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Naremburn Progress Association (NPA)

Farewell cherished mayor



*Patrick Thomas Reilly
Mayor Emeritus
25 December 1952–20 January 2014*

In January 2014 the City of Willoughby said farewell to Pat Reilly, long-time cherished mayor, at a Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Delours, Chatswood, attended by about 1000 people. But who was Pat Reilly?

He was a born and bred Willoughby boy, the beloved husband of Beth and father to Sophie. He loved both his family and his community and this affection was lovingly recounted by various family members and friends who spoke at his funeral. His next love was music – particularly his drums and Elvis Presley. He was always happy to don the famous white jumpsuit, and stories were told of him always carrying an Elvis CD with him in readiness for an impromptu concert on a visit to the local aged-care facility or school. His willingness and delight in attending the many community functions, in his mayoral chains no less, showed the charity of the man and his love for his community.

He was a great advocate for the Progress Associations, which he regarded as an integral part of the community, and he listened avidly to the various communities within the City of Willoughby. He lent his

support, and that of the council, to such matters as the proposed redevelopment of the Channel 9 site advocating strongly for the well-being of the community.

To the Naremburn community he was not only our mayor but a welcome representative at our various functions, such as Earth Hour celebrations where he took delight in joining the drumming sessions. In 2011 when the Naremburn Progress Association celebrated its 110th birthday, it was Pat Reilly who cut the cake. He attended wearing all his 'mayoral bling' which he told Frances O'Brien he wore because the children loved it although we strongly suspect he did too! Pat remembered those with whom he had dealings always acknowledging them as friends.

He was the quintessential mayor who dedicated himself to the people of the City of Willoughby, and has left an immeasurable legacy. Pat was the people's mayor and an enormously generous and caring man.

Bigger and better library

The newly refurbished Naremburn Library will be re-opening at the end of March 2014

The beautifully revamped library will boast an exciting selection of new DVDs, fiction, paperbacks, children's titles and book club kits ready to borrow. Naremburn Library not only provides the local community with a lending collection and comfortable space, but also offers internet access, word processing, free WiFi and photocopy facilities.

The recent renovation has increased the library and community learning multi-functional area, and offers a new community space available for hire. Community groups may arrange to hire the community space for a range of activities and meetings. For more information about venue hire contact the Dougherty Centre on 9777 7800.

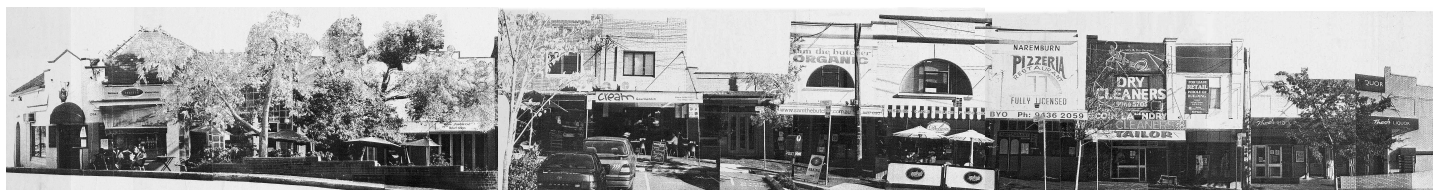
Have you added your email address to your membership details yet? The Library sends courtesy reminder emails one day prior to items being due back as well as sending reservation notifications via email. To add your email address go to <http://www.aurorashore.com.au/opac/willoughby/Member.aspx>

Diana Revington

Naremburn Branch Librarian

**NAREMBURN
VILLAGE SHOPS**

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President – out and about

Welcome to the first edition of Naremburn Matters for 2014.

My thanks must go to Helene Kemp, who stepped in to write my President's Out and About report for the previous issue of *Naremburn Matters*, as I was required to deal with urgent personal issues. This is teamwork, and I am very proud that we are all able to work together. This teamwork has been very evident again over the past few weeks with the PAC meeting that was held regarding the Channel 9 development. The Executive of the NPA made representation on behalf of the Naremburn community. You can read more on page 4.

Our February meeting was very well attended and we had the privilege of hearing Steph Croft give us an overview of the situation of schools for the lower North Shore. Steph spoke on the planned development of the Bradfield College site at Crows Nest and the development at the old Anzac Club site in Cammeray. Again this issue contains a report on this matter on page 5.

Recently there have been anonymous letters doing the rounds of residents in Naremburn. Some residents have been quite distressed and annoyed with these letters. The NPA Executive has also received anonymous letters. The Executive welcome letters from the community, but we would like to know who you are as we are very happy to discuss any issues or concerns you may have. It is very difficult to communicate with concerned members of the community if we do not know your identity.

