiklian MP, Member for Willoughby for support in the campaign to re-open a school in Naremburn; and her support in the Long Gully Bridge aka Cammeray Bridge saga with the RTA.

To our 45 volunteer walkers who deliver NM and to our advertisers without whom we could not produce our well-received newsletter - a big thank you.

Happy Christmas and a healthy 2010 to each and every one of our readers!

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 President NPA



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Nature Strips

That piece of land between the curb and the boundary of your property – who looks after it? Not the Council.

Well for me living on a corner I have over 280 square metres to look after. The nature strip in front of your property is like a hem of your pants, shorts, skirt etc. If it's ratty then the whole outfit looks untidy. If you like that look, then you don't need to read on.

I receive compliments all the time on my nature strip and am always asked for tips on what to do and use. So I'm going to give you some helpful hints to help you improve and maintain your nature strips:

The Lawn – Mow regularly, keep a little longer in Summer, fertilise 3 to 4 times a year (approximately \$20.00 each time depends on lawn size), edge along the footpath, curb and garden edges – a nice straight sharp edge looks great. Trim around posts, trees, service pits and points.

Garden Beds – Small garden beds can be created around trees / poles and planted with annual colour or hardy grasses and mulched to maintain moisture (not too close to the trunks of trees).

Watering – Water the lawn areas and garden beds to keep them green if you have rainwater or permitted under the current water restrictions. The best time to water is very early morning or late evening.

Weed Control – Carefully spray weeds in the footpath and control weeds in the lawn by hand weeding or spray.

Lastly a sweep of the footpath and curb area finishes the nature strip off nicely.

Now I have shared my hints and tips with you I will be watching.

Andy
41 Central Street

Kevin FitzPatrick
Central Street

True or False

How well do you know the history of your suburb?

- 1** In January 1986 you could purchase a 3 bedroom house in Naremburn with a garage and room for a tennis court or a pool, for \$220,000.
- 2** A former Sheffield Shield, Australian Test Cricket all-rounder and AFL player lived in Slade Street.
- 3** People living in the area bounded by Willoughby Road, Garland Road and Central Street have just celebrated a significant milestone.
- 4** McBurney Street (1907) was always called this and was named after Harold McBurney, Foundation President of the NPA (1901) and later elected to Council.
- 5** A Congregational Church once occupied the south west corner of Glenmore and Quiamong Streets.

(Answers on page 6)



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The Hon Joe Hockey MP, Member for North Sydney, Shadow Treasurer – father of three, Adelaide, Xavier and Ignatius, and our Santa Claus at Christmas at the Shops this on Friday 4 December at 6:00 pm – and our Santa for the past 2 years. Joe is a great Santa and seems to enjoy this gig as much as the kids!

Community Centre Open Day

Volunteers for the NPA – on Saturday, 5 September, the NPA's stall had a pictorial exhibit of local houses, The Open Day showcases the Centre User Group (see page 8). Thank you to Anneliese Appleton for help with the final preparation of the stall and freshly-baked Anzacs; to David Lendrum, Karen Pearson, and Howard Townsend who were there to welcome and inform in their own special way and to Don Swonnell who made it down despite recent surgery and was a translator of the Bicentennial Reserve upgrade.

Willoughby City Council – at all levels for their assistance with and response to the NPA's enquiries and requests as we work "to promote the welfare and advancement of the community in the Naremburn area".

Robin Phelan – Owner of *rocketdesign* who does the typesetting and printing for *Naremburn Matters* and has done so since our first issue in April 2005, and, who provided the artwork for our two banners, free of charge. Our sincere appreciation.

Our Readers – thank you for your feedback and appreciation of *Naremburn Matters* and the effort that goes into producing it.

How our Community Centre came to be

Naremburn residents have always wanted a public hall.

The NPA's first meeting on 2 November 1901 was in the Temperance Hall in Central Street. As early as 1902 an unsuccessful representation was made to Mr Broughton of the Broughton Estate for a land grant for a Working Men's institute of about 50 feet frontage on Willoughby Road or Central Street. Many NPA meetings were in St Cuthbert's Church Hall (demolished 1983). The 1930s Depression put a damper on the push for a hall. In July 1945 the NPA requested Council to resume vacant land in the Naremburn Shopping Centre for a hall. In August the Council proposed an alternate site, two weatherboard cottages in Central Street. Post-war enthusiasm to build a better community saw 8 local bodies meet to discuss options. The Mayor, Alderman Bales, attended the NPA April meeting; he simply stated that the locals would have "to prove their worth" before any practical assistance would be given. At the May 1947 NPA meeting the Naremburn Amenities Development Association (NADA) was formed. Recognized by the Chief Secretary's Department, supported by the NPA and the Naremburn branch of the RSL, it sprang into fund-raising mode. NADA's primary aim was a public hall, followed by a children's library, public gymnasium, baby health centre, etc. House and card parties, carnivals, balls, dances and so on were fund-raising vehicles. NADA's Australia Day Carnival on Hallstrom Reserve was an annual event.

