



# Naremburn Matters

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Naremburn Progress Association (NPA)

## Ella Street Bridge Temporary Closure NPA Survey and Subsequent Report to WCC

The bridges issue, Ella Street and Lambs Road, has been a contentious one for decades. The Ella Street Bridge needed to be closed for maintenance work, in fact a re-build. The NPA decided to take the initiative to survey the residents in the streets most affected by the RTA detours set in place during the six month closure.

In late February, two hundred and sixty nine (269) survey forms containing nine (9) questions together with introductory notes, were delivered to residents in (a) Dalleys Road between Northcote Street and the Ella Street Bridge, (2) Talus Street and Berry Avenue, (3) Station Street, (4) Waters Road between Dalleys Road and Park Road, (5) Park Road between Waters Road and Francis Street, (6) Francis Street and Chelmsford Avenue. The response date was Monday 8 March. Residents – the NPA does not have access to rate-payer details - were asked to give their street address.

There were ninety-two (92) responses, plus an additional three (3) that were ineligible; one was late, one had no identifiable address, and one was from a property not in the survey area. The survey questions were devised in consultation with WCC with our intention to gain the opinions of residents in this area so beset as they are with traffic, vehicles exceeding the default speed limit of 50 km/ph, rat-running, commuter parking that not only fills the streets but makes it difficult for residents to drive out - many commuters park too close to driveways - as well as safety issues adjacent to the children's playground.

In early April, the NPA survey report, dated 31 March 2010, was delivered to WCC. The report is a 20-page compilation of survey responses; the delivery to WCC included the survey forms grouped and packaged by street.

On the highly emotive issue of whether residents of the area surveyed would 'support the permanent closure of the Ella Street Bridge to vehicles but keeping it open for bicycles and pedestrians' the tally was: 36 Yes; 55 No; 1 Undecided. The Majority of the votes against closure of the Ella Street Bridge came from residents in Park Road, Francis Street, and Station Street.

On 16 April, the NPA delivered a thank you letter to the street mail boxes of the 92 respondents.

On 21 May, WCC informed the NPA that the report had been examined and that it will be considered at the Traffic Committee meeting of 16 June.

To request a copy of the NPA report please email [nareburnmatters@nareburnprogress.org.au](mailto:nareburnmatters@nareburnprogress.org.au)

the **LOOP**

The Loop bus is in Naremburn's streets on Mondays, on a trial basis. Have you seen it? An off-peak service connecting Naremburn with Artarmon, its route is convenient for most streets in Naremburn. More details in the WCC ad on page 6 and in Councillors' Corner.

## Naremburn Library @ 7 Central Street

Has watching the First Tuesday Book Club, attending the Sydney Writers' Festival or even just reading the Festival Guide inspired you to read more? How about investigating your local Library? Naremburn Library has many popular fiction and non-fiction books to enjoy as well as the new Book Club Kits. These well-chosen kits of ten books each are proving very popular. Ask about this new service or find out more at <http://www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/Naremburn-Library-Book-Club-Kits.html>

Now that winter is upon us, maybe it's also time to borrow some great DVDs from the Library for viewing on cold weekends. There are more than seventy DVDs for all ages to enjoy.

Keep an eye out for the upcoming July School Holiday program for children at Naremburn Library; for children under six there will be a preschool story time to enjoy and school age children can come along and get creative at the craft activity. Bookings will open Monday 21 June.

More information <http://www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/Library.html>

**Mon: 2:30 pm to 5:00pm; Thu: 2:30 pm to 5.00 pm; Sat: 9:30 am to 12.00 Noon – 9439 5584**

### NAREMBURN VILLAGE SHOPS

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#### General Meetings

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

The Secret is out! Shadow Treasurer, Joe Hockey, mentioned it in his National Press Club address on 19 May; and earlier in May so did Channel 9's nightly newscast and the *Sunday Telegraph*! Naremburn is a sought-after suburb! Close to the Sydney CBD as well as Chatswood, St Leonards and North Sydney. Well-served by bus and train, leafy streets, pleasant parks and recreation areas; property prices boom as Naremburn is 'discovered'.

Beyond these facts there is the suburb's heart and spirit, its people. My wife Trisha and I moved to Naremburn in 1996 but only joined the NPA in October 2004 after a resident and member, David Waters, took time to explain the further threat to our already expressway-affected and depleted shopping precinct, by the planned widening of the Gore Hill Freeway to make way for the Lane Cove Tunnel Project. Warmly welcomed by the then Vice President Jan Esman we joined this local action group.

At the time we lived in Dalleys Road and our orientation had tended south to Crows Nest's restaurants, and Stanton Library had become our local library. We moved to Central Street in 2005, re-discovered 'our Shops' and had the Naremburn Community Centre with its Library as a near neighbour. We live within the Central Township Conservation Area that encompasses Naremburn's original commercial, church and school area. Reading *The Naremburn Story* by Eric Wilksch, for many years President of the NPA, introduced us to Naremburn's fascinating and absorbing history and the spirit of its great pioneers. We know we have to go on building on these earlier achievements; there are many challenges.

- The ongoing impact of traffic through our suburb
- Commuter parking and disruption in many of our streets
- Road safety for our children and older residents
- Appropriate and equitable use and care of our Open Spaces
- Planning changes legislated by the State Government.

Earlier residents had to fight for recognition and better services for their 'Cinderella Suburb'. I acknowledge the vision and work of Willoughby City Council, its Councillors, General Manager, Directors and staff. They listen and they act. And we are the envy of other Council areas because of the WCC vision for a sustainable future as well as the cultural and social hub that will be The Concourse.

