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Naremburn Progress Association (NPA)

Channel 9 Redevelopment

– Too Big, Too High. What does this mean to you?

Our transport, our schools, our lifestyle and our community are going to be affected by the Channel 9 redevelopment.

These were the words on flyers distributed to announce a community meeting organised at very short notice by the presidents of the Artarmon, Naremburn and Willoughby South Progress Associations and held at the Naremburn Community Centre on 9 May. The meeting was attended by our local member Gladys Berijikian, Councillors Michelle Sloane, Stuart Coppock and Wendy Norton with an apology from the Mayor Pat Reilly.

An overview of the current situation and the Concept Plan proposed by Channel 9 was presented by Bob Taffel. Willoughby City Council's alternate plan for the site was also presented and went to full council meeting held on Monday 13 May. This draft can be seen on council's website: www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au.

The issues of greatest concern were around the:

- excessive density of dwellings proposed
- inability of public transport to cope with the density proposed
- further school overcrowding
- building heights and visual impact
- constraint on the use of the site due to Electromagnetic radiation (EMR) from the tower
- parking problems in and around the Artarmon Rd area
- loss of privacy, significant overshadowing and potential loss of value of properties in Walter St.

Following vigorous discussion Bob Taffel proposed the following motion which was seconded by Fran O'Brien that residents of Artarmon, Naremburn and Willoughby request that the Minister reject the Concept Plan and:

1. Support the submission to the public exhibition by Willoughby Council, and
2. In particular, limit the maximum absolute building height to 8 storeys and limit the density to a maximum of 300 dwellings.

This motion was carried unanimously.

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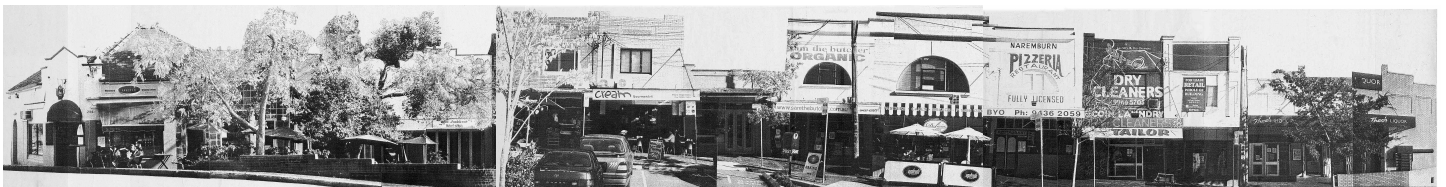
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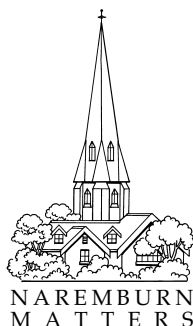
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VILLAGE SHOPS**

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President – out and about

Welcome to the June issue of *Naremburn Matters*. It certainly has been a very busy time for the NPA as you can see from this edition.

The Executive of the NPA have been representing our members, but also our community, at many combined meetings with the Artarmon and Willoughby South Progress Associations and Willoughby City Council, regarding the redevelopment of the Channel 9 site at Willoughby.

I think it is essential to say that our combined communities are not against the development of the site per se, but that we refute the proposed development of 585 residences. As you would have read, the major problems confronting this proposal which Channel 9 has put forward are both the density and lack of infrastructure to support a development of this size.

More consideration must be given to the impact that another 1,000 + residents will have on the infrastructure. How will the public transport cope? We currently have a reasonable bus service to and from the city and Chatswood, but will the residents of Naremburn be able to get onto the buses? If we are unable to use the public transport service, then this will force more people to use their cars, thereby causing further congestion. We are currently "landlocked", particularly on Saturdays, and this will be exacerbated further by this proposed development.

I think a most concerning feature of this development for our local community is that of education for our younger generation. We are all very well aware of the lack of educational facilities now for our children, but what will it be like in the future? How far will our children have to travel for education, as there are no current plans to meet this demand? Now is our time to speak up, to be heard. That is why I urge you, the Naremburn community, to band together and make the Government and the developers listen to us. We don't want to be overshadowed by high-rise towers. We want a development that is sensitive to the site. We must speak up now or we will have to live with the consequences.

Thank you to all of you that have attended the meetings which have been organised and the rally that was held on Saturday 18 May. Your support has enabled us to get our message out to the broader community and the developers that we have not been fully consulted nor have our demands been heard.

