



Naremburn Matters

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The newsletter of the
Naremburn Progress Association (NPA)

NPA Annual General Meeting – Calling All NPA Members!

Like all similar organisations, the Naremburn Progress Association needs to hold an Annual General Meeting each year and ours is set down for Thursday 14 March 2013, commencing at 7:30 pm at the Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street. Do I hear groans of anticipated boredom and frustration?

Maybe a quick rundown on what needs to happen, and why, may prick your interest and persuade you to come along and get involved... So here's a few FAQs to get you started, and lift the veil of secrecy sometimes surrounding such meetings.

Why have an AGM?

Principally because our NPA Constitution registered in June 2004 at our incorporation, demands one.

What happens at the AGM?

During the meeting the President provides an Annual Report of the previous year's activities to 31 December, the Association's financial statement for the same period is then tabled. Following these, all Executive Committee Member positions are declared vacant and a Returning Officer conducts the Elections for all vacated positions. We have been fortunate to obtain Cr Michelle Sloane to act in this capacity for our forthcoming AGM.

What positions are to be elected?

All Executive Committee Member positions are elected annually. President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer are Office Bearer positions, with up to three (3) additional positions as General Committee Members also available. The Executive Committee is empowered to run the affairs of the Association, and also appoints the Public Officer.

What else happens?

NPA is also represented on a number of other groups, such as the Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations (FWPA), Naremburn Community Centre User Group, Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group. Delegates are nominated and elected to each of these positions.

And finally?

The Treasurer gets to propose Membership Fees for the current year, then we vote on that recommendation. Incidentally, those Fees become due and payable at the AGM and must be received by 15 June for your membership to remain financial through to 31 December 2013.

Who is eligible to stand for these positions?

Candidates must be financial members of the NPA in order to be nominated. If you aren't currently an NPA member, please take this as an invitation to join! Membership fees are relatively modest (\$10 pa, or \$5 pa for concession.) See page 7 for how to join.

So if you are interested in local community issues then we want you to come along and get involved!

Even if you aren't ready to take on an Executive Committee position, please become a member of the NPA so you can be fully informed on local happenings.

See you at the meeting – 7:30 pm Thursday 14 March at the Naremburn Community Centre.

Roger Promnitz
Public Officer, NPA

**NAREMBURN
VILLAGE SHOPS**

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David Waters
7 June 2005

For the latest on the Community Centre upgrade see page 4 of this issue





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General Meetings

Second Thursday of the month
excluding January and July
Naremburn Community Centre
7 Central Street

Commencing at 7:30 pm with an Open Forum

**Naremburn Matters
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President – out and about

Welcome to the first issue of *Naremburn Matters* for 2013.

As you may recall from previous issues of *Naremburn Matters*, we have been seeking expressions of interest for someone to take over the role of Editor. We received some excellent applications and have accepted Zoe Harpham's offer to become the next Editor of *Naremburn Matters* – see her brief profile on page 5. Trisha FitzPatrick, our former Editor, agreed to drive this March issue, and, to remain a support for Zoe as she takes over the reins as the Editor for the June issue. We are indebted to Trisha FitzPatrick for her assistance in enabling this March issue to go to print.

Channel 9 Site Redevelopment

By now many of you would have received the email that Bob Taffel, Acting President of the Willoughby South Progress Association, sent to us to circulate to our NPA members seeking signatures to an electronic petition – due to time constraints and the large area to be covered – www.communityrun.org/petitions/channel-nine-site-redevelopment. If anyone has concerns regarding this petition, Bob is happy to clarify the issues. I believe that many Naremburn residents are unaware of the impact that this redevelopment will have not only on Naremburn, but also on Willoughby City as a whole. This may be your last opportunity to have your say. We need to move swiftly. Hard copies of the petition are at the Naremburn shops. See also page 5 of this issue.

Schools for our local area

The lack of a school for Naremburn as well as overcrowding at Artarmon Public School, Willoughby Public School and Cammeray Public School continues to be a significant issue for our area. This was highlighted at a November community meeting held at Willoughby Girls High School and organised by Steph Croft, President of the Northern Sydney Council of P&Cs. The Department of Education and Training has acknowledged that schools in this area have reached capacity and that this needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency. With the potential residential redevelopment of the Channel 9 site – see page 5 – this is becoming even a greater issue for our community.

