



Naremburn Matters

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The newsletter of the
Naremburn Progress Association (NPA)



Peter Chauncy of McGrath Estate Agents will be guest speaker at the NPA meeting on Thursday 8 September 7:30 pm, Community Centre

- Consistent strong performance has rewarded Peter with a ranking amongst Australia's Top 1% of Real Estate Agents
- He holds a market share of over 60% in Naremburn for past 3 years
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- Winner of the NSW Real Estate Institute Award for Excellence in Residential Sales 2006 as well as the 2007 winner for Australasia
- Over 500 Residential sales on the North Shore in the past 5 years
- Peter has sold over \$200 million worth of real estate in the last two years alone
- Constantly rated as one of McGrath's top 5 Agents

Naremburn Community Centre Open Day

Pop along to the Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street and join local community groups who will showcase their crafts, talents and activities.

There will also be fun for the children including face-painting, kindi farm, jumping castle, arts and crafts and a sausage sizzle for families.

Find out what's happening in your community and join us for a fun-filled day.

Saturday, 3 September, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Naremburn Library News

The exciting new Chatswood Library on The Concourse will open on Monday 19 September in a spacious modern setting.

The 5,000+ square metres of floor space will enable Chatswood Library to offer expanded collections, spaces for children and young adults, study areas, meeting rooms and more public access computers. There will be a larger Local Studies Collection with both current and historical information about the City of Willoughby, as well as genealogical resources. Popular programs will resume, such as Preschool Story time, Baby Bounce, School Holiday Activities, Book and Movie Lovers' Clubs, Talks@Willoughby, English Conversation Classes, Justice of the Peace Service and Internet Tutorials.

For more information phone go to www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/Library. During the temporary closure of Chatswood Library, Naremburn Library and the other Willoughby City Library branches (Artarmon, Castle Cove, Castlecrag, Northbridge and West Chatswood) will continue to open during their usual hours, so please visit soon. You can use your Willoughby library card at North Sydney (Stanton), Lane Cove, Manly and Mosman Libraries. When you next come to Naremburn Library, please ask for more information and enquire about free, enjoyable school holiday activities for your children.

Mondays - 2:30 to 5:00 pm; Thursdays - 2:30 to 5:00 pm; Saturdays - 9:30 to 12:00 noon - 9439 5584

Diana Revington, Naremburn Librarian

NAREMBURN VILLAGE SHOPS

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General Meetings

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

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President – out and about

Welcome to the Spring edition of Naremburn Matters! What an exciting time for our Community, particularly with the opening of The Concourse at Chatswood and the upcoming Spring Festival! There is so much going on that I hope you take the opportunity to be involved in the celebrations.

The Executive of the Progress Association have been busy on their various sub-committees. The most notable of these is the Events Sub-Committee which is organising the 110 year Birthday celebration of the founding of the Naremburn Progress Association. Two events are being planned. The first and most formal event will take place on Saturday evening, 26 November at the Community Centre. All financial members of the Progress Association will be invited to this celebration. Keep an eye on the Post for your invitation. If you are not a financial member, then please consider applying for membership of the Progress Association so that you can join us at the official celebrations. It will be a great evening! Then on the following day, Sunday 27 November, there will be a street party in Central Street, as the inaugural meeting of the Naremburn Progress Association was held on 27 November 1901 in the then Temperance Hall at number 31.

Issues that the Progress Association is currently looking at include further beautification of the garden areas around the Naremburn Shops. This is part of the Gateway to our suburb and we should be proud of this area. I welcome input from members of our Community. Kevin FitzPatrick continues with interviews for the Oral History of Naremburn. Peter Turner, Barry Shaw and I are Naremburn Progress Association representatives on the Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group. Residents from around the Garland Road area have raised concerns about parking issues on the weekends. Representatives from Willoughby City Council have acknowledged that this is a continuing problem and have advised that Council Rangers are patrolling the area. They have recommended that if residents are having issues with illegal parking, to contact the after-hours phone number 0417 266 729 and a Ranger will attend.

I welcome residents to contact either me at president@naremburnprogress.org.au or other members of the Executive if you have any suggestions or ideas for enhancing our suburb or if you have any issues that you wish us to raise with Willoughby City Council on your behalf. Consider attending a General Meeting! Over the coming months, we will have guest speakers presenting on a range of topics that are of interest to our Community.