We need to keep up the fight, so I encourage those of you who are not already members of the NPA to consider joining. Perhaps, as a NPA member, you may be interested in joining our Executive Committee. We currently have a vacancy and we would be happy to discuss the role with you. We need to be unified force in order to get our message to the State Government and also to the developers of the site. This is not a problem which will go away quickly.

Frances O'Brien
 President, NPA

Letters to the Editor & Articles

Articles or comments or suggestions to:

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NPA Meeting Dates

**Second Thursdays
 7:30 pm**

13 June 2013
 No meeting in July
 15 August 2013
 12 September 2013

**Naremburn
 Community Centre
 7 Central Street**

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- Non-resident Naremburn property owners;
- People who run businesses in Naremburn.

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Don't hibernate away this winter!!

We are not bears and we don't need to hibernate but so many of us do – as soon as the weather turns cold we hide away inside.

Even though the mornings and evenings are getting fresher, in Sydney we are lucky enough to enjoy many sunny days throughout the cooler months. And given the right set up in our gardens, rain is no barrier to enjoying the outdoors.

I know you all follow my advice and if you have done so, by now you have a private, well-manicured garden, a well-maintained lawn and a water feature that is lit up at nighttime – if you haven't then you had better get to it!

Having gone to all that effort to create a beautiful outdoor area, it seems a shame to ignore it during the colder months. With the right equipment you can continue to enjoy an al fresco meal without freezing to death.

So whether it is a barbecue lunch, evening wine or dinner you can enjoy the fresh air, watch the colours in the garden change or even gaze at the rain from the safety of your undercover deck or patio.

I'm sure you have seen or warmed yourself beneath an outdoor heater at a café; well why not do the same thing at home? There are many types of heaters suitable for the outdoors.

Invest in a portable mushroom gas heater to provide heat for a patio or larger area. If you are looking for something smaller, there are compact heaters that sit in the middle of the table. Another option is to have a gas heater installed on the ceiling or wall of your patio. There are also electric versions – heat lamps and pads that are either free-standing, wall- or ceiling-mounted.

Or for something a bit more visual, how about a brazier with burning timber in it? It can be very relaxing to watch the coloured flames dance while you enjoy yourself in the backyard.

If the above seems too hard then maybe you could rug up – put on a thick coat, scarf or even sit under a blanket outside – or maybe you should head inside and hibernate away.



Andy

41 Central Street

Patio heaters come in all shapes and sizes.



Peter Chauncy and his team

Continuing Strong Market Conditions

In a very active first half of the year the local market has continued to shrug off any uncertainty with a wide range of sales including a handful of new price benchmarks, especially in the upper end. We have definitely experienced the upturn first hand with over 20 house sales in Naremburn this year; several of these sales were negotiated off market to buyers on our database – always a sign of tightened supply and strong selling conditions.

The market is still the most buoyant I have seen for a while with buyer confidence continuing. Plenty of near-consecutive interest rate cuts and a share market that has been climbing since December have broken the back of consumer gloom, propelling confidence in our property market to heights last seen prior to the GFC which will hopefully continue throughout winter into the spring period.

Pre-school Easter BBQ

The local Central Street pre-school celebrated Easter this year with their annual BBQ which turned out to be a fun and successful day for all the young families. There was a sausage sizzle, entertainment and lots of activities. We put together a hamper full of chocolate and goodies to be raffled which raised \$855!

St Leonard's Church Bells

On Sunday April 7th we attended the St Leonard's church ceremony to celebrate 100 years since the laying of the foundation stone and to hear the first rings of the newly installed bells. There were many locals witnessing this momentous occasion of the 100 year old bells which were sent over from Wales. We also donated first prize for the raffle – \$500 cash to help raise money to fund the bells.

Peter and his team's sales approach is simple – we do what it takes to sell your home. With over 75% market share in Naremburn alone, we are committed to achieving outstanding results for our clients.

For any Real Estate advice, please feel free to contact Peter Chauncy on 0402 036 489

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HEALTH MATTERS – Whooping cough

Whooping cough is a contagious respiratory infection caused by the bacteria *Bordetella pertussis*. Infection causes a prolonged coughing illness and in babies it can be life threatening. In some countries it is known as the 100 day cough, due to the length of the disease.

Whooping cough starts like a common cold and then develops into a cough, which can last for many weeks. The name of the disease comes from the characteristic 'whoop' sound at the end of the cough as the person gasps for air.