Bells in the Spire at St Leonard's Catholic Church Naremburn

On Sunday 7 April, the bells having been installed in the bell tower will be dedicated and following this ceremony, the bells will be "open rung" for the first time. This will be a significant day for the St Leonard's Church as it also marks its Centenary. It will be a vice regal occasion with the Governor of New South Wales in attendance.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Naremburn Progress Association will be held on Thursday 14 March 2013 at 7:30 pm in the Naremburn Community Centre. I encourage you to attend and to consider becoming active in the Association and its community. We are facing significant issues that will impact Naremburn. The election of the Executive Committee of the NPA occurs at the AGM. Membership renewals are due as at the AGM.

Frances O'Brien
President, NPA

Next Issue: June 2013

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

June issue deadlines

Ad Booking: Monday 29 April
Ad Artwork: Monday 6 May
Articles: Wednesday 8 May

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NPA Meeting Dates

**Second Thursdays
7:30 pm**

14 March 2013
AGM & monthly meeting
12 April 2013
10 May 2013
13 June 2013

**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

Sun or Shade?

Do you have a sunny courtyard and or backyard? Would you like some shade on those really sunny warm to hot days so you can enjoy that outside area all the time?

- Have you thought about a verandah or portico? These provide full block out with a solid roof using either iron sheeting or even roof tiles. The roof lines can be flat or pinched and can be built to match and tie in with the style of your house so it doesn't stand out like an obvious add on. It is very expensive but is permanent and you will need council permission. At an extra cost some verandah roofs can open and close to allow more light in winter time. A solid roof gives shade all year round.
- A pergola usually has an open roof. You can grow creepers over the top like an ornamental grapevine – summer shade and winter light. Pergolas can be covered in shade cloth or even some clear sheeting to keep you dry in the winter time – as with a verandah or portico you will need council permission.
- How about creating a living shelter with a tree or two in your courtyard or backyard? A deciduous tree will give you shade and after the leaves fall you can enjoy winter sun. This option will take time depending on how advanced the tree – and the smaller the area the smaller the tree. Imagine lighting this at night time, nice feature in your yard.
- A large market umbrella is a quick cheaper option. You can move your shade around and in winter you can put the umbrella down – make sure it's fixed down on those windy days otherwise you'll be chasing it around the neighbourhood. When it takes off make sure you lodge your flight plan for it!!
- Sails are a great way to create shade. Using canvas or shade cloth which comes in many colours you can do some amazing interesting design angles. You don't need council permission. Make sure you have strong anchor points or you may create more doors and windows in your place when the sails start to move!
- Lastly, if you venture outside and don't have any of the above, you will need a sombrero and sun cream – slip slop slap!

Enjoy the warm sunny weather before winter hits us again!!!

Andy
41 Central Street



The retractable canvas awning over the deck provides welcome shade on hot, sunny days.



The deciduous Cercis 'Forest Pansy' provides shade in summer and welcome sun in winter.



Peter Chauncy and his team

Welcome to 2013

We hope you had a very enjoyable break. 2013 has begun positively with some strong signs of increased market activity. We launched our open homes in mid January, most of which have attracted large numbers of buyers and some particularly buoyant sales. Confidence has lifted, fuelled by lower interest rates, a more positive global outlook, higher rents and already a 1.8% increase in median Sydney prices in January.

With a September election ahead and a potential change of government we've experienced very positive feedback from several sectors of the business community. In addition, an improved equities market is contributing to increased activity in the \$1.5m+ sector after a subdued 2012.

Essentially it's a good time to sell whilst activity has increased and the general consensus is positive. We

particularly recommend those wanting to upgrade to act within Q1 2013 whilst changeover costs are in the favour of the buyer.