Congratulations to Ronan Ahern and all who volunteered for the annual National Tree Day on 31 July to plant trees around our suburb. They are doing well and will be a wonderful asset to Naremburn.

So until the next Naremburn Matters in December take care and I look forward to seeing many more of you at our General Meetings held on the second Thursday of the month as well as joining us for the 110 year celebrations in November.

Frances O'Brien
President NPA

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December issue deadlines

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Articles: Wednesday 2 November

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NPA Meeting Dates

**Second Thursdays
7:30 pm**

8 September 2011

13 October 2011

10 November 2011

8 December 2011

**Naremburn
Community Centre
7 Central Street**

Who can be a member of the Naremburn PA?

- Naremburn residents – 18 years and over;
- Non-resident Naremburn property owners;
- People who run businesses in Naremburn.

\$10 per person per annum

\$5 Concession per person per annum

Fees for the calendar year are set in March and are due for payment by 15 June each year in order to retain membership rights.

www.naremburnprogress.org.au

Is Render on Your Agenda?

Do you have an unsightly concrete or brick fence, shed, wall or even house? Even if you have something that's unsightly and it's not made of concrete or brick, why not blue board it first?

On television we have cooked, sat and ate our way through a spate of cooking shows and I'm sure we have eaten too much and can't move just like Christmas time! Not far away now! Where has the year gone?

Now the shows are into the renovating régime which brings me to render or bagging which can fix your unsightliness – I'm referring to your unsightly concrete or brick fence, walls – not from eating too much!

Where was I going with the cooking, renovating show thing?? Well I always think of rendering or bagging as icing for a wall just like icing on a cake, it always finishes it off well especially if the cake looks a little distorted or ugly – maybe that's just what happens in my kitchen!

Well I'm sure you get the point and I think I need a piece of cake before I can continue but don't worry I will burn off the calories renovating!

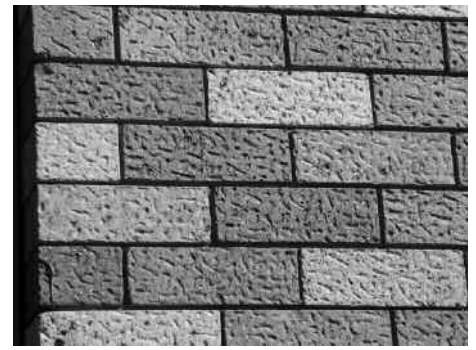
Rendering or bagging can improve the look of brick fences, walls. It can disguise ugly colour bricks, hide the areas of walls or fences that have been extended and you can't match the existing brick size or colour etc.

If your unsightly area can't be improved with say a bit of lattice then why not build a screen using blue board which can be rendered – this also can be a lighter weight way of creating a solid looking wall from scratch, maybe for a garden feature wall, screen out a neighbour and create privacy or even for a house extension up or out?

Whether you have a nice smooth render or a more rough bagged looked you can paint it or even add an oxide into render mix to give your wall colour.

So go on grab your spatulas get out of the kitchen and get ready to render.

I really need to eat some cake now!!



Plain brick wall that could be improved!



Besser Block retaining wall un-bagged on the right hand side, bagged on the left just needs to be painted.

Andy

41 Central Street



Peter Chauncy and his team at McGrath

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If you have any questions regarding the current market or wish to have a confidential conversation about your home, we would love to hear from you. All the best for now, Peter Chauncy & his Team.

**Peter Chauncy
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110th birthday celebrations for the NPA

The NPA was founded on 27 November 1901 at the Temperance Hall at what is now 31 Central Street, Nareburn within 'Central Township'. On 27 November 2011, Central Street will be closed for a celebratory

Community Street Party

Watch for the flyer in your street mail box in early November.

Come join in the fun!!

Census 2011

Pleasing to report for the Census taking in our suburb that Kevin FitzPatrick, former President of the NPA and current NPA Secretary was the ABS Area Supervisor. All 8 collectors are residents of Nareburn and two of them are NPA members. It also seems that Nareburn may have surpassed the national average for eCensus. Well done! The team thanks you for your friendly response and co-operation.