I invite you, whether you are a resident or business-operator in Naremburn to join us at our next general meeting on Thursday 10 June at 7:30 pm (details in this issue).

They say there are three types of people. Those who make things happen – Those who watch things happen – Those who say 'What happened?'

Come join us – and make a difference!

**Kevin FitzPatrick**  
 President NPA

### Membership of the NPA

**Eligibility:** Naremburn residents, 18 years old and over; non residents who own property in Naremburn; people who operate businesses in Naremburn.

**Membership Fee:** Due as at the AGM held on the second Thursday of each March; for the calendar year, January to December.

**Renewals:** Fee paid annually to retain status

**\$10 per person per annum**  
**or \$5 per person p.a. concession**

[www.naremburnprogress.org.au](http://www.naremburnprogress.org.au)

### Meeting Dates 2010

Thursday 10 June  
*No meeting in July*  
 Thursday 12 August  
 Thursday 9 September  
 Thursday 14 October  
 Thursday 11 November  
 Thursday 9 December

**7:30 pm Open Forum**  
 Community Centre  
 7 Central Street

### Next Issue: September 2010

*Naremburn Matters* is a quarterly publication issued in March, June, September, December.

#### September issue deadlines

Ad space Bookings due: Monday 2 August  
 Ad artwork/copy due: Friday 6 August  
 Articles due: Wednesday 4 August

[naremburn.matters@naremburnprogress.org.au](mailto:naremburn.matters@naremburnprogress.org.au)

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## Hedge me in

A nice thick hedge is great to add privacy from neighbours or the street, hiding something like an unsightly garden shed, creating a feature parterre garden, softening a hard surface like an ugly brick wall or even using instead of a fence.

The best way to a thick, quick hedge is to prune – yes, prune. Cut it down for it to go up! It's a fact, and not a *Ripley's Believe it or Not*. Almost any plant can be hedged. All you need to decide is height requirements, foliage and/or flower colourings. Whether you are establishing a hedge from 30 cm to 30 m what I'm about to share with you applies to all hedging no matter the size – just remember, the bigger the hedge, the bigger the ladder!

To grow a 1.5 metre high Camellia hedge most people would plant a young plant and when it hits 1.5 metres start cutting it – you will end up with an open and spindly hedge. If you planted the same Camellia and adopt the 2 step forward, 1 step back method, i.e., let it grow 20 cm in height and then cut off 10 cm this will encourage bushing down in the lower levels creating more leaders which in turn make the hedge grow thicker, stronger and faster. The more leaves, the more photosynthesis can take place – now we are getting biologically correct.

When you are pruning, use a pair of sharp secateurs, manual or petrol/electric trimmers – and don't worry if you make a mistake, it will almost always grow back. The best way to achieve a nice straight top is to use a string line; once you have mastered the skills you should be able to get the levels right by eye. Along with pruning, fertilise regularly with a good complete fertilizer, something like blood and bone is generally a good fertilizer (adjust for species – natives, hibiscus have different requirements). And as well as that use a liquid fertilizer – it's like Red Bull for your plants. I use Seasol but before you rush out and buy some Seasol give me a few minutes to buy some shares in the company! Happy hedging!

**Andy**  
41 Central Street



*Looking down from the veranda, with Andy on the footpath admiring the hedged garden.*



*Looking south along the footpath shows another dimension to the hedges.*



### **Peter Chauncy & his team at McGrath Amanda Hunt & Melissa Angilletta**

Despite the obvious signs of residential growth in Naremburn, recent statistics from the *Sunday Telegraph* show that in the past 12 months in the Sydney Market, Naremburn has had the highest percentage growth than any other suburb of Sydney, being a huge 21.6% ↴

This isn't the only encouraging sign of good things to come, the average sale price last financial year was only at \$964,500 and now starting to show its true colours is almost at \$1,200,000.

### **Overview on the positive effects of the Current Market**

- In 2010, Peter has set 13 new records including the **New Residential Suburb Record - 27 Market Street**
- In the past Quarter 41% of the houses sold in Naremburn have been over \$1,500,000
- The average time that it takes Peter to sell a home is less than 10 Days
- He displays a 100% Auction clearance rate
- Peter has sold 30 homes in Naremburn in 2010 with over 75% market share

### **A word from Peter**

Recently we have noticed a huge increase in buyer activity from surrounding suburbs coming to Naremburn, such as Cammeray, Neutral Bay, Cremorne, Mosman and Northbridge. This has been the main factor that has created such great demand for Naremburn homes.

We have found Naremburn to be a popular choice with young families, executives and empty nesters due primarily to its convenience to an array of lifestyle options.

**For any Real Estate advice please feel free to contact Peter on 0402 036 489.**

**McGrath Mid North Shore 02 9417 9639**



## Sunday 1 August 2010

You can contribute to making Nareburn a greener suburb by having a tree planted outside your house on the grass verge if there is not already one there.

Each year residents in Nareburn have been getting together on National Tree Day to plant street trees. Planet Ark is calling on keen gardeners to coordinate tree-planting sites or provide ongoing care to the many existing Nareburn trees planted as part of National Tree Days. By taking part, you'll have the opportunity to share your expertise and teach future generations how life is better with trees.

