



# Naremburn Matters

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Naremburn Progress Association (NPA)

WILLOUGHBY  
Spring Festival



## Willoughby Street Fair Saturday 11 September

10:00 am – 4:00 pm Chatswood CBD

As its contribution to the Street Fair, the Willoughby District Historical Museum, a specialist centre in a 1913 Federation house at 58 Johnson Street, Chatswood, will be open for:

### 'Collectables at the Museum' - 11:30 am to 4:00 pm

Specialist dealers will have stalls selling antiques / Special collections will be on display / Guided tours of the museum / Visitors are invited to bring one item from their collection for assessment by an expert. Directions: a few minutes walk from The Mall and transport Interchange – walk south along Victor Street to Johnson Street and then east to No. 58; look for the yellow banner: the museum is across the road. Entry Fee: Adults \$10, Concession \$7, WDHS members \$5, Children \$3, Family \$15. - 9410 3203.

## Naremburn Community Centre Open Day

Saturday 18 September from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Displays by local user-groups and information for the community.

### Visit the Progress Association display

Fun for kids - KindiFarm - Jumping Castle, Face-painting, and more

Sausage Sizzle – Cake Stall – Afternoon Tea

## Naremburn Library @ the 7 Central Street Centre

Come and enjoy the Library's contribution to the Naremburn Community Centre Open Day, Saturday 18 September, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Great new books and magazines will be available for loan. Children can enjoy a colouring activity; all entries will be in a draw for quality book prizes.

Have you heard about our new Book Club Kits? Each one contains 10 books, a list of possible discussion topics, and some useful hints about running book clubs. Why not start your own book club using this marvellous resource? What a boon for Naremburn booklovers!

[www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/Naremburn-Library-Book-Club-Kits.html](http://www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/Naremburn-Library-Book-Club-Kits.html) for more suggestions.

Carnivale is coming to town next school holidays and Vikings will be the centre of attention. Join the Norwegian Viking Journey in the Library and find out more about Norwegian culture. The Library will be a lively place during the Viking Helmet Making Workshop for young Norsemen aged 5 to 12 years – join in the fun on Monday 27 September from 3.00 to 4.00pm. Younger children – up to 6 years – are invited to listen to exciting Nordic sagas at the Viking Storytime on Friday 1 October, 10.30 am to 11.15 am. Places fill fast so book early! Bookings taken for these free sessions from Monday 13 September at Naremburn (9439 5584) or Chatswood (9777 7900).

**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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Second Thursday excluding January and June  
 Naremburn Community Centre,  
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 Commencing at 7:30 pm with a  
 15 minute Open Forum

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## President – out and about

My 'out and about' section in our June issue concluded with a quotation describing three categories of people - those who make things happen - those who watch things happen - those who say 'What happened?' The draft WLEP 2009 which includes proposed re-zoning of additional houses in our suburb to medium density highlights this choice. Every Naremburn property owner received Council's Willoughby Local Environment Plan News with covering letter. It surprises me that many owners are unaware of the implications of the proposed changes. Perhaps some people confused the WLEP News with the quarterly Willoughby News?

At our general meetings, held 10 months of the year, on the second Thursday, we allocate the first 15 minutes to an Open Forum in which Naremburn residents can raise matters of concern in Naremburn. June's Open Forum ran for 60 minutes dominated by the concerns of owners whose significantly renovated and extended houses are on allotments included in Sites proposed for re-zoning to medium density in WLEP 2009. Those speaking at our June meeting had made submissions to WCC; it should be realised that not only do the re-zoning proposals concern affected individual homeowners, re-zoning also affects residents in homes opposite medium density developments - and the whole suburb.

While we appreciate that the State Government requires Councils to put forward plans for increased housing - 6,800 new dwellings for Willoughby City by 2020 - we also note Naremburn's unique character, one of Willoughby's oldest suburbs. It is already adversely impacted by traffic - (a) 10 lanes of expressway traffic that cut through the heart of our suburb, (b) the majority of our streets are made for horse and buggy, or Model-T at best, (c) commuter parking and traffic congestion. Councillor Coppock writes on WLEP issues in his article on the back page. We depend on our three Naremburn Ward Councillors to represent our interests; they represent us well but none of them are residents of our suburb. Let them know of your concerns.

Transport Issues: - the Artarmon-Naremburn Loop free shuttle bus Mondays 10:30 am to 6:00 pm has been poorly patronised. The trial finishes at the end of August; Council will review all of The Loop services throughout Willoughby City. We congratulate WCC on receiving a Local Government award for Excellence in Communication on The Loop service. We welcome the Route 40 Chatswood to Bondi Junction Metro Bus service - those new red buses - that provides an express run from Garland Road to Wynyard, taking the pressure off the 272. The Metro Bus Route 30 from Artarmon to Mascot provides Naremburn residents with an additional transport option.