How to join the NPA

Download a Membership Application Form:
http://nareburnprogress.org.au/docs/membership/NPA-Membership%20App-2010_2.pdf

Pay by Cheque:

Nareburn Progress Association
 PO Box 393 St Leonards NSW 1590

Pay by EFT:

BSB 032 297, ACC 20 1474,
 YOUR LAST NAME

Mail your application form to:

PO Box 393 St Leonards NSW 1590

No Internet access?

Phone 9439 8119 for an Application Form

Membership Fee:

\$10 per person, paid each year
 \$5 Concession, per person, paid each year

Suspension Bridge – not Long Gully Bridge

There was a bit of a stir at NPA meetings when the RTA process of installing safety barriers to prevent suicides from the Suspension Bridge resulted in the RTA calling it 'Long Gully Bridge'. Between September 2010 and March 2011, I emailed the RTA requesting the historical background to the name change and elicited a promise shortly before the State Election that the name would be queried with the RTA's external heritage consultants. On 13 April I received a phone call stating that the RTA had made an administrative error and that an email to the relevant parties would be sent; it was sent that evening. At the May NPA meeting it was decided to defer the issue of bridge naming to the Willoughby Heritage Advisory Committee (WHAC) and North Sydney Council. On 1 June, the RTA emailed us to say:

"Following your recent feedback it is clear that there is both strong historical and popular support for naming the bridge SUSPENSION BRIDGE. The changes have been updated in the RTA S170 Heritage Register: <http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/index.cgi?action=heritage.show&id=4309506>. The amendments to the modifications field for the safety barrier and the updated photographs will appear via the internet when the upgrade of the register is complete – hopefully within the next few months. Again we apologise for the original naming error and any confusion that it has caused."

Trisha FitzPatrick
 Editor, NM

Webmaster? We need you in the NPA!

The Nareburn Progress Association was very fortunate that, in 2008, NPA members Nigel Smith and Rebecca Lazenby volunteered to build and maintain our website www.nareburnprogress.org.au. Sad to say they are no longer able to maintain the website. Completed articles and news items, vetted by the Executive, as well as meeting minutes and a copy of each issue of Nareburn Matters, are sent to the webmaster so that the site can be updated; and he/she keeps it running.

Can you step up to the plate for this one??

Please contact Kevin FitzPatrick on 9439 8119 or secretary@nareburnprogress.org.au

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Streets and Lanes of Naremburn named after Progress Association members

Burke Lane: John Burke, a founding member of our Progress Association 1901.

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

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

Crowley Lane: Jeremy Crowley was the first Treasurer of the NPA in 1901.

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

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

Hutton Lane: Mr Hutton was an early member of the NPA and an Alderman of Willoughby Council.

John Allen Lane: John Allen lived in Olympia Road; a member of the NPA, he held various positions; President of the Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations (FWPA) from 1995 until his death in September 2007.

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

McBurney Street: After Harold McBurney, active in local affairs; Foundation President of the NPA 27 November 1901, later elected to Willoughby Council.

Rohan Street: After Joseph Rohan, active in local affairs; Foundation Secretary of the NPA 27 November 1901.

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

We thank our public-minded Naremburn residents who founded the NPA, the first progress association in the Willoughby Council area, on 27 November 1901.



31 Central Street, formerly The Temperance Hall, where NPA foundation meeting held 27 November 1901.



Naremburn Community Centre, a vision of NPA-sponsored NADA that was set up to fund-raise.

We'll meet you on The Concourse

Join us for a Community Open Day, 12 noon to 4pm, Saturday 10 September.

For the first time the doors of The Concourse will open and you are invited to drop in for an exclusive preview.

Be one of the first on site, take a look inside the Concert Hall, Theatre and library and find out more about shows and performances.

The Community Open Day will be held as part of the Willoughby StreetFair. Tours depart from the box office.

The Governor of New South Wales, Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir AC, CVO will officially open The Concourse. You are also invited to join in the celebrations on The Concourse 4.30pm, Saturday 17 September.



Gore Hill Memorial Cemetery

Annual Spring Tour

Sunday,
6 November
11:00 am

Behind the trees on the Pacific Highway opposite Greenwich Road and in front of RNSH lies Gore Hill Memorial Cemetery. Many people don't know of its existence and that it is a State Heritage Site. The cemetery is emerging phoenix-like from the bushes and weeds; the heritage structures have all been conserved; the heritage fence along the Pacific Highway is to be restored and repainted.