No doubt you will all be aware of the upcoming election for a new Mayor for Willoughby City Council. Please be aware that it is compulsory to vote in this election. Election day will be Saturday 12 April 2014. Pre-polling voting opens on 31 March 2014 and closes 11 April 2014 at 6 pm. Postal votes close 7 April 2014 at 5 pm. At the time of writing this report, polling booths had not been confirmed.

Finally on behalf of the NPA and the whole of the Naremburn community, I would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to Beth and Sophie Reilly on the passing of our well-respected Mayor, Pat Reilly. Mayor Reilly was very supportive of all the Progress Associations within the City of Willoughby. He had a great sense of what a community was and how to engage the community. He lived and breathed Local Government. Mayor Reilly will be missed, but his legacy will live on for a very long time.

I hope that you will enjoy this issue of *Naremburn Matters*.

Frances O'Brien

We are establishing a new directory of local services for Naremburn residents. If you have a local service that you would like to advertise on this page at a cost of \$50 per issue, contact the editor at naremburn.matters@naremburnprogress.org.au or call Zoë on 0415 869 529. See Page 7 for our first directory.

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NPA Meeting Dates

Second Thursdays
7:30 pm

10 April 2014

8 May 2014

12 June 2014

No meeting in July

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.

\$15 per person per annum

\$10 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.

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Try your hand at topiary

Have you ever tried topiary? And how do you pronounce it: 'tow piary' or 'too piary'? For those who don't know what I'm talking about, topiary (however you say it) is the art of shaping plants into whatever shapes you can imagine — cones, pillars, spirals, pyramids, balls, balls on sticks, cones on sticks, even animals. I could go on but you get the point.

So if you can grow and prune a hedge why not extend your talent and skills to topiary? (If you still haven't mastered the gardening skills, you can get your gardener to do it and tell everyone that you did it!)

You can buy topiaries that have already been grown and shaped but they can be expensive as there has been a lot of time and labour to get them to the shape. Alternatively you can create your own. All you need is imagination, something to trim with, a plant and a set of eyes.

You can shape just about any plant into a topiary but for really great results choose a plant with a smallish leaf and a compact growth pattern. A few plants that respond well to being shaped to topiary are buxus (Korean, English), lilly pilli, muraya, conifers, gardenias, privets, sasanqua camellias and ficus, just to name a few.

Another approach is to buy or even build a structural frame with some steel poles or pipes covered with chicken wire, then grow a creeper or climber over it — ivy does the job well.

Topiaries can be used just about everywhere and anywhere in your garden or in pots on your balcony, terrace, porch etc. Plant a matching pair of topiaries on either side of a gateway, path or driveway or plant a pair in pots and place either side of a door or window. Why not form a topiary (like a ball or pyramid) at the end of a hedge row? Grow an animal on your front or back lawn or in a pot and use it as a feature.

Care for your topiary as you would most other plants by watering and fertilizing, oh and need I say it? it will need trimming a little more than the rest of the plants in the garden to maintain its shape. If you are growing a topiary in a pot, especially if it's on a balcony or terrace, it's a great idea to spin it around every so often so the growth will be even all the way around. You can trim your topiary with secateurs or manual or petrol hedge trimmers. Use your eyes to shape — just remember if you make a mistake or slip while trimming it will grow back — it might just take awhile.



Above:
Conical and
pyramid shaped
Buxus topiary
boards the
front path.



Right:
A Camellia
sasanqua in the
process of
forming a ball.

Topiaries are really living sculptures and the art form of plants with clear defined shapes has been around for hundreds of years. Really nothing if off limits, so why not bring an old gardening form back to life (pun intended)? Grab your shears and let your imagination run free — happy clipping!!!

Andy
41 Central Street



2014 Autumn season replicating Spring market strength

The surge of fresh energy we typically see in Sydney's marketplace in January-March has been far more intense this year, with strong buyer demand carrying over from the record-breaking Spring 2013 season.

Sydney's auction clearance rate remains above 80% and locally, we have seen some very strong sales both before auction and under the hammer.

Sydney's recovery is in full swing and we are expecting 2014 to be another great year — although some of the 'frenzy' will inevitably settle down in the second half.

Naremburn has benefitted substantially from Sydney's broader market recovery. In 2013, owners of a typical house made \$110,000 in capital gains, with apartment owners accruing \$63,500 in new equity.

According to RP Data, Naremburn's median house price finished the year at \$1.31M — up 9.2% from \$1.2M in 2012. The median apartment price was \$715,000, up 9.7% from \$651,500 in 2012.