For this year's National Tree Day, proudly sponsored by Toyota, we are asking active gardeners who are looking for a way to make a positive environmental difference, to register as Site Coordinators. Species of trees are chosen by Willoughby City Council with input from residents and trees are selected for their suitability based on soil composition, existing street tree species and the presence of overhead wires.

Young trees are given protection guards for their first few years. Whipper Snippers continue to cause many problems with Nareburn's street trees. If you use one be mindful that all bark cuts at the base of street trees cause a part of the tree elsewhere to die. Information on <http://treeday.planetark.org> or call the National Tree Day Hotline 1300 88 5000 or [ronan.ahern@gmail.com](mailto:ronan.ahern@gmail.com).

**Ronan Ahern**  
Northcote Street

## NPA Election Results AGM 11 March 2010

### Office-Bearers

President:	Kevin FitzPatrick	(joined 2004)
Vice President:	Frances O'Brien	(joined 2006)
Secretary:	David Lendrum	(joined 1988)
Treasurer:	Barry Shaw	(joined 2007)

### General Committee Members

Martha Follent (2007) - Donna Kessler (2009) - Don Swonnell (2005)

### Delegates to the Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations (FWPA)


Kevin FitzPatrick – Martha Follent – Don Swonnell

### Delegates to the Nareburn Community Centre User Group

Kevin FitzPatrick – Beryl Batterham - David Lendrum – Trisha FitzPatrick

## Highlights since Nareburn Matters' first issue

- 2005** - First issue of Nareburn Matters, April; 6 pages, to all households
- Nareburn Matters becomes an 8 page issue in July
- 2007** - Meet the Candidates for the NSW State Election, March general meeting
- An Inconvenient Truth screening at Nareburn Park in March, more than 2,000 adults and children attended this event an initiative of the NPA
- Prentice Park honouring Sir William and Lady Mary, opening, attended by His Excellency Mr Charles Lepani, PNG's High Commissioner to Australia
- Willoughby Spring Festival Trivia Night organized with other Willoughby City Progress Associations at the Town Hall that was about to be demolished
- 2008** - The first 12 page issue of Nareburn Matters, promoting the WSO concert
- Willoughby Symphony Orchestra Free Concert, Nareburn Park, March
- Public Meeting for a School for Nareburn – more than 150 attended, May, Working Party (NSWP) formed
- Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group first meeting for more than 10 years; lobbying regarding Baseball Diamond lights outcomes
- Candidates for Council Elections – photos and statements by candidates for Nareburn Ward in September issue of Nareburn Matters
- Launch of our website [www.nareburnprogress.org.au](http://www.nareburnprogress.org.au)
- 2009** - Earth Hour Festival 2009 Nareburn Park, the NPA and Artarmon Progress Association collaborate with Council for this dramatic event
- Greg Woodhams, Environmental Services Director speaks to June general meeting on the NSW Planning Laws reform and Willoughby City
- Suspension Bridge aka Long Gully Bridge, Coroner requests RTA to take action to prevent suicide jumps; NPA is member of consultation committee
- Signwave Artarmon donates Banners for the NPA to use on stalls for events such as the Concert in the Park and the Earth Hour Festival
- 2010** - Ella Street Bridge survey of residents in the western part of Nareburn – Dalleys between Northcote and Bridge, Talus, Berry, Waters between Dalleys and Park, Station, Park, Francis, Chelmsford, March
- Twenty page Report on the Survey Responses, submitted to WCC in April



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## What is the Naremburn Progress Association?

The Naremburn Progress Association (NPA) established at a meeting on 27 November 1901, has fought for the rights of Naremburn residents, achieving many notable victories. On 21 June 2004 the NPA was incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act, 1984. The NPA Constitution states: 'The objectives of the Association are to promote the welfare and advancement of the community in the Naremburn area'.

## Open Forums at our General Meetings

In 2007, as suggested by Frances O'Brien, then our Secretary and currently Vice President, we introduced 'Open Forum' at the beginning of each general meeting. At 7:30 pm the Chairperson, usually the President, asks if any person has either an issue to raise as he/she wants action taken, or wants to give information to the meeting. Open Forum runs for 15 minutes before we continue with the standard agenda in our Constitution.

## Decisions made at our General Meetings

Only financial members can vote at a general meeting. Action to be taken on items raised at an Open Forum may be resolved by a show of hands (financial members). Often what is needed is a letter from the NPA to WCC requesting that Council take action. The NPA receives good response and action from Council officers. There is a process for 'Motions for which due notice has been given' for items such as changes to the NPA Constitution. Due notice means that members must receive the relevant Agenda 14 days before the meeting and that the Secretary must receive the draft motion 28 days out from the meeting at which the motion is to be put, and voted on, by secret ballot if required.

## The Membership Year and Membership Fees

The NPA membership year is January to December. The membership fee is decided at the Annual General Meeting, held on the second Thursday of March each year. That year's fee is due at the conclusion of the AGM. Membership Fees for this year remain at \$10.00 per person per annum, \$5.00 Concession. The Constitution states that if the Membership subscription is not paid within three (3) months of the AGM, 'that member will be deemed to be unfinancial and not permitted to take part in any proceedings of the Association.' If the membership fee is in arrears at the end of 12 months, the membership lapses; the member's name is removed from the Register of Members.

## Minutes and Agendas and Updates

Minutes and Agendas are emailed to members, or, hand-delivered to the street mailboxes of those members without email addresses. Special notifications, such as the WLEP, The Loop, etc., are emailed to members. When a membership lapses, these services cease.