Following petitioning of Council in 1949, three sites including 7 and 9 Central Street were considered. Council acquired the properties in 1950; number 7 was resumed for a Maternity & Infant Centre. NADA approached the Congregational Church for use of its lower hall; request denied. In 1957 Council's Works Committee deemed that number 9 be demolished and with £3,500 from Council and £500 donated by NADA, the NADA Children's Library was opened 18 October 1958. Council recommended that the space between the Library, number 9, and the planned baby health centre become a forecourt to the hall, to be built at the rear of 7 and 9.

NADA members, Alderman Faunce & his wife Ivy of Garland Road, Eric & Vi Wilksch, Joan Ranyard (later Mrs G Warren) Mrs Iris Cox, Mrs Elva Ranyard and Mrs Eva Cole were tireless workers for the cause, staffing the library on a voluntary basis and gathering supplies of appropriate books from near and far. Children loved their library and the staff. The Central Library opened on 3 September 1977 and soon after it assumed control of the Naremburn Children's Library and dismissed the volunteers. The Baby Health Centre was opened in 1961; Council abandoned plans for a Hall; a modernised and an enlarged Community Centre incorporating the two original buildings was developed on the site and opened on Wednesday 16 September 1987. Over time the size of the library has been diminished; it is now located in the foyer.

The building is inadequate for today's needs. Where do we go from here? Come to our 11 February meeting to hear Nick Tobin, WCC General Manager, speak on the issues.

Kevin FitzPatrick
President, NPA

NPA Meetings

Naremburn Community Centre
7 Central Street

**15 minute Open Forum
ahead of main business
7:30 pm start**

Thursday 10 December

No meeting in January

Thursday 11 February 2010

Thursday 11 March 2010 AGM

Thursday 8 April 2010

Thursday 13 May 2010

Thursday 10 June 2010

Summer at Naremburn Library at 7 Central Street

Children!

Read on the Wild Side this summer at Naremburn Library. Everyone who registers will receive a reading log, activities booklet, bookmark, a sticker and a temporary tattoo.

For each 10 books read, you can pick a lucky dip prize at any of Willoughby City's Libraries. There will be a *Read on the Wild Side Party* and prize draw on Thursday 21 January 2010 at 3.30 pm till 4.30 pm at Willoughby City Library Chatswood and all registered children are invited to come along with their reading logs.

Registration starts Tuesday 1 December; more details from the children's team at Chatswood 9777 7900.

Adults!

There are books, magazines, DVDs at our Branch Library. Pick up a new release novel a non fiction best-seller. Read to relax. Read to inform. Take a break.

Library Hours?

Mondays: 2:30 pm-5:00 pm; Thursdays: 2:30 pm-5:00 pm;
Saturdays: 9:30 am-12 noon.

Orthopaedic Outreach to Fiji

Recently I was privileged to accompany Dr Andreas Loeffler, an Orthopaedic Surgeon at the Prince of Wales Hospital, on an Orthopaedic Outreach trip to Labassa, Fiji, for one week; one of the highlights of my Nursing career. I am the Manager of the Operating Suite of the Prince of Wales/Sydney Children's Hospital; currently I am on secondment managing the elective Waiting List at the Prince of Wales; to be asked to be part of this programme was a great honour.

Orthopaedic Outreach's main objective is to provide surgical training and development by Australian surgeons and nurses, to under-developed countries such as Fiji. Orthopaedic Outreach is a registered charity and the activities are funded entirely by donation. The surgeons and nurses involved give freely of their time.

Labassa, with a population of 25,000, is the main town on Fiji's second largest island, Vanua Levu. Sugar cane is the predominant industry. The hospital consists of 160 beds, 2 Operating Theatres, and services a population of 200,000. Dr Loeffler and I ran clinics and saw approximately 60 patients and operated 20 patients. One case was a 40 year old cane farmer who had fallen down a hill and had injured his neck. He had presented to the hospital but with its limited resources, the diagnosis of a fractured neck was not able to be made. The patient was sent home as nothing further could be done for him.

He presented to the hospital again when his family heard that "the Australians" were coming. By this time the patient's condition had deteriorated to the point that he had limited movement of his arms and legs. An operation was scheduled on the Tuesday. Two small plates were placed either side of the patient's cervical spine.