Babies are at higher risk because they can develop respiratory difficulties: they can stop breathing, contract pneumonia and even suffer seizures. For this reason, babies should be kept away from anyone with a cough, just in case the person has an undiagnosed case of whooping cough.

A person with whooping cough can spread it to others in the first 3 weeks of illness. It is spread from person to person via droplets from close contact such as coughing and sneezing.

The most effective way to prevent whooping cough is by vaccination. Babies are given the vaccine at 2, 4 and 6 months (the first dose can be given at 6 weeks). Older children have a booster at 3.5–4 years. Another booster dose is given in Year 7 in high school.

New parents, grandparents and anyone else caring for infants should consider having a booster dose of vaccine. New mothers are eligible for a free vaccine, which is available through your GP.

The current whooping cough booster (Boostrix) also protects against tetanus and diphtheria.

Not everyone will get an immune response with vaccination and immunity wanes with time. This means that people can still get whooping cough even if they have been vaccinated or if they have had previous infection, but their illness is often milder.

Whooping cough can be diagnosed through your GP. This will involve either having a swab taken from the back of the nose or throat or by having a blood test. Treatment is with antibiotics. The infected person may return to school or work after 5 days of antibiotic treatment although the cough can linger for weeks after treatment.

Dr Raffi Sahagian
Mowbray Road

Naremburn Progress Association Election 2013

At the 2013 Annual General Meeting held in March, the NPA elected the Executive Committee to serve Naremburn until March 2014.

President: Frances O'Brien
Vice President: Helene Kemp
Secretary: Roger Promnitz
Treasurer: Carmen Loecherer

The **General Committee Members** are Viviane Leveaux and Joann Morand.

Little Ones in Naremburn

There is a vibrant community of young children in our wonderful suburb. We are privileged to have many resources for our children to take part in.

Naremburn Community Playgroup is a fantastic, inexpensive playgroup that is available for children up to the age of 5. On Wednesdays, there is a traditional playgroup for all ages featuring craft and a morning tea of fruit for the kids and something more substantial (including Forsyth's coffee!) for the parents. On Thursdays, a baby playgroup has started up this year which focuses on babies under 1.

Both these groups are staffed by volunteer parents and carers and are very welcoming to new people in the community. It's a great way to meet local parents and kids and find out more about the many opportunities existing in our fantastic suburb. The playgroups run out of the Naremburn Community Centre on Central St. There is also a great playgroup at St Cuthbert's, the Anglican church of Naremburn, that runs on Friday mornings.

Willoughby Community Pre-school also runs out of the Naremburn Community Centre. This is an excellent preschool that caters for 3 to 5 year olds. Caring teachers make play and learning a great experience for the children and the community spirit fostered by the preschool is enjoyable and involving for parents and children alike. There are also two excellent day care centres in Naremburn: Berry Cottage and White Rabbit.

Our suburb is alive with the sound of children's laughter and the considerable numbers of young children make it easy to find playmates in our local parks. Unfortunately, as the children get older, they will need to travel out of our suburb to go to primary and high school. It seems a very great shame that there is no local school for our many local children to attend. Perhaps in the future something will be done to rectify this problem. Please make your voice heard on the pressing need for more schools for the lower North Shore.

Alison Herbert
(mother of a 3- and 5-year-old)
Waters Rd

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Update on Channel 9 Redevelopment

A revised concept plan consisting of one building of 18 storeys high, others of 14 and 10 with two of 6, one of 4 and 3.5 respectively was presented to the community and to Willoughby City Council in April. The model was on display at the council chambers and available for all to view, with submissions by the closing date of 17 May.

As a representative of NPA I was among those invited to a Stakeholder's breakfast meeting on the 11 April at which time this latest concept plan for the site redevelopment was presented. This meeting was also attended by various members of Willoughby City Council (WCC), staff and councillors. Once again we have been presented a concept which is little changed from what we saw in November and once again does not reflect community concerns highlighted over that consultation period through public forums. A further two public forums were held on Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 April in conjunction with the Concept Plan, including a 3D model, being placed on exhibition at the council chambers for all to view over a period from 3 April to 17 May.

Meetings have occurred between WCC and Willoughby South, Artarmon and Naremburn Progress Associations to review the plan and draft a response. The Council is developing an alternative proposal to submit to the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure with the major feature of this proposal being for a density of 300 apartments and a Floor Space Ratio of 1:1, the same as Castle Vale.

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.