We have gone online

This year we have started keeping our local clients up to date by sending out a regular online newsletter with interesting real estate articles as well as current local sales and new listings in the area. A great way to stay in the loop with what's happening in the market. If you wish to receive this please email Peter at peterchauncy@mcgrath.com.au

Peter and his team's sales approach is simple – we do what it takes to sell your home. You'll often see the lights on after hours in our Crows Nest office because there's no substitute for hours when transactions are in progress – there's time for sleep when it's done. While our approach is comprehensive, communication is above all the vital component to our success. As a sales team, we are committed to involving you in every step of the process. Important decisions are so much more comfortable when you are informed.

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.

McGrath Crows Nest

1A/29 Holtermann Street Crows Nest NSW 2065

Phone: 8115 0401

Influenza is a potentially life-threatening disease

It is caused by a virus and results in more severe illness than the common cold.

People with certain risk factors may be at risk of more severe disease because they have weaker immune systems or they are susceptible to secondary bacterial infections.

Common symptoms of the flu:

- Fever
- Dry cough
- Muscle and joint pain
- Tiredness/extreme exhaustion
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Vomiting/diarrhoea (in children)

Annual flu vaccination is recommended for any person (over 6 months) who wishes to reduce the risk of becoming ill with influenza. The composition for the 2013 vaccine comprises California, Victoria and Wisconsin strains (this is a change since last season).

Those most at risk and eligible for free influenza vaccine in 2013:

- Any patient aged 65 years or over
- Cardiac disease
- Diabetes (or chronic metabolic disease)
- Respiratory disease (COPD and asthma)
- Pregnancy
- Impaired immunity (HIV, steroid use, malignancy)
- Chronic neurological conditions (MS, seizure disorders)
- Chronic renal failure
- Indigenous Australians (15+)

Who should not get the flu vaccine:

- People with severe egg allergy.
- People who have had a previous severe reaction to the flu vaccine.

2013 flu vaccine should be available through your GP or pharmacy early March.

Dr Raffi Sahagian

DR RAFFI SAHAGIAN

M.B. B.S. (SYD)

GENERAL PRACTITIONER

SURGERY HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
9am to 1pm, 3 pm to 7 pm

Thursday, Saturday
9am to 1 pm

**160 Mowbray Road
Willoughby**

Fax: 9958 8335

Surgery: 9958 8778

Schools update

The issue of lack of schools on the lower north shore continues to be of concern. Following the public forum in November of last year, there has been some movement with the news that part of the University of Technology of Sydney's Ku-ring-gai campus will be used for school development. However, there is still a feeling at many of the schools on the lower north shore that we are at crisis point. Several schools on the north shore, including Cammeray Public School, had extra demountable classrooms installed over the summer to cope with growing student numbers in 2013.

The Department of Education and Communities is working with local councils to find land for educational facilities in the area. The Nareburn Progress Association – www.nareburnprogress.org.au – will endeavour to keep you informed on any progress.

Zoe Harpham
Waters Road



Earth Hour 2013 – 23 March

In 2011 and 2012, the NPA co-operated with Willoughby City Council in holding an Earth Hour event at the Nareburn Shops Car Park. This year, WCC invites the community and local business to pledge to save energy and/or make the switch towards renewable energy by turning off their lights for Earth Hour at 8.30pm on Saturday 23 March. Participants are encouraged to make their pledge public on www.wwf.org.au/earthhour.

Viviane Leveaux
Olympia Road

Letters to the Editor and Articles

Articles or comments or suggestions to:

The Editor

nareburn.matters@nareburnprogress.org.au

or: PO Box 393 St Leonards NSW 1590

Alf Fitzsimmons turns 100 in March

I first met sprightly 80 something Alf when I was living in Dalleys Road. Queensland-born Alf moved to his present home in Dalleys in the 1960s, developed a well-kept garden, vegies grown from seed, and was still doing some gardening for an older resident. Alf also cared for the verge at the turn in Dalleys near Ross Lane.

As a strapping 6-foot ex-lifesaver, Alf, and his five brothers, joined up in WW2 and thankfully all returned home safely. Alf served in the Medical Corps attending troops from the PNG campaign, wounded and being returned to Brisbane from Townsville. He later served in Japan, Malaysia and Korea, with 10 'gongs' to prove it. In peacetime, Alf continued service until the late 1960s. Alf lives quietly with devoted wife Phil.

On 24 March 2013 Alf hits the great score of 100 not out. We congratulate him and wish him good health for the years ahead.