Instrumentation that would be used in Australia was not available, but the surgeon improvised using what was available. On the Friday when we were to depart, we visited this patient on our ward round and to our amazement he had slight movement in all his limbs. What a wonderful achievement and such a great outcome for this patient who otherwise would have become a quadriplegic! The latest report from the doctors in Labassa was that the patient was undergoing rehabilitation in Suva, and learning to walk again. I was so pleased to have been part of his care; he will always remain in my memory!

The main aim of these visits is to provide the local medical and nursing staff with the basic principles of orthopaedics and to provide moral support for the staff. Orthopaedic Outreach also provides medical equipment that has been donated by hospitals in Australia; transporting equipment to Fiji; a costly exercise. Why not think about becoming a Friend of Orthopaedic Outreach to help aid this marvellous humanitarian work? You will never regret it. Orthopaedic Outreach, PO Box 68, Jannali NSW 2226, phone 8084-7800 or go to www.orthoreach.org.au

Frances O'Brien
Vice President



8 Gifts that don't cost a cent

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2. The Gift of Affection
3. The Gift of Laughter
4. The Gift of Solitude
5. The Gift of a Favour
6. The Gift of a Written Note
7. The Gift of a Compliment
8. The Gift of a Cheerful Disposition

These are eight important ways we can contribute toward whole and healthy relationships. They cost nothing, yet they may well be the most valuable gifts we can ever offer another.

Author *Unknown*



A Christmas Story

I was telling my three boys the story of the Nativity and how the Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh for the infant Jesus. Clearly giving it a lot of thought, my six-year-old observed, "Mom, a Wise Woman would have brought diapers."

readersdigest.com – *Angie Flaute*

Principles to live by

Do all the good you can,
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True or False

1 FALSE

In the *North Shore Times* of Wednesday, 29 January 1986, Richard Hockey Real Estate of 280 Willoughby Road Nareburn advertised this 3 bedroom Federation house at 49 Garland Road for \$195,000.

2 FALSE

Graeme Watson, right-hand batsman and right-hand medium bowler, played for Victoria, 2 centuries, 10 half-centuries and 53 wickets at 26.5, represented Australia in 5 Tests and 2 one-day matches 1966 to 1972, also played AFL for Melbourne and he did live in Slade Street for several years.

3 TRUE

'The Broughton's Estate, Evan's Grant Willoughby' went for 'Auction Sale' on the grounds on Saturday, 6 November 1909, with Willoughby Road called North Sydney Road on the advertising material.

4 FALSE

Prior to 1907, McBurney Street was known as Ryan's Road as it traversed the grant held by Thomas Ryan for the Misses Ryan.

5 TRUE

A weatherboard church was constructed on this site in 1907. It closed as a Congregational Church in 1973. The Armenian Community then used it for worship until 1987 when it was demolished to make way for a retirement homes complex that was developed as an Armenian enterprise.

Calm on our streets

As Nareburn residents, we would like to comment on the closing of the Ella Street Bridge and the subsequent impact this has had in Nareburn....

We thought, along with a number of others, the traffic situation would get worse. We feared there would be increased traffic on Waters Road and Station Street as cars traversed those streets to rat run through west Nareburn. The only solution we felt was to close both bridges. It appears since the temporary closure of the Ella Street Bridge the reverse has occurred and the traffic has simply gone elsewhere.

In discussions with other Nareburn residents, the idea has been voiced that as the bridge closure appears to have reduced through traffic in west Nareburn wouldn't it be great if we could keep things like this returning Nareburn to a safer, quieter suburb for all. Leading to the idea that maybe we could investigate the possibility of the Ella Street Bridge re-opening as a pedestrian and cycling bridge only. We would be interested to hear what other residents think.

**Donna Kessler
Anneliese Appleton**
Waters Road

Digital photos for the NPA website

We want to enhance and upgrade our website with digital photos of places of interest in Nareburn, events, people.

Email your photos to nareburn.matters@nareburnprogress.org.au together with a brief commentary on the subject of your photo, as well as the wording for your photo acknowledgement. We look forward to receiving your contribution! Thank you!

Elections, appointments, our AGM on 11 March

All positions on the Executive Committee are declared vacant at the AGM, the next one being Thursday 11 March 2010.

All but one of us who are currently Office-Bearers, Committee Members and members of the Sub-Committees are people who have joined the NPA since 2004 with several more recently than that. We follow a long tradition, 108 years on 27 November. It is a lot easier to be involved than it was for Nareburn residents of the past. We have email to keep in touch, the website, and it now has RSS feed. We have developed 'how to' docs for each of the roles and we all attempt to do the best we can within the constraints of family, career, sport and other interests.

If you would like to be part of the team in 2010 contact Kevin FitzPatrick on 9439 8119 or president@nareburnprogress.org.au.