Little consideration has been given to the compounding effect this development will have on our stretched education and public transport systems. There are only two accesses in and out of the site proposed; one in each of Artarmon Road and Richmond Avenue with no consideration to management of the flow of traffic. Traffic studies undertaken by Urban Concepts on behalf of Channel 9 did not investigate or address weekend traffic issues, especially around Saturday sport.

It has also been suggested by the consultants that this development will have little impact on schools.

As for what this development does for the wider community: an area of publicly accessible parkland is proposed for the corner of Richmond Avenue and Artarmon Road and it is envisaged that there could be some commercial space, but realistically who would that serve? Certainly the residents of the development and probably some of the surrounding neighbours, which on its own has some merit.

At the time the last *Naremburn Matters* was published we urged you all to sign petitions either online or at the local shops against this overdevelopment. I am pleased to announce that the response resulted in approx 2,780 signatures to go to The Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Brad Hazzard. These, with an accompanying letter, were presented to our Local Member, Gladys Berejiklian, at a meeting on 9 May with a request that she represent us, her constituents, over this matter.

Channel 9 – Too big, Too high *continued from page 1*

At the end of the meeting it was agreed that a protest rally outside the Channel 9 studios would have the greatest impact in expressing the community's anger at the lack of adequate consultation and the magnitude of the proposed development. This was set for Saturday 18 May.

The protest was held in Edwards Street opposite Channel 9 studios between 12 noon and 1 pm with the crowds building up from 11.30 am. The community message was very loudly and clearly conveyed as approximately 2,000 people from the Artarmon, Naremburn and Willoughby area attended, as did all our councillors, the Mayor Pat Reilly and The Hon Gladys Berejiklian.

At this stage we have done all we can with the petitions signed, letters written and now the rally it is up to The Minister, Brad Hazzard, and the Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) to evaluate both proposals. This may only be the beginning of our protest – we must remain vigilant.

Thank you to all of you who supported this joint protest as this redevelopment, however it shapes up, will affect us all as a community with some residents being more affected than others. A big thank you too to all those who made a donation to cover the cost of such things as printing of flyers and posters as none of the progress associations are in a financial position to do this on their own.



The packed hall at the public forum on Monday 29 April.



The Hon Gladys Berejiklian, Ward Councillors and NPA committee members at the public forum.

Once again I urge you to keep yourselves informed via Channel 9's website – www.ninewilloughby.com.au and local newspapers. The NPA will endeavour to keep you informed via our website www.naremburnprogress.org.au. Members may also be informed intermittently of progress or eventualities via email – you may wish to consider joining and being aware of issues affecting your community.

Viviane Leveaux
Olympia Road



*Above:
Part of the large crowd at the protest rally outside the Channel 9 studios on Saturday 18 May.*



*Left:
Mayor Pat Reilly addressing the rally.*

Use It Or Lose It

Did you know that there is a simple something that can be done easily that reduces the risk of dying prematurely, improves sleep, promotes psychological well-being and reduces feelings of depression and anxiety? It can reduce the risk of developing high blood pressure, developing type II diabetes, and can control weight and maintain healthy bones, muscles and joints? This simple something is ... EXERCISE!

Exercise is so simple to do, yet so many of us don't do it. If you don't use your body and muscles you will lose your body and muscles! You will become flabby, unfit, un-toned and you're more inclined to develop chronic diseases such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity and osteoporosis. On top of that you are more likely to suffer from the effects of back pain, stress and depression.

Don't let winter be your excuse not to exercise and don't give yourself permission to turn into a couch potato. Get out and about in the crisp and refreshing winter air, clear your lungs, move your two feet and let your heart beat.

If you lack the motivation to do it on your own, Healthquarters, your headquarters for health and fitness, is the place to go. Healthquarters is based in Naremburn and offers group classes, personal training, trek training, weight loss programs and nutrition programs that cater to men, women, pregnant and post-natal mums, and families.

For more info go to
www.healthquarters.com.au

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Katherine Rothwell
Central Street

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The Bells – leaving a legacy

On Sunday 7 April 2013, 100 years since the church foundation stone was laid, hopes and dreams were realised when a peal of six bells chimed a centenary salute from the St Leonard's church tower.

Many past and present Naremburn parishioners had worked tirelessly to meet the financial, structural, technical and community challenges of the project. It is said that Parish Priest Father Rohan (1922–55), a man with keen architectural sense reviewed the 1912 Architect's Plan. Fr Rohan favoured a single tower not the planned twin spires. As Pastor Emeritus he lived long enough to see the church and spire completed in 1955 under the leadership of Father Holland (1955–91).