The cemetery now has a Columbarium (niche wall) for the placement of ashes near the St Mary MacKillop burial precinct. As well as the 'new' there are many old heritage monuments to important and interesting past residents of Sydney.

The term of the current Trust that manages the cemetery expires on 30 June 2012. People interested in a position on the Trust as a Community Representative (joining those from the Heritage Council, National Trust, Willoughby Council, Lane Cove Council and Friends of Gore Hill Memorial Cemetery) could join the tour to find out more about the cemetery.

Parking off Westbourne Street, Gore Hill

Good walking shoes – 1.5-2.0 hours duration. Meet at Cnr Westbourne Street/Pacific Highway

Tour cost \$10 – Book now, pay on day.

John May 9906 5106

Love Food Hate Waste – top five tips

- Plan your weekly meals to save time and money
- Write a shopping list and check the fridge and cupboard before you go
- Measure serving sizes
- Store your food correctly – air tight containers help keep food fresher for longer
- Use your leftovers for an easy week night meal

WCC has received a \$20,000 grant from the Office of Heritage and Environment (OHE) to continue the popular Love Food Hate Waste program and help combat the growing environmental and economic issues of food waste. New South Wales households currently generate 800,000 tonnes of food waste each year, equating to \$2.5 billion worth of food.

In the Willoughby City Council area alone, close to \$25 million worth of food is wasted annually. The Love Food Hate Waste program aims to raise awareness of the scale of food waste within households and provide tips on how to reduce this waste and save money.

Lyrebirds in Bicentennial Reserve

After a twenty year absence in Willoughby's bushland, lyrebirds are now returning to the area with two sightings reported in Bicentennial Reserve and Castlecrag.

One of Australia's best-known native birds, lyrebirds have an extraordinary mimicking ability and males are recognised for their striking long tail feathers.

As a result of Willoughby City Council's designated Wildlife Protection Areas and the successful fox and feral cat control program, Willoughby has seen an increase of wildlife recently, with echidnas, bandicoots, brush-turkeys and wallabies returning to the local bushland to nest and forage.

Willoughby Spring Festival Events include:

- Open Day, Community Centre – Sat 3 Sep 9:30 am-3:00 pm – free event
- Tales of Flat Rock Creek, Museum – Sun 4, 11, 18, 25 Sep – 1:00 pm-4:00 pm
- Farm Gate Bus Tour, Hawkesbury Basin; trace where your food comes from – Wed 7 Sep 8:30 am – free event, bookings 9777 7674, bus departs 31 Victor St
- Street Fair, Chatswood CBD – Sat 10 Sep 10:00 am-4:00 pm – free event
- Faces of Willoughby Official Opening – Sat 10 Sep 12 Noon-4:00pm – free event
- The Concourse Open Day – Sat 10 Sep 12 Noon-4:00 pm – free event
- Willoughby Leisure Centre Open Day – Sat 24 Sep 9:00 am-1:00 pm – free event
- Inaugural Willoughby Fun Run – Sat 24 Sep 7:30 am – Small Street – 9958 5766
- Rediscover Cycling – Sat 24 Sep 9:00 am-4:00pm – Leisure Centre – free event
- Combined Churches Celebration, The Concert Hall – Sun 25 Sep 2:00 pm

Further information in the Willoughby Spring Festival Official Guide

www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/springfestival

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Naremburn Neighbourhood Watch

September 2011

Learning about the law

This article was originally going to be about Internet safety and related issues.

However, researching for the article we found that the NSW Bar Association has produced an excellent booklet that introduces the basics of the law and individuals in an easy to read fashion.

The booklet can be found at:

<http://www.whysouldi.com.au/>.

This booklet includes a number of interactive cartoons that can be used to teach children, and adults, about the law and how it applies to them.

Internet Safety

Back to Internet safety; as the NSW Police website says:

“As a parent, you wouldn't think of leaving your children alone in a strange neighbourhood, allowing them to stroll through an adult bookstore or let them wander aimlessly on a busy street or highway. Similarly, no responsible parent would permit their child to have secret meetings with strangers.”