## Sub-Committees of the NPA

The following sub-committees operate - DAs, Naremburn Community Centre, Events, Membership, NPA Website, Naremburn Matters, Open Spaces, and Young Parents.

## True or False

How well do you know the history of your suburb?

- 1 There are 420 daily traffic movements through Slade Street.
- 2 The sandstone Flat Rock Creek Bridge at the junction of Willoughby Road and Garland Road was Willoughby Council's first major public work.
- 3 A former Chief Justice of Papua New Guinea was a member of the Naremburn Progress Association.
- 4 Peter Collins was the longest serving State Member for the seat of Willoughby, currently held by Gladys Berejilkian.
- 5 A major Naremburn street is named after a famous NSW Statesman, a man described as "the silver tongue pride of old Sydney".
- 6 The North Shore Bridge was a constant focus for people living on Sydney's North Shore. In 1900 designs and tenders were called for this bridge, later called the Sydney Harbour Bridge. A North Shore Bridge Committee, launched in 1902 included Naremburn Progress Association representatives.
- 7 The Harbour Bridge Contractor, Dorman Long had a football team that used Naremburn Park for training sessions.

(Answers on page 8)

**Kevin FitzPatrick**  
Central Street



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**Anneliese Appleton** – of Waters Road who served on the NPA Executive Committee for 2009, and specifically for her involvement in the push for School for Naremburn.

**Howard Townsend** – of Garland Road who served on the NPA Executive Committee for 2009, and specifically for his advice on the NPA's DA sub-committee.

**David Turner** – of Central Street, our Treasurer for 2008-2009 and for providing our annual financial returns to submit to the Registry of Co-operatives and Associations.

### Letters To the Editor

We welcome letters from residents about local issues. Your letters should be concise (preferably less than 250 words). Please include your email address or phone number as we may need to edit letters to fit the space available.

## Around Naremburn ....

### Walking your Dog in Public Areas

If your dog is in a public area it must be on a leash and controlled effectively by a competent person. Otherwise your dog needs to be confined to your property, not wandering around public or private property. Your dog must not enter: (a) eating areas; (b) school or childcare ground; (c) wildlife protection areas; or (d) within 10 metres of children's playground equipment. Council has established off-leash areas where you can let your dog exercise under supervision. The off-leash areas in our suburb are Naremburn Park Ovals 1 and 2, and West Street Reserve.

### Graffiti on Private Property

To have graffiti on private property removed by Council, the property owner, tenant or occupier must first report the graffiti to the Police Assistance Line (131 444) to obtain an event number. Once you have the event number, register the graffiti online at [http://www.ausgr.com.au/willoughby/graf\\_form.php](http://www.ausgr.com.au/willoughby/graf_form.php) or contact Council's Help & Service Centre on 9777 1000. Any graffiti removal carried out by Willoughby City Council will be at no cost to the property owner.

Graffiti will only be removed by Council if: (a) It can be seen from a public road, public park or other land the general public is allowed to use; (b) Its removal can be safely undertaken from the public space without requiring entry onto the subject property; (c) Its removal can safely be undertaken by Council's contractor to a maximum height of 3 metres without the aid of scaffolding or other specialized lifting equipment; or (d) Its removal can safely be undertaken with limited traffic control equipment that can be reasonably carried in the vehicle being used by the contractor.

### Report an Abandoned Trolley


If you see an abandoned trolley phone Trolley Tracker on 1800 641 497, or report the abandoned trolley online via their website – [www.trolleytracker.com.au](http://www.trolleytracker.com.au) – you could win a \$1000 gift voucher! If you see an abandoned Coles trolley, phone Coles on 1800 876 553, or report online at [www.coles.com.au/trolleys](http://www.coles.com.au/trolleys).