Long standing parishioner and NPA member, Geoff Gemmell's thorough research and journey into the world of campanology – the study of bells – bore fruit. His hopes for the installation of a peal of bells to mark the centenary became reality when a member of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Bellringers (ANZAB) anonymously donated a peal of bells that had once hung in the Catholic Church of Our Lady and St James, Bangor, Wales – on the condition that they be "hung and rung". Project costs were to be met by donations and fundraising in the parish and wider community.

The bells are the first peal of bells in a Catholic Church in Sydney in 157 years.

The project would not have been possible without the tireless effort of the Bells Committee; bell-ringers of all ages, nationalities and faiths; volunteers who worked on the construction and installation and all who donated time and money to the project. Richard Corfield and Wendy Boynton produced the ABC Compass program 'The Bells of St Leonards' which aired nationally on 28 April. It provided an insight into bell ringing and so impressed ANZAB President Dr Matthew Sorell that he hopes to see it used as a training and recruitment tool for bell ringers.

The Dedication of the bells on Sunday 7 April was conducted by St Leonard's Primary School ex-student, Bishop Peter Ingham, Bishop of Wollongong, in the presence of Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO Governor of NSW, Honourable Gladys Berejiklian, Minister for Transport, Willoughby Mayor Pat Reilly and other Councillors, former parishioners, as well as priests who served the parish over the years. After the church ceremony people could walk down memory lane by viewing historical pictures and documents before sitting down to a wonderful meal in the parish hall.

There have been community concerns about sound levels of the bells. Currently levels set by Council are being tested and monitored. Sound attenuation has added considerable costs to the project and may detract from the designed musical quality of the bells. Naremburn is described these days as an inner city suburb with its constant hum of traffic, the sound of fixed wing aircraft and helicopter traffic. Plus, depending where you live, you can add the cacophonous blast of sporting whistles. And if you live on Brook Street there is the roar of empty STA and Forestway buses returning to their depots. After rigorous sound testing it seems the sound levels established after consultation are excessive and we hope they will be reviewed.

Such concerns about the noise of church bells ringing are not new. Matthew Sorell quoted English crime writer Dorothy Sayers in her 1934 book *The Nine Tailors* "From time to time complaints are made about the ringing of church bells. It seems strange that a generation which tolerates the uproar of the internal combustion engine and the wailing of the jazz band should be sensitive to the one loud noise that is made to the glory of God."

When fully operational the bells will spiritually and culturally enhance Naremburn and provide a fitting legacy.

Kevin FitzPatrick
Central Street

Makeover for Dawson Street playground

The playground at Dawson Street has had a makeover with a new secure fence, swings, roundabout and picnic table. The park overlooks Flatrock Gully Reserve and is easily accessed from the popular walking/bike track that runs below Bicentennial Reserve. The playground and adjoining street were named after Fatty Dawson; an original settler and pig farmer in the area. To commemorate this past, council plans to install three pig statues in the new space.

New playgroup for under 1s

There is a new playgroup at Naremburn Community Centre specifically catering for babies 1 year and under. Run at the Naremburn Community Centre, the playgroup operates during term time on Thursday mornings from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. Older siblings are welcome to come along and play with the toys. This is a great way to meet other mums in the area and it gives your baby a chance to play with other babies of a similar age. Come along for a free trial. For more information, call Danya Webb on 0488 248 880.



Naremburn Neighbourhood Watch

June 2013

Personal Safety

This quarter we are concentrating on tips for personal safety. The NSW Police website advises that we should always be aware of our surroundings. If we feel unsafe we should move to where there are plenty of people.

There are a number of things everyone can do to ensure they are safe and these are:

- Always keep enough money for a taxi or telephone call
- Have your keys ready before you get to your home or car
- Carry a personal alarm or whistle if you have reason to feel unsafe
- Where possible, park your car in a busy, well lit area
- If someone in a car threatens you, run in the opposite direction the car is facing
- If attacked, shout as loudly as you can.

If you are aware of being threatened, approached or followed, or see anyone else in this situation please let the police know what happened as this can help them apprehend offenders or prevent other crimes of this nature from occurring.