While most parents would agree with this statement, many parents allow their children to have social networking and Internet access that is not effectively monitored. Their children could be being

exposed to all these things without their knowledge.

The age at which parents allow children to have laptops, Internet access and social networking pages is reducing every day.

Some of this comes with the demands of many schools that children have tools such as laptops and Internet access to allow them to do and submit homework. However, schools don't insist that students have access to inappropriate sites or social networking pages.

As parents we pay for the computer equipment and Internet access for our children. Like other things we pay for we have a say in how they are used and therefore have the right to set parental controls for the Internet and our children's passwords to sites where they may be exposed to dangers they may not be aware of or be able to handle.

If our children decided that they would use their bicycles to ride repeatedly along the train tracks we would confiscate the bikes, yet many parents feel that they cannot monitor their children's Internet usage as it would invade their privacy.

NSW Police have a website containing a great deal of information. One section is devoted to Internet safety and can be found at:

http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/community_issues/internet_safety

There is a section of this site that deals briefly with the issue of cyber bullying and gives links to other sites. These other sites are:

Cybersmart – a government site that has lots of information for kids, teens and parents and has a section with parent resources too.

<http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/>

Think you know – run by a federal organisation that is endorsed by the Australian Federal Police. This site is split into two sections, one for parents and one for teens and young people. The parental side has interactive training resources for parents to teach you all you need to know to keep your kids safe on the web.

<http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/>

Email network

If you would like to join our email report service please email us at naremnhw@tpg.com.au.

Sue Howes

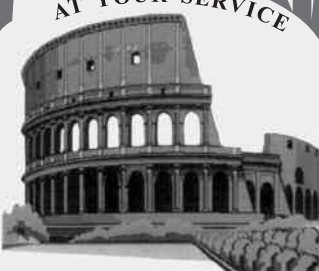
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Naremburn Community Centre Activities

Naremburn Progress Association

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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 3304 (Lorna)

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



Council and Amalgamation

As I sit down to write these notes, I see that the Australian stock market fell by almost 5% this morning. The fall was a response to a drop of a similar percentage on Wall Street overnight.

While some pundits have been saying that Australia is becoming less tied to the fortunes of the USA, today's performance reminds me of the high degree

of interdependence that exists throughout the world. Australia is unlikely to prosper if those around us are in chaos or crisis.

There is an analogous situation at the local level. It is my view that the City of Willoughby will find it difficult to flourish while other less fortunate areas languish. There have been calls for council amalgamations from the Institute of Engineers and business groups. While I see little direct benefit for Willoughby City, I believe your council should maintain a watching brief on developments and provide input to higher authorities on our views, lest we find ourselves reacting to change, rather than contributing to a change process.

Most Australian states have forced council amalgamations one way or another. While the present New South Wales government has indicated that it will not use force, it is beginning to make noises on the subject. Voluntary amalgamations have proven difficult to consummate in many cases in rural New South Wales, so it is likely there will be a mixture of carrot and stick to induce them. In my view, Willoughby cannot afford to put its head in the sand as some have suggested recently.

Some cooperation occurs through NSROC (Northern Suburbs Regional Organisation of Councils). It is an effective voice when consensus is found on issues such as State plans for regional development. Regional projects are a different matter as issues arise on how spoils of development will be shared. Nor is the Federal government willing to deal with individual New South Wales councils on matters relating to funding for regional needs.

Willoughby has been unable to win Federal financial support for The Concourse despite its regional impact. In my view, the long lead time was a contributing factor. In all probability, lead time would have been longer with a number of Councils involved, with the potential for changes of heart by participants as their circumstances change. One answer would be to have Councils of sufficient size that the Feds will engage.

Mention of The Concourse reminds me to thank Council staff for the enormous efforts they have made to prepare for the imminent opening. I am confident that they will be rewarded as the venues show their merits.

Please join in the fun of the annual Spring Festival which, this year, is the vehicle to showcase our new venues and library. While ticket prices will vary according to the artists involved, I am pleased to report that the Willoughby Musical Society is charging a modest \$47.50 for its opening show 'The Boy from Oz'.

Come along to a show, I expect you will be delighted by your experience.

Cr Barry Thompson

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Cr Thompson is one of three Naremburn Ward Councillors who contribute regularly to Naremburn Matters