Kevin FitzPatrick
Central Street

Community Centre Upgrade Update

The development application DA-2012/405 was approved on 8 February 2013 – see www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au for floor plans and details. The works for 7-9 Central Street, Nareburn, are about to go out to tender.

OOSH (Out of School Hours) after school care for children, which currently occupies the hall, will be moving to Bales Park, Willoughby.

The proposed work to our Centre will be within the confines of the existing building and will result in much-needed additional space for Willoughby Community Pre-School; Nareburn Library relocated to a more secure area; a hall as well as an additional meeting room; improved facilities; increased storage including a room for Nareburn Progress Association records.

Trade work is expected to take place during school breaks to minimise disruption to services provided at 7-9 Central Street Nareburn.

Update on Channel 9 Redevelopment

In 2010, a concept plan consisting of 660 apartments with a height of 20 storeys was devised for the redevelopment of Channel 9 studios at Artarmon Road.

Community consultation did occur but was not taken into account when submitting the Environmental Impact Statement, which due to the scale of the development, went to the NSW State Planning Department, and not Willoughby City Council (WCC). The NSW Department of Planning originally had August 2013 for submission of the Environmental Concept Plan, however the date was brought forward to 30 November 2012.

It has just been revealed that despite the voicing of much concern about the density and building height proposed, the final concept submitted to NSW Planning includes 585 apartments and a building height of up to 18 storeys with others at 10 and 12 storeys.

It must be noted that the transmission tower will not be removed. The 18 storey building is envisaged in the vicinity of the tower. Once Channel 9 and NSW Planning agree on a concept plan – building height, public space, including children's playground and park land – it will go on exhibition for 30 days to allow for comment. It is only after this process is approved that WCC will have some input into the design of the specific buildings, etc.

Bob Taffel, Acting President of Willoughby South Progress Association (WSPA), in conjunction with WCC, has been advocating on behalf of the larger community. In his 13 February email to progress association members he urged them to sign a petition which the WSPA will submit by the first week in March to the NSW Premier, Barry O'Farrell, the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Brad Hazzard and the Director General, NSW Planning and Infrastructure, Sam Haddad, on behalf of all residents potentially affected by the development. While the community generally accepts that a medium density residential development is a suitable adaptation of the site, Channel 9's proposal can only be described as gross over-development.

This is a most important campaign within Willoughby City as not only will it have an effect on the surrounding neighbourhood, it will set a precedent for all of Willoughby City. The more support we can get behind the petition, the better chance we have of achieving a reduction in density and building height – outcomes that are important for Willoughby as a whole.

With support from each one of you and others in your email address book and Facebook and Twitter links we hope to get at least 5,000 signatures to give evidence of the widespread concern about this project. If you are concerned about the proposed redevelopment of the Channel 9 site and you want your concerns to be heard please go to the link below now! It will take you directly to the petition. Please fill in the requested details and then just click on the red "sign" button.

<http://www.communityrun.org/petitions/channel-nine-site-redevelopment>

The Naremburn Progress Association urges all Naremburn residents to get behind this petition to ensure the best possible outcome for our community.

Viviane Leveaux
Olympia Road

New Editor announced

In the December 2012 issue of *Naremburn Matters*, we advertised for an Editor. For the past several years, the role has been performed by Trisha FitzPatrick who had also been the NPA's Public Officer since 2007 and resigned to pursue writing.

Trisha, Carmen Loecherer and Viviane Leveaux met with three excellently qualified women who were interested in finding out more about the role of Editor.

As announced at the NPA General Meeting of 14 February Zoë Harpham is the new Editor and will be responsible for *Naremburn Matters* from the June issue onwards.

Zoë has lived in Naremburn for more than five years – with her husband and son. She has worked in the publishing industry for about 15 years, mainly specialising in cookbooks. Due to the imminent arrival of her second child, she is currently on maternity leave and is excited about her involvement in *Naremburn Matters* and becoming more aware of the issues that affect Naremburn.

Treasurer's baby son!

On Tuesday 7 February NPA Treasurer Carmen Loecherer gave birth to a son. Mother, Baby Otto and Dad Matt Bevan are all well and happy. Congratulations!