The Willoughby Spring Festival is upon us; if you have misplaced your Official Guide you can pick one up at Council or at our Community Centre. With its theme of 'Nurture Nature' it promises to be our best festival yet - [www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au](http://www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au)

**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:** Set and due for payment at the Annual General Meeting, second Thursday of March; for the calendar year, January to December.

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

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### NPA Meeting Dates

#### 2010

Thursday 9 September  
 Thursday 14 October  
 Thursday 11 November  
 Thursday 9 December

#### 2011

*No meeting in January*  
 Thursday 10 February

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

### Next Issue: December 2010

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**December issue deadlines**

Ads: Monday 18 October  
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## Light up, light up!

No I'm not encouraging smoking - I'm referring to garden lighting!

For those of you who love your garden, courtyard, and outside space why not transform it when the sun goes down with some carefully placed lighting.

Garden lighting can keep you safe around your home like lighting up a pathway to the door - save you from falling over the kids' toys or walking through a spider's web - I must admit that watching someone do a spider dance is most amusing!

As well as being convenient, garden lighting can welcome visitors to your home, highlighting it and can add security to it when the lighting is connected to timers. In the garden you can uplight feature trees, accent plants, steps, pots, pathways, feature screens / statues. Lighting can even be used in ponds.

When planning to light up your garden, house, features, etc, you don't want to go overboard and light up everything - if you do then it would be easier to install a car park floodlight so you can turn night into day. It is best to highlight a few select areas / features to give your outdoor area a different look and feel at night.

Garden lighting is reasonably simple, all you need is a power source- an electrician can help you with that. From the power source you'll need a transformer - to convert the 240 volts to 12 volts so it's very safe - a few metres of lighting cable and some garden lights - the lights can range from \$35.00 and up depending on the size, shape and the material the light is made from - stainless steel, copper, etc.

Garden lighting, depending on the number of lights and transformers, is a reasonably priced project to fund and is economical to run.

Solar lights obviously cost nothing to run but don't work too well when installed under trees, etc, and really I'm yet to see a solar light that throws out a nice coloured decent amount of light!

Garden lighting is quite an easy DIY job - everyone loves that buzz word - and easier than you think, so, if you have some handy man skills – oops, sorry, handy person skills then head on down to the hardware or lighting shop and get creative.

Well, I hope I've helped and inspired you to light up your life!

**Andy**

41 Central Street



*Lighting effects in the urn and pond*



*Dramatic effects can be achieved*



### Naremburn FY10 Snapshot

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Peter and his team continue their dominance with 60% market share in the area. Notably these benchmark sales were recorded more rapidly than ever, with 9 out of 10 homes sold by the date of auction.

Over the year it took Peter and his team an average of only 11 days to secure a successful sale. Peter has successfully negotiated the sale of 85 homes in the past 12 months to the value of \$80 million.

Our prediction is for growth in the range of 5-10 % and continued record sales prices as renovated properties increasingly come to market. Original homes also remain in very high demand.

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

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## True or False

How well do you know the history of your suburb?

- 1 A former Federal Member for North Sydney still holds a key position in Canberra.
- 2 In 1922 Naremburn had a Glee Club that was organised by the local dentist.
- 3 Naremburn's two churches, St Cuthbert's Anglican Church and St Leonard's Catholic Church, as planned in the early 20th Century, were never completed.
- 4 A local identity, Jim Bundy, introduced the famous Speedwell bicycle to NSW.
- 5 A former Rugby Union International coached a Naremburn A grade team that had an "almost unbeaten record in the Eastern Suburbs Competition".

(Answers on page 6)

**Kevin FitzPatrick**  
Central Street

### 10 Tips to Stress Less

- Give someone you love a hug
- Play sport
- Go for a walk with a friend
- Share a joke
- Forgive
- Keep in touch with loved ones
- Read a book
- Mix with new, like-minded people
- Have time to your self
- Turn off the TV

National Mental Health Week 2005

## We heard from ....

### Nada (Western Sydney)

Nada decided to search for unclaimed super. When she keyed in 'Nada' up came Nada Children's Library, a Bank of New South Wales (Westpac) account not activated since 1982, address 13 Adolphus Street, Naremburn. Nada's Google brought up an article by Kevin FitzPatrick in the December 2009 issue of *Naremburn Matters* that had included mention of NADA Children's Library. Nada phoned to let us know as she had been determined to track down whoever had a rightful claim to the money.