# the LOOP

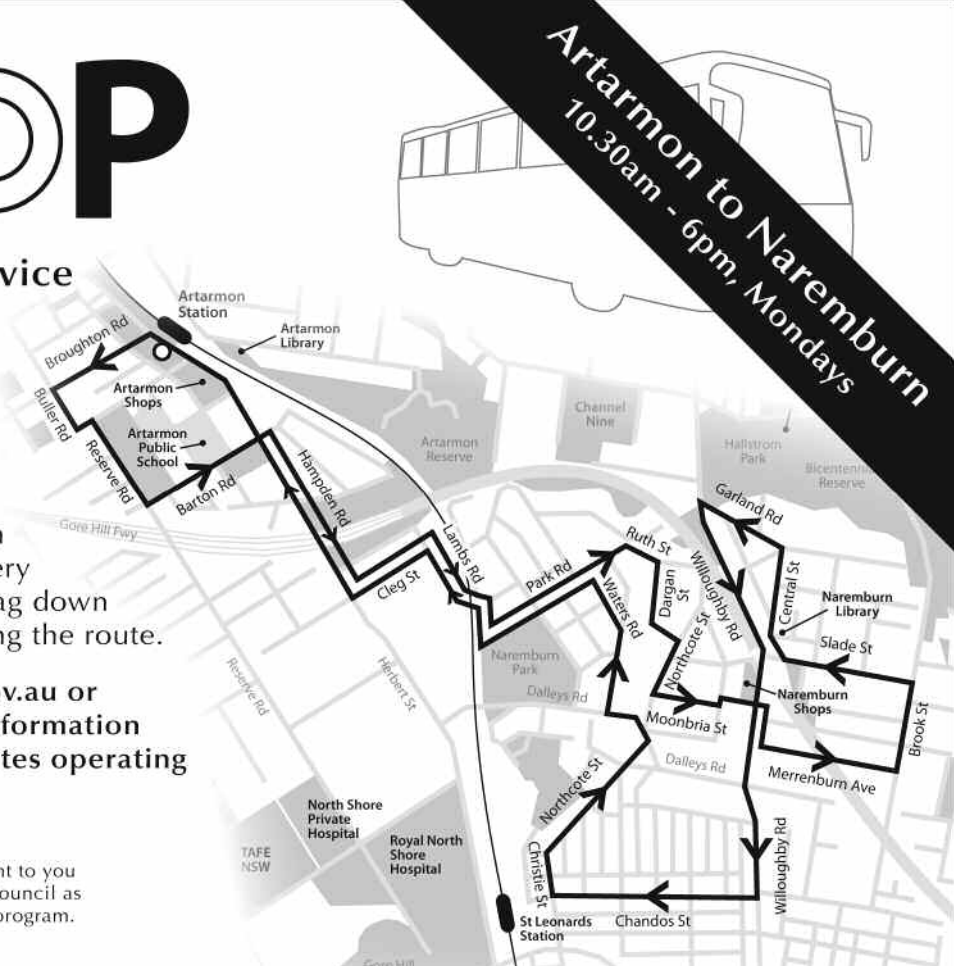
## Free New Shuttle Service

The Loop shuttle bus operates between Artarmon and Naremburn from 10.30am to 6pm, every Monday. This free service departs from Artarmon Station and shops, (Hampden Rd) every 45 minutes from 10.30am. Flag down the bus in a safe location along the route.

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## Willoughby Local Environment Plan (Draft WLEP 2009)

All property owners in Willoughby City received a letter and a copy of Willoughby Local Environment Plan News from Council.

The plan was on exhibition from 25 March 2010 to 20 May 2010 with the opportunity to discuss issues with Council planners, view the maps in detail as well as read the relevant sections in the Draft Plan document; 'after hours' sessions were also provided. There was also the option to view the new plans and supporting information on [www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au](http://www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au).

The Draft WLEP 2009 is Council's response to the requirement set by the NSW Department of Planning for all councils to revise their Local Environment Plans. There is a need to increase residential housing around public transport. The 2009 draft is major revision of WLEP 1995.

WLEP News states that the majority of residential sites in Willoughby City will simply transfer to the new zone name, e.g., the WLEP 2005 Zone 2(A) – Residential "A" zone will become Zone R2 Low Density Residential. "Some selected areas have been investigated for providing additional housing density...."

The proposed re-zoning of some properties in Naremburn to R3 Medium Density means that those sites could be re-developed as blocks of units and townhouses. The Naremburn sites in the proposed re-zoning to R3 are:-

- Site No. 22: 4-10 Quiamong Road, 1-5 Rohan Street; (behind Naremburn Shops)
- Site No. 23: 242-248 Willoughby Road, 2-8 Dalleys Road, 31-33 Martin Street;
- Site No. 24 32-48A Northcote Street, 1A Waters Road;
- Site No. 25 35-39, 30-34 Merrenburn Avenue, 31-41 Donnelly Road;
- Site No. 38 1-3 Central Street.
- Site No. 45 25 Station Street (SES)

Submissions were due on 20 May; if you wish to put in a late submission you can apply to WCC for an extension to 10 June.

## Hot Cross Buns

This year Delicia kicked off the Easter Season by providing Hot Cross Buns for the re-opening of the Naremburn Cammeray Anglican Church.

There was no better way to begin than with the re-birth of the church and by giving back to a community that has given us so much. This year with the expansion of Delicia just prior to Easter, we were able to accommodate and produce more than ever, selling over 20,000 Hot Cross Buns in just 2 days, over Holy Thursday and Good Friday with mentions on Channel Nine's Today program.

So, thank you Naremburn; this one has gone to the records. Thank you also to everyone for being so patient during the renovations, we look forward to doing it all again next year.

**Martin Rolon**  
Delicia

### Unwanted Phone Books

Would you rather not receive phone books – White Pages or Yellow Pages – or both? Perhaps on-line searches suffice in your home? Contact Sensis on 1800 008 292 and ask to opt out of phone book delivery. They will ask for your landline number, full name, and address. Unfortunately, unit blocks need everyone to phone to opt out.



## Swim School

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## True or False To the Editor

### 1 FALSE

The combined average daily traffic movements through Slade Street in the 'Central Township' Conservation Area of Naremburn are just over 800 as recorded in 2008. WCC considers this light traffic flow.

### 2 TRUE

Flat Rock Creek Bridge, built in 1886, was Willoughby Municipal Council's first major public work. The Flat Rock had been the place to cross the creek at 'Central Township in the district of Naremburn'. With increasing numbers of land grants and subdivisions, an effective crossing 'at all times' was needed.

### 3 TRUE

On 11 February 1997 Sir William Prentice and Lady Mary Prentice applied for membership of the Naremburn Progress Association. Bill, as he liked to be called, was an avid bushwalker, pioneer of the native suburban garden and a humanitarian. In August 2007, a small park along the Naremburn side of the sound wall between here and Artarmon was named in honour of Bill and Mary. Sir William Prentice was PNG's first Chief Justice from 1978 to 1980.

### 4 FALSE

George Brain, 1943 to 1968, was the longest serving State Member for the Seat of Willoughby. Peter Collins, 1981 to 2002 (including 1988 to 1991 when the Seat's name reverted to Middle Harbour) comes in second. Peter Collins and his then wife, Dominique, lived at 27 Central Street.