Nareburn Matters

*How does it happen?
Who does what?*

- First issue April 2005
- We all thank the 'founders'!
- Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec each year
- Advertising covers costs
- We seek potential advertisers
- We proof-read all articles
- We edit / find room for items
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Crime in our area

The crime statistics in our area make for some interesting reading on occasions. The last statistics I received from the police covered the months of July, August and September 2009.

The table below shows the statistics for this period:

Offence	Number	%
Malicious damage	15	48%
Goods stolen from vehicles	5	16%
Steal from garage/carport/verandah	4	13%
Stolen car	2	6%
Found car	1	3%
Stole from dwelling/shop	4	13%
Total	31	

Roughly half our crime is senseless vandalism with things being physically destroyed or graffiti.

While some of this damage is done by people travelling through the area, some of it is home grown. While we are aware that some parents think that this is just kids being kids and they should be allowed to work off their energy, we would ask such parents to please spare a thought for the people who have to spend hundreds of dollars repairing the damage.

With items stolen from cars and garages

and the like, this is where the police often find life quite frustrating. In many cases valuable items were left in view of people passing the car, garage or house.

While we all like to live in a society where we expect others to respect property and not take our stuff, sometimes this doesn't actually happen.

The problem is, it seems, that thieves are well aware of our attitudes to leaving things where they can easily gain access to them or access is possible without easy detection (for example an underground car park).

This type of crime accounts for 29% of the crime in recent months. The reason the police find it so frustrating is that much of it is preventable – all we have to do is put our stuff away so that it isn't on view to would-be thieves.

Thieves have been known to break a car window to obtain a street directory sitting on a seat. The street directory wasn't precious or difficult to replace, but the window cost \$700 dollars to repair, there were issues with the insurance claim and excess and the owner was inconvenienced.

The question is; would the thief have bothered breaking into that car if not for the prompt of the street directory?

It is a similar story with under cover parking in our area. Thieves know we stick

all sorts of goodies in these – often not locked up, because we can trust our neighbours. These places are also dark with, usually, lots of pillars, cars and other things to hide behind. This makes it easy for thieves to get in and spend their time looking around for things of value.

Safety tips

Here are some tips for garages and parking areas to make them less attractive to thieves:

- Talk to tenants and ensure they all understand the importance of not letting people 'sneak through' the security doors.
- Improve the lighting if possible.
- Have lighting put on motion sensor if possible – this may save power as well.
- Paint the ceilings/walls white. This is extremely effective. It not only makes the whole place brighter and nicer, it makes people and movement stand out more, which makes it harder for thieves to remain undetected.

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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
 Runs through school holidays
 nareburnplaygroup@gmail.com
 0424 890 849 (Kim)

Nareburn Over Fifties

Most Mondays
 10:30 am to 2:00 pm
 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
 9955 9930

Multiple Birth Association

2nd Tuesday 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm
 3rd Tuesday 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
 0418 677 733 (Alisoun Haddow)
 mitwoddah@bigpond.com

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



Impacts of the Global Financial Crisis on Willoughby City

Events play out in all sorts of ways, most for the best but others not so fortuitously. Just as St Leonards was left with a construction site for many years as the 1987 recession delayed the completion of the Forum, so we are seeing a delay in the completion and

opening of the retail component of the Chatswood Interchange and a possibly longer one in the construction of its residential component. Similarly, development of the hotel site adjacent to Civic Place has been delayed. It was hoped that its construction would occur concurrently.

Other Chatswood CBD projects have been affected also. Council's planners have slated two sites for commercial office development. One, in Railway Street, has been vacant for many years. It was to be developed as part of the railway enclosure masterplan of the late 1990s. Its owners have repeatedly told Council that there is insufficient demand for office space to warrant development. Recently they have applied to the State Government for permission to convert the site to residential. Council will strenuously defend its planning position, conscious that Chatswood's future as a commercial centre of significance may be at stake. It will remind the State Government that commercial development is essential if our city is to fulfil its role in job creation as part of the State Government's own plans for Sydney's development over coming decades.

The second site is the Thomas Street car park site, recently sold by Council. That site was to house a public car park to be gifted to Council, as well as agreed proportions of commercial and residential floor space. That project has always been large enough to be subject to the State Government's call-in mechanism and Council was hoping that the project would progress with agreements among all parties. Financial and circumstantial pressures have now conspired to cause the developer to seek changes to the planning agreement, seeking an increase to the size of the residential component and diminution of the commercial. And, if the adjusted project goes ahead, it is likely that the car park and residential components will be built first, with the commercial awaiting an upturn in the market.

Council and councillors will have some tricky decisions to make over coming months. We will be seeking outcomes that:

- assist urban consolidation, through development around established transport nodes;
- recognise the need for development to assist economic recovery in Sydney and NSW;
- and safeguard the interests of Willoughby City.

As is being shown in Kuring-gai, just saying 'No' will prove not to be the right answer.

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