There was a 50% increase in house sales in Naremburn in 2013, indicating new confidence among home owners and a desire to capitalise on increasing buyer demand. McGrath's market share continues to grow having sold 77% of the houses and semis last year.

More homes are being listed this year too, however it is nowhere near enough to meet demand and that is why we are seeing continued strong competition. Early 2014 should be a time for strategic decisions. There is great wealth still to be made in Australian real estate, and with interest rates so low, there is no better time.

It is great to see the market moving forward and we are so excited to help local home owners take advantage of it.

There is so much that can be done to truly maximise the sale of your home and we would love the opportunity to explain how we do this for our clients. If you are interested, please call us for a no-obligation appraisal today.

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

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HEALTH MATTERS

– eHealth

eHealth is the electronic management of health information. An eHealth record is a personally controlled electronic health record (PCEHR) and is an online summary of your health information.

The main document in the record is a health summary, which will give an overview of your health-care status. It will usually be created by your GP.

Other information that may be added is hospital discharge summaries, visits to other health professionals, Medicare information, prescription records, specialist letters and child development and immunisation details.

The record will make it easier for healthcare professionals to look up and track health information. It will also provide access to health information in an emergency.

You can register for eHealth online or by contacting a Medicare office. After registering you will receive a secure login and password. The patient generally has control of their eHealth record and it can be accessed from anywhere via a website.

A couple of concerns with eHealth have been those of privacy and security. These have now largely been addressed (eHealth now has similar security as is used with online banking).

The other sticking point has been whether to allow the patient to have full control of their record and thus be able to restrict access and information on the record.

This matter remains unresolved.

While much of our lives have gone online, including banking and shopping, for some unknown reason Australians have been slow to take up this technological change to the health system.

Last year Health Minister Peter Dutton announced a review of the \$1 billion system. Presently submissions are being made to a review panel. One proposed solution is to make it an opt-out system rather than an opt-in one.

Whatever the outcome of the review panel, the eHealth record system is here to stay and it will certainly benefit general practice and its patients as it keeps evolving over the coming years.

Dr Raffi Sahagian
Willoughby Medical Practice

Messages from mayoral candidates

Willoughby City Council elections will be held on 12 April to elect a new mayor. Voting is compulsory for all residents of Willoughby City Council who are 18 years and over. The following messages are from some of the candidates for mayor, in alphabetical order.



Stuart Coppock

We need to continue building a better Willoughby, so it's a better place to live, work and play. A better place for families; a better place for all of us. I have a clear vision declared at the last general council elections in 2012 and a desire to maintain the progress that the current council had been gathering under former mayor and long-time mentor Pat Reilly's stewardship. I have reinforced vision with a simple plan:

1. No general rate increases.
2. Continued wide community consultation.
3. Controlled development, not overdevelopment.
4. Commitment to investigate pensioner rebates.
5. Commitment to sport with Willoughby Leisure Centre redevelopment as well as the Chatswood and Gore Hill AFL and Netball project.
6. Commitment to music and culture across Willoughby city.

'Believe in Better.'



Gail Giles-Gidney

Acting Mayor Gail Giles-Gidney has been a councillor for Willoughby City Council since 2009 and Deputy Mayor since 2013.

Gail has been unwavering in her determination for fair resident representation, enhancing access for sport and recreation facilities, easing traffic and parking congestion and supporting local businesses.

Gail has been active on many council committees and is Willoughby City's representative on the Council of Mayors.

Other activities include Bushcare, Cancer Council NSW, Vice President of the NSW Parents Council, as well as school and sporting committees. Gail was a project and client services manager for Lend Lease.

As a long-term resident Gail understands the pressures that face us all, and focuses on strategic priorities, financial responsibility and community.



Wendy Norton

I stand as an independent mayoral candidate, who was endorsed by our late independent mayor, Pat Reilly, in the past three council elections.

I have never been a member of any political party and my focus is the needs of Willoughby City Council residents.

I will bring to the role ten years of very active service as a councillor, including two years as Deputy Mayor, and a strong commitment to consultation with the community.

Crowded School Bus Stops in Naremburn

It is great to see the local support for the dedicated school buses that allow children from Naremburn to travel to Cammeray and Artarmon public schools.

One issue of concern that arises from the large number of children using the bus is the safety of the schoolchildren and their families (including toddlers and preschoolers) as they wait. There is a significant danger children will fall onto the road. As there are no school zones at either the Garland Rd or Willoughby Rd bus stop and it is peak hour, I feel it would be wise to make some safety provisions for the waiting students.