### 5 TRUE

Dalleys Road was named after William Bede Dalley P.C., M.L.C. (1831-1888) noted lawyer, and Acting Premier of NSW in 1885, who is honoured with a statue in Hyde Park, a bust in the Upper Chamber of State Parliament, as well as a Medallion Plaque in St Paul's Cathedral, London.

### 6 TRUE

Naremburn Progress Association members Messrs B Wear and Hutton were our representatives on the North Shore Bridge Committee.

### 7 TRUE

Eric Wilksch in his book *The Naremburn Story*, gives highlights of the year 1925 and states that Dorman Long's football team commenced training using Naremburn Park.

I received a letter from the Naremburn Progress Association (NPA) regarding my response to the Ella Street Bridge Survey which stated amongst other things that "when an issue arises in any part of the suburb, there is a responsibility to represent it in negotiations with Willoughby City Council where the NPA has a stronger voice than the individual resident."

This raises some obvious questions, one important question is, which issues are worthy of raising and what is the criteria with which the NPA chooses to support and expend resources? I ask this because it seems that this particular issue seems to be one that doesn't appear to have any credibility whatsoever. I would however like to understand the basis for the NPA support.

In my submission, which I copied to the Council, I pointed out the much greater distance and much greater number of residents affected by the proposal, compared to the greatly shorter distance and greatly fewer number of residents affected by the return of traffic flows over the almost completed Ella Street Bridge. There were also relevant points regarding the proposed perpetual busy traffic flows and increased hazard, passing by the children's park playground on the corner of Park Ave and Station Streets and the fact that the bridge was almost completed to name just a few. How could anyone possibly justify a closure motion and how could it be supported at this late stage? Incredible!!

These are not amazing or difficult facts to obtain, they are ones that any reasonable person would quickly recognise if they thought about the proposal for a few minutes.

I ask, what was the basis for the NPA adopting support for this incredible proposal and what exactly was the NPA representing in this?

I was quickly assured by Council that sense has prevailed and closure of the Ella Street Bridge is not being considered. Surely the NPA needs to display some credibility in its support for community matters (underline community) otherwise it will become irrelevant.

**S Bisson**  
Station Street

I would like to add my total support to the excellent email written by Steve Bisson. He has eloquently expressed my sentiments.

Prior to the survey, I had a healthy respect for the NPA believing that its charter was to further the interests of the general Naremburn community, and even considered joining and becoming an active member.

This episode has indicated that the NPA is more than happy to represent factional interests even where they run directly against the interests of other Naremburn residents and defy common sense.

The NPA will not have my support in the future.

**Richard Gintel**  
Station Street

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## Traffic in Naremburn?

Whether it was carving out a chunk for an expressway, closing roads, allowing rat-runs, the Department of Main Roads, now the RTA, has left indelible marks on our suburb.

- Brook Street finished at Garland Road, there was no Flat Rock Drive
- Market Street was accessed from Brook Street and was a rat-run
- Garland Road was originally also accessed from Brook Street
- Flat Rock Drive was opened in 1968, there are residents who lay on the road ahead of the opening, so novel was the idea
- Central Street was off Willoughby Road at what was known as Five-Ways
- Slade Street joined Willoughby Road opposite Quiamong Street
- Rhodes Avenue joined Willoughby Road opposite Rohan Street
- Merrenburn was an avenue of many large Federation houses
- Donnelly Road ran from Brook Street to Willoughby Road
- Park Road joined Willoughby Road at an angle to Garland.
- Northcote Street joined Willoughby Road a little further south
- Most of the shops on both sides of Willoughby Road were lost.

Despite the slashing of our suburb into 3 parts to move traffic through to points north and northwest and creating heavy, noisy, fast traffic both on Brook Street as well as at the Freeway exit and entrance at Willoughby Road, there are some good outcomes.

- Central Township Conservation Area (1995) has little through traffic; one eastern access point, one western access point. Very few rat-runners!
- Park Road eastern end is quieter; reduced traffic because of closure to Willoughby Road; the RTA and TJH, the Lane Cove Tunnel builder installed sound walls. Northcote Street eastern end is also quieter.

Send information on our past to: [Naremburn.Matters@naremburnprogress.org.au](mailto:Naremburn.Matters@naremburnprogress.org.au)

## Drivers – please slow down!

"A car is travelling at 40 km/h. Another car is travelling at 50 km/h. Both drivers see a child about 27 metres ahead, recognise the danger and brake. The car travelling at 40 km/h will stop safely after 26 metres, avoiding the child. The car travelling at 50 km/h will take an extra nine metres to stop, and will still be travelling at 41 km/h when it hits the child.

Even a small difference in vehicle speed can make a large difference to the probability of serious injury.

If a car hits a pedestrian at 50 km/h the car driver is twice as likely to kill the pedestrian than if the car hits a pedestrian at 40 km/h."

[www.rta.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au)

## To the Editor



Following the recent launch of the book club offering by Naremburn library, I thought you might like to know that I have started a book club with a group of Naremburn "girls". We have had 2 meetings and it has been a great success so far. I have attached a photo of our first meeting.

Naremburn library currently offers 10 titles for book clubs to borrow. Who knows, with a little more support perhaps they could increase the number of books on offer?!

**Rosemary Nolan**  
Waters Road

### Parking across footpaths

Including across the nature strip area is not allowed. It can endanger pedestrians, particularly those who are visually impaired, and may force the elderly or people with prams or wheelchairs on to the road.