Thank you, Nada!

**NADA background:** The NPA called a public meeting for 6 May 1947 to discuss a Public Hall for Naremburn; it was resolved that an Association be formed under the sponsorship of the Progress Association. On 21 May 1947 the inaugural meeting was held, the name chosen was Naremburn Amenities Development Association (NADA) with its fund-raising being for specific objectives including a Children's Library that eventually opened on 18 October 1958. NADA purchased books and equipment and NADA volunteers staffed the library until 1977 when Council's Library was established. Joan Raynard Warren, now deceased, was the NADA Treasurer of 13 Adolphus Street, The NPA, coincidentally a Westpac customer, is lodging a claim for the \$3,201.97; if successful, the funds will go for an item in the new library when Council renovates the Centre. A plaque on the wall to the Centre's entrance honours the NADA committee.

### Richard (USA)

Richard had been viewing *Rescue:Special Ops* on-line. He did a Google and came across True or False in the September 2009 issue of *Naremburn Matters* in which Kevin FitzPatrick had queried 'Naremburn was used as a location in one of the episodes of Channel 9's new series *Rescue:Special Ops*.' Richard had already discovered that the 'headquarters' set was somewhere near us and asked if we could help with its location.

### Helene (Naremburn)

Helene has been an NPA member for several years, and, like most NPA members, has not been actively involved in its work. Helene is an HR Manager and she emailed us to offer help in whatever way was needed.

As it happens, we have a project to identify and describe mini roles that members can play within the Association. Helene is now devising descriptions of tasks that we need to have covered, so that time-poor members who would like to lend a helping hand – or smile – can choose to help out on an occasional basis, or regularly, with a role that takes a small amount of time.

Thank you, Helene!

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## Earth Hour 2011

At a recent NPA Open Forum the celebration of next year's Earth Hour was queried. The 28 March 2009 event was a magnificent Earth Hour Festival at Nareburn Park, organised by WCC and supported by the Nareburn Progress

Association, the Artarmon Progress Association and the North Shore Climate Action Group.

The NPA wrote to the General Manager on 10 June requesting a 2011 event in Nareburn Park; this went to the Cultural Events Committee on 6 July and then to Council on 28 July 2010. Marcia Waller, Community Services Director responded:-

"....The focus of the Earth Hour Event has now changed from a large scale event to low scale community events to encourage people to support social sustainable events. Council's Environmental team plan to rotate a small activity, such as that held in Artarmon, this year, to other areas ....

Council does, however, have a precedent wherein we give support to Progress Associations which organise self-run festivals. If the Nareburn Progress Association wishes to take the lead in organizing a community event at Nareburn Park for 2011 Council can assist with project management advice and in-kind assistance such as traffic management and marketing...."

Earth Hour 2011 is Saturday 26 March between 8:30 pm and 9:30 pm. Send ideas for Nareburn's celebration to – [Nareburn.Matters@nareburnprogress.org.au](mailto:Nareburn.Matters@nareburnprogress.org.au)

## This Association is 110 years old in 2011

The Nareburn Progress Association is the oldest Progress Association in Willoughby City.

In 1901 the people of Nareburn felt that their area was "still the neglected outskirts of the Borough of Willoughby". A group of public-spirited residents called a public meeting in the Temperance Hall – 31 Central Street – on Wednesday 27 November 1901; a Willoughby Civil Heritage Plaque in the footpath lists this meeting at which the motion was put "that those present form themselves into a Progress Association".

The vision of these residents was for a better Nareburn. This has remained a constant for the NPA over the years. The Association has fought for our suburb and its people with challenges on many fronts; saving the remnant Nareburn Shops; the destruction of many homes in the State Government's push for expressways. The NPA has continued through World War I, the Great Depression, World War II – and the GFC! Nareburn should celebrate these 110 years. Tell us how! Tell us where!

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## Children

A baby is an angel whose wings decrease as his legs increase.

– *French Proverb*

Perhaps parents would enjoy their children more if they stopped to realise that the film of childhood can never be run through for a second showing.

– *Evelyn Nown*

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## Comic Corner

At our supermarket, I noticed a woman with four boys and a baby. Her patience was wearing thin as the boys called out, "Mommy! Mommy!" while she tried to shop. Finally, she blurted out, "I don't want to hear the word mommy for at least ten minutes!" The boys fell silent for a few seconds. Then one tugged on his mother's dress and said softly, "Excuse me, miss."