Is this the first time an NPA Office-Bearer has become a mother during her term of office?

It is time to renew

You can pay your \$10 renewal for this year – our membership year runs from January to December – by cheque to PO Box 393 St Leonards 1590, or, cash at the AGM on 14 March, or EFT to our NPA Account – BSB 032 297, ACC 20 1474, and give your last name.

Thank you for your support.

Advertising Sales Whiz Needed

Advertising space sales enable us to produce
Naremburn Matters

We seek to promote the businesses in our area
– Naremburn and its surrounds

To continue this win-win scenario, we are looking for a volunteer,
an enthusiastic person with the capacity to enlist new advertisers
and liaise with NM's existing advertisers

We charge for ad space only – the production team offer
no cost ad layout.

**If this is your forte and you have a passion for your community,
contact The Editor**

naremburn.matters@naremburnprogress.org.au

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The Bells of St Leonard's

The six bells soon to be installed in St Leonard's Church, Naremburn, were cast in London in 1866. They were hung in the Anglican Church of St James in Bangor, Wales, and replaced at some time after the church became the Catholic Church of Our Lady and St James in 1996.

Donated anonymously and recently shipped to Australia, they are to be installed in the St Leonard's Church bell tower. The bells have been named and each is engraved with a saint's name – the three saints of the Lower North Shore Parish, St Thomas, St Philip Neri, St Leonard of Port Maurice, and the other three bells are named St Mary of the Cross, St David, and, Our Lady and St James.

Bells Inspire project costs have not come from parish funds. There have been many generous donations as well as fundraising within Naremburn and beyond.

The last church in Sydney to have a peal of bells installed was St James in King Street, Sydney, ten years ago. St Leonard's will be the second church on the North Shore with a peal of bells - the other is St James in Turrumurra. The St Leonard's Church peal of bells will be the only ones in the City of Willoughby.

An enthusiastic group has been learning to ring bells since last July and is hoping to be ready for the formal Dedication Ceremony on Sunday 7 April, which coincides with the Centenary of the Laying of the Foundation Stone of the church. The bells will be dedicated by Bishop Peter Ingham, Bishop of Wollongong and a former pupil of St Leonard's Primary School at Naremburn. The ceremony, in St Leonard's Church, will commence at 9.30am on Sunday, 7 April, in the presence of Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of NSW. Following the Dedication, the bells will be "open rung" for the first time.

Mass will be at 10.30 am followed by the Dedication and Centenary Lunch in the church hall. The cost of the lunch is \$30 per person, \$75 for a family and \$20 for pensioners. Bring your own drinks. Payment must be made by Monday 25 March - cheque to Catholic Parish of LNS, or, for EFT contact the parish office 182 High Street, Willoughby, 9958 8846, or office@lns.org.au.

The ABC's *Compass* has been covering the Bells Inspire project; the air date of this special program's is TBA.

Bells Inspire is a project of great cultural significance that has been many years in the making and is finally coming to fruition. We hope that whenever you hear the bells of St Leonard's you will be reminded of the joy that it is to belong to this community.

Tricia Gemmell
Glenmore Street

Men's Sheds – what are they and how do you value the benefits they create?

My Dad recently retired and started to look for things to do.

As his son I was keen to make sure he found something that would keep him actively engaged and happy – after all, retirement is the start of a long stage of life. I also work for a not-for-profit organisation that has a focus on local communities, so I have an interest in understanding activities that build the capacity of those communities. The activity my Dad chose, which he thoroughly enjoys, is attending a Men's Shed. I had never heard of a Men's Shed – apart from the one you find in the back of a garden – so decided to do some research.



Men's Sheds are fully equipped workshops where men of all inclinations and abilities can share time with each other, engage in good banter and work together on community projects. This workshop atmosphere provides opportunity for camaraderie, creative activity, skill-sharing and fun. Men can use the Shed to pursue hobbies, pastimes and interests in a positive and

supportive environment. It is often said that "men talk shoulder to shoulder rather than face to face".