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## Naremburn Ward – Councillors' Corner



**Cr Stuart Coppock**

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**New LEP** – Each property owner will have received a letter from Council about the new Willoughby Local Environment Plan (WLEP). There are a number of areas within Naremburn for which it is proposed to make alterations to the zoning. Possibly the most contentious rezoning is the area 4-10 Quiamong Road, 1-5 Rohan Street known as site 22. It is the block of houses behind the Naremburn Shops. This rezoning has been proposed to be R3, that is, medium density. It is hoped by this proposed and future redevelopment that a lane way can be created behind the shops. I would request submissions to the Council and to me from the community on this point.

**Extension of time for LEP Submission** – Council has indicated that an extension of time is available for submissions on the LEP. Contact Council on 9777 1000.

**Local Traffic Counts** – RTA Before and After Traffic Counts are in from the LCT/GHR. The RTA accounts were taken in 2004 and 2008 and show across the counting sites that traffic is reduced. Yes, I know, this does not seem right. But oddly enough Council's own data reveals the same trend! One of the sites for a count was Rohan Street, one I specifically requested, and whilst traffic in peak hours seems higher, the data is in.

**The Loop** – Feedback suggests that Artarmon businesses that do business to business locally are starting to use The Loop bus to get about instead of driving through local roads.



**Cr Barry Thompson**

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**Heritage Week** – In April Council presented awards for good heritage outcomes in Willoughby City over the past two years. Two of the winners were local, one in Artarmon and one in Naremburn. Artarmon's commendation came for the adaptive reuse of the old 'depot' building on Reserve Road to become 'Home HQ', our new bulky goods shopping precinct. Naremburn's award came for the extensions to St Cuthbert's Church – wherein the church was literally 'turned around'. Both projects were worthy winners and will be major assets for the area in the future. I congratulate all involved for the innovation, resource efficiency and flair of their work.

**The Loop** – further extensions to bus service trials began on 27 April. Using surplus off-peak capacity from the AIA Loop, one-day-a-week loop routes began operating, 10:30 am to 6:00 pm. Naremburn will benefit from the Monday service linking it with Artarmon, and the Friday service joining Northbridge Plaza and the Chatswood CBD via the Leisure Centre; brochure from <http://www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/The-Loop.html> or the branch library. The early weeks will be used to confirm best routings and achievable timing. Look for the marked bus, which you can hail as it comes past or at a regular bus stop. Trials will give Council data on which routes and areas are most in need of the services for the future; funding constraints preclude any guarantees that the services can be anything more than trials at this time; the greater the patronage, the greater the incentive for this form of transport to be a feature of our more sustainable future.



**Cr Kate Lamb**

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**The Lane Cove Tunnel and the Gore Hill Freeway** – In early May Council received a report from Council officers based on information provided by the RTA, outlining impacts and issues affecting Willoughby LGA as a result of the construction of the Lane Cove Tunnel and the widening of the Gore Hill Freeway.

A condition of consent and a 'one off', the traffic counts related to Artarmon and Lane Cove North/SW Chatswood. If one is to believe the data (and some found that difficult) it seems that counts remain the same or have decreased in all but a few of the streets studied. The one increase in our part of the world was on Lambs Road (westbound only). This result is consistent with my understanding that when you build a new road you get more traffic – displacing some of it temporarily.

A more significant issue for us was also addressed – **noisy expansion joints**. First raised in NM March 2008, some of these "things that go bump in the night" (and at other times!) have been fixed. However as a neighbour of the freeway, I am not convinced that these problems have been sorted. I heard distinct bumping as I cycled west under the Willoughby Rd viaduct recently and I have asked that Council request the RTA to write to all neighbours advising how and to whom we may address any further concerns about this disturbance in our midst.



# Naremburn Neighbourhood Watch

June 2010

## Road safety

With the re-opening of the Ella Street Bridge we thought it might be a good time to talk about road safety issues.

## Pedestrian statistics

Of the people killed on NSW roads each year approximately 20% are pedestrians. The elderly, children and alcohol-affected people are the most vulnerable and are over-represented in the statistics. Two thirds of pedestrian fatalities are male.

The RTA advises "More than half of pedestrian fatalities occur in darkness or at dusk. Fatalities increase from April to July, when the days are shorter. Jogging in the afternoon, wearing dark clothing, or walking home after consuming alcohol can increase your risk of becoming a pedestrian fatality." Most accidents also occur on weekdays when the road is at its busiest.

As dawn, dusk and peak hour often intersect in our area this is when pedestrians are at their most vulnerable.

## What has the RTA done?

The introduction of 50km/hour urban zones and 40km/hour school zones has reduced both the number and severity of accidents.

Improvements to road infrastructure, such as pedestrian safety islands, have also assisted.

## What can pedestrians do?

Use identified crossing zones and traffic lights as much as possible.

Teach our children to cross the road safely (there are booklets being distributed through schools about school traffic safety at present).

Be aware that children under the age of 12 haven't usually developed the mental processes to allow them to judge speed, distance and risk.

Be aware that if you are dressed in dark colours drivers may be unable to see you.

Be aware that if you are walking at dawn or dusk drivers may not be able to see you and sometimes have difficulty being able to see the road clearly.

## What can drivers do?

Stick to the speed limit.

If conditions are unfavourable adjust your driving to suit the conditions (i.e., if you can't see well, slow down).

If it is wet a driver can't brake as quickly and pedestrians have greater difficulty seeing, so slow down.