– *Dennis Dook, Beliefnet*



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## True or False

### 1 TRUE

The "gorgeous golden ceremonial key" which Billy Hughes used for the opening of the Commonwealth Bank in August 1916 is one of the national treasures on show at the National Library of Australia in Canberra

### 2 TRUE

St Cuthbert's Friendly Society organised The Glee Club in 1922 under the tuition of the organist, Mr Selby New, Naremburn's dentist. His practice was in the premises that are now Naremburn Medical Centre.

### 3 TRUE

St Cuthbert's built in 1919 and St Leonard's built in 1913 were never completed according to their plans. St Cuthbert's temporary wooden sanctuary was replaced with the Ministry Centre in 2009 and St Leonard's incomplete church building was completed with the installation in 1955 of the bricked entrance and bell tower.

### 4 FALSE

Jim Bundy was born in St Leonards in 1926. The Speedwell, the oldest brand bicycle in NSW, was introduced in 1897.

Jim built cycles for some of our most successful cyclists, was a member of the Northern Suburbs Cycling Club known as 'The Redbacks'. His son Peter continues the family business, Bundy Cycles, in Riverwood.

### 5 TRUE

John 'Dinny' Campbell represented Australia in Rugby Union, switched to League, played for Eastern Suburbs in 1910-12 and 1921, Centre and 5/8. Dinny played alongside Dally M in Easts' first Premiership side. He also played for NSW and played nine Seasons in England.

## Traffic issues in the western area of Naremburn

The NPA's report to WCC on the effect of the temporary closure of the Ella Street Bridge included requests for actions to be taken to improve traffic and safety in the short term. At the 16 June WCC Traffic Committee Meeting the matters raised by the NPA (in bold) were reviewed and the actions agreed to at that meeting are:-

- **Council's Mobile Speed Display Trailer to be located in Station Street:** *Station Street has been added to the list of locations for the speed display trailer.*
- **Police booking of motorists for speeding in Dalleys, Station, Park, and Francis Streets:** *Police are requested to provide surveillance to speed limits in the area particularly on the shoulders of peak periods when traffic count data for streets in the area suggests speeding is more prevalent and when traffic volumes are still quite high 7-8am and 6:30 to 7:30p.m are suggested as appropriate time periods*
- **Police RBT in Park Road during evening peak hours on varying days:** *This issue will also be passed onto the police.*
- **Monitoring of parking between Dalleys Road and the Station traffic calming device:** *Council's compliance officers will be requested to monitor parking activity within the No Stopping zone on approach to this traffic calming device.*
- **Police monitoring of the Dalleys and Northcote intersection stop sign compliance:** *Police will be asked to monitor the lack of adherence to the STOP restriction at this location.*
- **Council ranger booking of vehicles parked too close to corners or driveways:** *Council's Parking Officers already have a heavy presence in the area however this particular issue will be passed on to them for specific attention.*

The introduction of pedestrian refuges or marked pedestrian crossings on Park Road near Naremburn Park will be further investigated.

## Naremburn Park complaints

At the May meeting, NPA members complained about conditions at Naremburn Park. A letter was sent to Steven Head, WCC's Director Infrastructure Services. His response includes the following information:-

- **Rubbish Dumping** – this should be reported to WCC's Help and Service Centre on 9777 1000. Compliance staff investigate and action removals.
- **Clean-up after Sports Hirers** – subsequent to the NPA written comments, WCC sent reminder letters to the relevant sports hirers to clean-up after sporting events.
- **Solar Lights not Working** – water entry was detected and replacement/repairs were underway.

The NPA has representatives on the Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group that exists as was recommended by its Plan of Management (POM). The NPA queried why there was not a similar body for Naremburn Park. The Plan of Management for Naremburn Park does not contain such a recommendation; there are "no plans currently to establish further Advisory Committees for individual parks".



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## Naremburn Neighbourhood Watch

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### Seasonal change

All things change with the seasons, even crime. This is particularly so in the Naremburn area.

The first and most important reason for this is our community spirit. In our area Neighbourhood Watch activity is very low-key. This is due to the very low level of crime we generally experience. However, the community spirit and cohesiveness that exists in most streets in our area means that anything unusual is noticed and we look out for each other.

This gives rise to an interesting phenomenon, though, that any change in the crime rate is readily detected.

The second reason for seasonal variance is that with the coming of the warmer weather our break and enter rate generally undergoes a dramatic increase.

In winter we generally keep in doors with the doors and windows fully closed and often locked. Once the warmer weather comes we like to live both inside and outside.

This year the weather boffins are predicting we will have a very early warm, wet spring.