The information police would really appreciate is as follows:

- description of offenders
- direction offenders headed
- time
- details of offence
- car registration
- witness details

Sometimes we receive nuisance calls. In this situation the police advise the following steps be taken:

- Never give out personal information over the telephone to unknown callers
- Nuisance callers will often try to upset you. As soon as you feel that a call is unusual, hang up. If the calls persist, contact your telephone service provider and seek their advice.

When we are out and about we can reduce our risk by;

- Taking a few precautions, rather than avoiding living our lives.
- It is best not to carry large sums of money. Try to pay large bills by cheque.
- Carry purses or bags under your arm or in front of you. Never leave them unattended. If you use a wallet, put it inside your jacket or a front pocket instead of your bag. Try not to carry more money than you need.

- Check used cars you want to buy on the Register of Encumbered Vehicles (REVS) on 13 32 20 or www.revs.nsw.gov.au.
- If you believe you are in danger: Don't open the door to anyone you don't know and trust.

Visitors

- If someone is at the door and you are alone and feel a bit frightened, pretend there is someone else in the house. If someone wants to use your telephone for an emergency, don't feel rude not to let them in. Offer to make the call for them – if they are a genuine caller they will not mind.
- Be suspicious of people requesting entry to your home to check appliances or equipment. Ask to see their identity card and take time to look at it carefully before letting them in. If you are still unsure, ring their company to check. If in doubt, keep them out.

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Sue Howes
Bongalong Street

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Naremburn Community Centre Activities

Naremburn Progress Association

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0416 161 536 (Frances O'Brien)

Playgroup

Wednesday – for children 5 and under
9:30 am to 11:30 am
0448 709 834 (Christie Tran)
Thursday – for children under 1
10:30 am to 12:30 pm
0488 248 880 (Danya Webb)
(School Term only)
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Northern Suburbs Philatelic Society

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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

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



Channel Nine Proposed Redevelopment

The Nine Network has released a concept plan for the redevelopment of their current studios in Willoughby. There are two options up for consideration.

The Scott St consideration

One of the main differences between the two plans is that Option A includes Willoughby Council's Scott St land whereas Option B does not. The Scott St inclusion

provides for a large recreational open space onto the frontage of Artarmon Road. Council made the decision to offer Scott St as part of the Part 3A development when it adopted a motion of former Ward Councillor Barry Thompson passed last term of Council.

Crunching the numbers

Option A has 585 dwellings in total of which 560 are units and 25 are dwellings. There are 736 car parking spaces allocated. Option B has 583 dwellings in total of which 568 are units and 15 are dwellings. There are 805 car parking spaces. Both plans provide for buildings with maximum heights between 3 and 18 storeys.

My main concerns

I have some overriding concerns with the proposed concept plan aside from bulk and height of the project:

1. No attempt has been to tackle the question of the TV tower (which is remaining in place).
2. There will be considerable impact on traffic in the area caused by the additional motor vehicle traffic, in particular the junction of Willoughby Rd, Small St and Artarmon Rd. I moved at a Council Committee meeting on 20 May that Council hire a traffic consultant to prepare an independent report. The motion was lost. The two Ward Naremburn Councillors present, Cr Nic Wright and myself argued strongly for it, the one Sailors Bay Ward Councillor present, Cr Giles-Gidney argued the cost of the report and voted against the motion. The matter will be reviewed by Council in a full meeting Monday 27 May.
3. The pressure on local amenities will be considerable, particularly open space and recreational facilities. I will be moving in Council that any monies from the sale of Scott Rd will be applied to Naremburn Oval and Artarmon Reserve Masterplan works.
4. The concept plan clearly reveals that Nine will be moving their TV studios off the site. There is a significant amount of Network Nine work that is currently subcontracted to businesses located in the Artarmon industrial area. It would be good for the community if the board of Nine undertook to move locally.

Baseball Diamond Lights

Council approved purchase of this at its meeting in early May. The Officers advised notification would occur of local residents before any installation occurred.

Petition to install a lift at Artarmon station

For a very long time, certainly for as long I have been a Naremburn Ward Councillor; the issue of disabled access to Artarmon station has been of community concern.

The current State government has increased the funding for the Easy Access Upgrade Program, which will allow many more lifts to be installed. The allocation of these funds is determined through a government committee and Artarmon station is on a list for their consideration.

The Artarmon station upgrade needs a Parliamentary debate. One-way to ensure debate is to present a petition that has been signed by 10,000 or more people. The Legislative Assembly will set down any petition with 10,000 signatures for discussion. A copy of the petition can be obtained by emailing me: stuart.coppock@willoughby.nsw.gov.au.

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