Men who participate in a Men's Shed are commonly referred to as "Shedders". Many of these Shedders report improvements in self-esteem, usefulness and renewed vitality through participation. My Dad's favourite subject to talk about is The Shed and all that goes on there, whether it's the recent chair they fixed for someone in the community, or the crazy project Bob has started to build. This is all great, but I wanted to know how this value can be measured.

There is a method of measuring social wellbeing and environmental costs and benefits, and it is used to assess the value of community groups. It is called by the impressive title of "Social Return on Investment" (SROI).

So when I applied SROI on a Men's Shed, it was not too surprising to find;

- Men's Sheds achieve outcomes of positive health, happiness and well-being for those men who participate
- Families and relatives reported improvements in the quality of relationships with Shedders and reported a value to the respite they get when Shedders are 'out of the house'.
- An increase in social connection and engagement significantly reduces the risk of social isolation for some Shedders.
- The community often benefits from project work performed by the Shedders.

The study showed that an investment of \$1 delivers \$6 of social value - good value for the policy makers out there. While it is important to note that each Shed is different, the study confirmed the positive outcomes that can be generated by a Men's Shed and showed that this broader concept of value can be measured and accounted for.

So if you are interested in finding something to keep you active, or are interested in helping someone else find an activity that they enjoy – try our local Men's Shed.

Matt Bevan
Northcote Street



Willoughby Community Men's Shed

296E Sailors Bay Road, Northbridge
(next to Northbridge Golf Course)

Tue, Wed, Thu 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

0408 204 805 – Neville Warner

www.willoughbymensshed.org



Naremburn Neighbourhood Watch

March 2013

Statistics for our area

The quarterly statistics are now available for the period from October to December 2012. Our area shaped up as follows:

Offence	Number
Abandoned vehicle	2
Actual bodily harm	1
Assault	3
Break enter and steal	6
Indecent assault	1
Graffiti	1
Malicious damage	3
Stealing	5
Recovered vehicle	1
Stolen vehicle	3

Most of the stealing offences were from cars. Leaving possessions in view in cars encourages thieves. Much as you may not think there is much value in your 5 year old street directory, a passing thief may do. The biggest problem is the cost of the window replacement or repairs to the door lock and the excess on your insurance policy.

While break, enter and steal are our most common offence, we do have far fewer per number of households compared with other areas around us.

It is, however, important to keep vigilant and thus deter thieves from operating in our area. We recommend that neighbours know the basic movements of their neighbours and have their mobile phone numbers.

Most of the entry points for the break and enters were front doors and windows. If you prefer dense shrub coverage at the front of your house you may need to consider that this makes the entry points for a burglar hidden from the view of your neighbours, who may otherwise have called the police.

If, as neighbours, you see someone you don't know coming in or out of your neighbour's house, even if they wave and say hello, particularly if climbing in a window, it could be the house-sitter who has lost their keys, or it could be a burglar – a simple phone call to either your neighbour or the police should be able to sort this out. Please don't be shy – your neighbours will thank you for it if you foil a robber.

Stranger Danger

At the beginning of first term this year a young girl was followed by a man in Cammeray. He was then seen later, again following her. Police have issued a description and this can be found on the NSW Police Facebook page.

It does, though, highlight the need to prepare our children with the actions to take if there is anyone around that they feel unsure about. This girl took appropriate steps and this assisted in ensuring she was kept safe and nothing more happened than being followed.

Loud Neighbours

While most people are happy enough to put up with the occasional noisy party, but most weekends can become wearing – particularly if you have young children, do shift work or have other causes of sleep deprivation.

In NSW the restricted times for the use of musical instruments and sound equipment are:

Sunday to Thursday: 10:00 pm to 8:00 am

Friday, Saturday and days followed by a public holiday: 12:00 mn to 8:00 am.

If the police are called and they satisfy themselves that the noise is clearly audible in the room the person making the complaint is in, and it is occurring outside the allowable times, the police can give a warning and ask that the noise be reduced. If this warning is ignored the police can issue a fine of up to \$3,300 and seize any equipment.

It may, therefore, be preferable if neighbours get together and between them come to an agreement about what is acceptable regarding noise.