For reasons we don't quite understand our area is targeted each warm season by a group of thieves that:

- Operate mostly in the early hours.
- Occasionally strike in the late afternoon.
- Seem to know the movements of their victims.
- Enter through windows and doors left open to allow air to circulate.

- Quietly and efficiently take easy to access valuables.
- Consist of two or three men aged around their early twenties. They are tall, thin and athletic and can climb fences, etc, easily.

Everyone likes open windows and doors and it would be great if we didn't have to worry about things like this, but the reality is we do have to.

We can have security and fresh air, though. Many hardware stores and locksmiths have a range of window and door locks that allow the window or door to be locked in an open position too slim to allow a person access. Sliding doors and windows can be easily managed with a piece of wood of a suitable length and strength being placed in the run of the opening door.

Doggy doors for large dogs should also be locked at night, sorry Fido.

If you do end up in a situation where you think there is an intruder in your house, please don't do what they do on the telly and get up and go and investigate. This rarely ends well. Call 000, do what you can to quietly make you and your family secure where you are and let the police handle it.

### When you are out the back

Another issue that we have had in the past is that people spend time outside in their front or back yards in the warmer weather.

We have had people brazenly wandering into houses through unattended doors and taking available valuables. So, if you are

going to spend some time in the back yard it would be wise to lock your front door and vice versa.

### Generally on strangers

People visiting or strolling down the street generally look as if they belong in a neighbourhood. Often, but not always, people 'casing the joint' seem different or as if they don't belong.

If you see people hanging around that don't seem to belong please don't be afraid to alert the police at the station: 9414 8499. They will generally send someone to have a chat, unless they are super busy and can't spare anyone. Even if they are busy and can't send someone, they will log the details and therefore have a description on file if anything does happen in the area.

Many years ago now, there was a gang of organised criminals operating throughout the northern suburbs of Sydney. They had come in from overseas specifically for the purpose of a break and enter spree. They were captured in this area after a Naremburn resident noticed three men and a car matching the description circulated by police parked in one of our streets and alerted police. It can work.

### 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



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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



**Cr Stuart Coppock**  
Naremburn Ward

## Draft WLEP 2009 - there is a bigger challenge

The reaction to the Draft Willoughby Local Environment Plan 2009 has been strenuous and rigorous.

Several issues come out of all this and these are the ad hoc nature of uplift in zoning areas that are close to public transport, the challenge to Conservation Zones and adjacent areas, and the feasibility of simply re zoning land which could never be consolidated until a substantial fall in land values.

The draft WLEP public exhibition finished at the end of May. The Officers are reviewing each of the

submissions, preparing summaries and considering the issues that have been raised. About 1,000 submissions have been received. Most of the submissions were in relation to the up-zoning of residential 2 (a) land such as in Artarmon, Naremburn and Northbridge, to R3 medium density that allows for multiple dwellings. It is expected that the Report back to Council for consideration of each of the areas proposed for zoning uplift will at the earliest be at the end of this calendar year.

Council Officers have arranged some economic analysis of the viability of some of the proposed residential re zonings as this has been an issue raised and several re zoning requests, separate to the draft WLEP, have been submitted for Council to consider.

However, there is a bigger issue in the challenge to meet the successive NSW State Governments requirement to increase density in areas close to CBD Sydney and close to public transport. The on-going debate of which areas to re zone will continue unless the residents of Willoughby City Council make a clear election to significantly upgrade some areas of the City.

The proposed WLEP uplifts in Naremburn would deliver about 200 new dwellings in the suburb. Yet it is possible to create 2000 new dwellings within the Chatswood CBD. The arithmetic seems to be attractive. The politics is a bit more difficult.

Residents complain about the Chatswood high rise and the traffic within the CBD. Yet, the concept of high rise density when done to a plan brings with it an environment which has open spaces, facilities and services associated with major world-recognised urban centres and if planned, security and safety.

In the current environment with the draft WLEP the clear expression by residents of a vision that offers two clear life styles within the City of the high density urban lifestyle to the more traditional lifestyle of medium density and free-standing residential dwellings would act as a catalyst for a change in planning direction.

I am interested in hearing opinions on this issue and having discussions on this issue. I can be contacted on 0428 440 629 or through the Council website.

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*Editor: The Naremburn sites in the proposed re-zoning to R3 medium density are:-*

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| Site No. 22: | 4-10 Quiamong Road, 1-5 Rohan Street; (behind Naremburn Shops)   |
| Site No. 23: | 242-248 Willoughby Road, 2-8 Dalley's 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)  |