Don't run red lights, particularly if there are kids around. Some pedestrians assume that it is safe to move once the green man appears or the beep changes (particularly people who can't see well). While they may well have been expected to notice that you were still coming through the crossing, it is a bit late telling people if you have run them over.

In areas that pedestrians are known to frequent, e.g. walking paths from transport links or near the local pub or shops, watch for pedestrians and slow down.

Note that children have not necessarily

developed judgement and so don't assume they will be sensible.

If you notice a sunny patch around a corner up ahead at dawn or dusk slow down and be prepared to be blinded when you turn the corner.

## Remember

As a driver you may have right of way, but that won't feel so good if you are responsible for taking the life of another.

It might be quicker to train your children to cross in the middle of the street, but how many minutes would you give to prevent losing them for the rest of their lives?

Your kids might be able to cross a busy road when you are there to watch them and correct their actions, but they may not concentrate so well when you are not with them.

More than one child at a road crossing is a distraction.

Train your children to never assume that a driver is going to have stopped when the green man appears or at a pedestrian crossing.

## Email network

If you would like to join our email report service please email us at [naremnhw@tpg.com.au](mailto:naremnhw@tpg.com.au).

**Sue Howes**  
Bongalong Street



## Naremburn Progress Association – APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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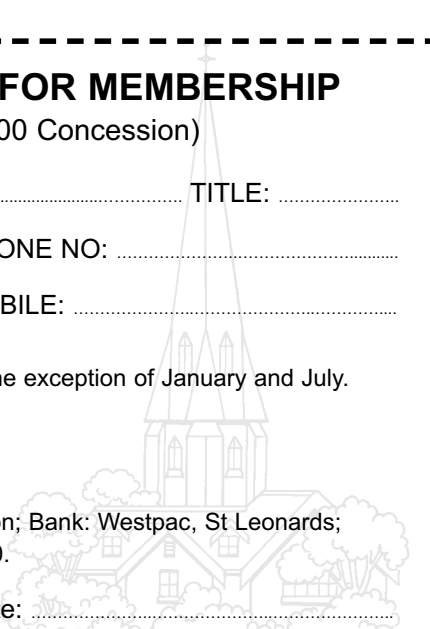
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# Naremburn Community Centre Activities

## Naremburn 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  
Runs through school holidays  
naremburnplaygroup@gmail.com  
0458 990 678 (Narelle)

## Naremburn 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  
9966 1591

## After School Care

Monday to Friday  
3:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
(School Term only)  
9439 8814

## Willoughby Pre School

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

## Naremburn 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

7 Central Street



*Beryl, Kevin FitzPatrick, Pres NPA, and David Lendrum, Sec NPA, cut the cake at Naremburn Community Centre.*

## Beryl Batterham NPA Life Member celebrated her 90th birthday, 24 February 2010

Not only were there parties and birthday cakes, Beryl also received congratulatory letters from Prime Minister Kevin Rudd; Governor of NSW Marie Bashir; Premier Kristina Keneally; Barry

O'Farrell, Opposition Leader; Joe Hockey, Federal Member for North Sydney; Gladys Berejiklian, State Member for Willoughby; and Mayor Pat Reilly, who also sent flowers.

On the day, 24 February, her family arranged an 'at home' at Beryl's in Garland Road. Many friends dropped in during the afternoon. There was a lot of laughter, good stories, and fine food and drink. And some guests went away for other commitments and then went back to the celebration.

WCC's Director of Community Services, Marcia Waller, arranged a luncheon at the Naremburn Community Centre in early March for the Over 50s Club of which Beryl is an OBE (Over Bloody Eighty).

After the NPA general meeting of 11 March, we had an enormous birthday cake, we all sang Happy Birthday; Beryl cut her cake. She delighted us with her reminiscences of earlier days in the NPA. For one meeting, no one could get into the Community Centre so the NPA meeting was moved to Beryl's home. We awarded Beryl a Life Membership of the NPA in 2008, in recognition of her many contributions of time and effort over many years.

Beryl met Keith Batterham who sat next to on a plane on her way to Wagga to do an audit, as an auditor with Flack & Flack, later known as Price Waterhouse; Keith, a photographer, was on his way to take photos at the Melbourne Show. They married in 1951 and in 1952, set up Livingstone Studios at 67 Willoughby Road, Crows Nest; Beryl ran the shop, did the accounts, the re-touching and some hand-colouring of photos.

Outside of the business Beryl raised three children, exercised regularly and in the 1970s marched for Women's Lib and Aboriginal Rights.

Beryl has been involved with the Crows Nest Mainstreet Committee since its inception.

In her 70s and 80s she worked with the Chatswood Community Centre driving people to doctors' visits and doing shopping for them. She would say she was "driving and shopping for the oldies", although she was much older than most of the people she was helping out. When Beryl broke her arm in 2009 at 89 years she had to give up her Meals on Wheels driving task with the Crows Nest Community Centre.

Beryl continues to do her monthly bushcare and voluntary work with Willoughby City Council which she has been doing for the past 10 years. Beryl is also a member of the Lane Cove Aboriginal Reconciliation Group.

For her entire life, Beryl has exercised regularly belonging to the Thea Stanley Hughes Women's League of Health Movement from her 20s until it closed down in 1974. After trying some dance classes at the Wesley Centre and a few other classes Beryl settled on Yoga; she continues to attend a weekly class in Lane Cove.

Quite a woman, our Beryl !