Email network

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

Sue Howes
Bongalong Street

Council offers Free e-waste Drop-off Point

'Don't bin it, bring it' is the Council's message to Willoughby residents who are now able to recycle unwanted TVs and computers at e-waste Drop Zone collection points (www.dropzone.org.au) located throughout the Sydney region.

Electronic waste, growing three times faster than any other type of waste, contains materials that are hazardous to our environment. An estimated 106,000,000 kilograms of e-waste reached its end-of-life in 2007/2008, of which 84% was sent to landfill and only 10% recycled.

Belrose Resource Recovery Centre

Crozier Road, Belrose - 1300 651 116

Mon to Fri - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm; Sat and Sun – 8:00 to 1:00

Ryde Resource Recovery Centre

145 Wicks Road, North Ryde - 1300 651 116

Mon to Fri – 6:00 am to 4:00 pm; Sat and Sun – 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

Strength in Numbers

naremburnprogress.org.au

On our home page see
"Join NPA"
download application form,
complete it and mail with
a cheque for \$10 to:

**NPA PO Box 393
St Leonards 1590**

Naremburn Community Centre Activities

Naremburn Progress Association

2nd Thursday (except Jan & Jul)
7:30 pm to 10:00 pm
0416 161 536 (Frances O'Brien)

Playgroup

Wednesday
10:00 am to 12 noon
School Term only
naremburnplaygroup@gmail.com
0414 587 012 (Alison)

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 Community Pre-School

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

Naremburn Library

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Cr Nic Wright

As some of you may be aware, it's been 8 years since a Naremburn resident has been elected to represent you. I'm proud to be a Naremburn resident, and look forward to hearing from you, and advocating, on Council, your views as Naremburn residents.

Gore Hill Technology Park: A report will be presented to Council in early 2013 with advice on the outstanding planning issues to be resolved concerning height, parking and traffic with the Gore Hill Technology Park, before being placed on Public Exhibition. The Gore Hill Technology Park will provide increased sporting facilities and parking for our community, and hopefully alleviate some of the Willoughby Road/Artarmon Road traffic congestion that occurs with weekend sport at Willoughby Leisure Centre, but with it come some serious questions about the role of Master Planning in our community. Professional planners have in the past produced excellent results for our community, with West Artarmon providing an excellent example.

New Planning Controls: The new Willoughby Local Environmental Plan 2012 (WLEP) and Willoughby Development Control Plan (WDCP) came into force as of 31 January, 2013. These documents, developed with significant consultation with the community, provide the framework for planning in our area: the documents are on Council's website.

Willoughby Youth Council: I will be pushing for Council to establish within the next twelve months a Willoughby Youth Council, to provide younger people in our community an opportunity to contribute to the development of our local community. The focus of this Youth Council will be to ensure that younger people feel they can have their views heard on issues affecting them, can provide Council with advice on their needs, thus allowing younger people an avenue to contribute meaningfully within our community.

Channel 9 Development: An online petition has been created to help our community voice concerns regarding the Channel 9 development. I, like many in our community, feel that community consultation regarding this process has been too hasty and has failed to address concerns regarding building density and local infrastructure. The petition can be found at www.communityrun.org/petitions/channel-nine-site-redevelopment.

Local Government Review: The Independent Local Government Review Panel has released for public comment, the second of three discussion papers regarding the future of local government. This discussion paper analyses fiscal responsibility, financial structures and governance issues and how these may affect future community challenges. Public comment is being sought until March ahead of the final recommendations being presented to the Minister for Local Government in July 2013. To read the report or leave feedback visit www.localgovernmentreview.nsw.gov.au.

Future priorities: As outlined above, the coming year promises to be a full one. As your representatives at Local Government, it is important that we are on the front foot with any discussions regarding the aforementioned issues. In addition, major changes to planning will have significant impact on the services Council provides and how it will operate into the future. Add to this the demands of our community in respect to traffic management, providing for our senior residents, as well as sport and recreation, Council life promises to be a busy one. Council takes strategic planning for Naremburn and the wider City seriously, and, the difficult task of managing resident demands with available funds. Councillors and Senior Officers will be meeting very soon to set the priorities and strategies for the coming term and I urge you to contact me with any issues you would like raised.

I look forward to seeing you around Naremburn. Please come and say hi!

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