Gladys Berejiklian was understanding of these issues when I visited her late last year and she put my concerns to the Willoughby Council Traffic Committee. Unfortunately, no solutions have been suggested so it continues to remain the responsibility of parents to make sure their children wait for the bus some distance away from the kerb. The bus service is wonderful but a safer bus stop would be very much appreciated.

Alison Herbert
Waters Road



David Stickland

Independent Candidate for Mayor of Willoughby

David's goal is to engage with the community, councillors and council staff to make the most of the wonderful city we live in. Leveraging the diversity of this expanding community to develop a clear vision, combined with a robust financial plan, is the key for Willoughby's future. David's priorities are summarized in his name, **DAVE**.

- Diversity:** Willoughby needs a Mayor who can harness the strengths that diversity brings.
- Accountability:** As a ratepayer himself David will ensure we budget sensibly for the future.
- Vehicles & traffic:** Living on High Street David knows first hand what speeding cars and heavy traffic mean for our city.
- Engagement:** As a senior executive working across Asia Pacific, David focuses on consultation and then results.



Nic Wright

I'm excited to be running for mayor in the upcoming by-election. Here are three great reasons why I want your support:

1. As a born and raised local boy, I understand from first-hand experience how important improving our footpaths and roads, maintaining our fantastic parks and supporting our neighbourhood libraries are to fostering our sense of community.
2. My track record in Council shows my commitment to improving financial transparency and efficiency and my staunch opposition to further rate rises.
3. Stopping the overdevelopment and putting residents front and centre of any future development processes to ensure that community comes first.

Our local preschool a winner

Parents of children at Willoughby Community Preschool in Naremburn know what a wonderful place it is, but this has been recently confirmed by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA).

The preschool has been awarded the highest mark of 'Exceeding National Quality Standard' in all seven quality areas of the National Quality Framework (NQF). In particular, the preschool was credited for going above and beyond in the area of 'Physical Environment' for successfully obtaining a grant from Munch & Move to update and establish garden planter boxes. The preschool was also praised for the inclusion of an additional support worker, who works two days per week with children with additional and special needs and their families.

'We are delighted to have received such outstanding results from our NQF assessment,' said Dianne Minnett, Director of Willoughby Community Preschool. 'It is a testament to the hard work of our teachers and our volunteer parent community that we achieved this stellar result.'

Will the new schools help kids from Naremburn?

At the February meeting of the NPA, we were lucky enough to hear from Steph Croft, president of Willoughby Girls High School's P&C association.

She has spearheaded the campaign for more schools on the North Shore and she was able to give the NPA an update of the situation. So far three new schools have been announced for the area (Bradfield Middle School, the Anzac Club site primary school and the UTS site), and she indicated that there will be another two schools to open, though she was not at liberty to reveal exact locations for these sites.

Residents of Naremburn will not necessarily benefit directly from the new schools, though there should be a reduction in student numbers, certainly at Cammeray Public School, when the new school on the site of the old Anzac Club opens.

Bradfield Middle School (Years 7–10) will open in 2015 for students starting Year 7. The catchment boundaries for the school are at draft stage but it looks as though Naremburn will not be within the catchment area. There will be a senior high school opening to complement Bradfield Middle School but again it is thought that Naremburn residents will fall outside the catchment. The Anzac site will host a new primary school and it is thought there will also be childcare and pre- and post-school care on the site. It is currently at planning stage. The UTS site is under discussion with planning to begin soon.

Zoë Harpham
Waters Road



**Catholic Parish
of Lower North Shore
HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2014**

Holy Thursday 17 April

7:00pm St Thomas' Church Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
*** Please note there will be no morning Mass at St Leonard's Church or St Thomas' Church.*

Good Friday 18 April

9:00am St Philip Neri Church Stations of the Cross
10:00am St Leonard's Church Stations of the Cross
10:00am St Thomas' Church Stations of the Cross
3:00pm St Leonard's Church Celebration of the Lord's Passion
3:00pm St Thomas' Church Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 19 April

7:00am St Leonard's Church Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 20 April

7:30am St Thomas' Church Morning Mass
8:00am St Leonard's Church Morning Mass
9:00am St Philip Neri Church Family Mass
9:30am St Thomas' Church Family Mass
10:30am St Leonard's Church Morning Mass
*** Please note there will be no 6pm Youth Mass at St Leonard's Church.*



Learning the ropes



I have lived in Naremburn since I can remember and I have enjoyed every bit of my childhood and growing up here. I am very lucky to live here in this cheerful and happy community.

Over the last couple of years I have been involved in many community activities such as helping out in the community garden at the bottom of Bongalong Street on Sunday mornings. I have also started to learn to bell ring, which has been amazing. I have learnt in the St Leonards' Catholic Church in Naremburn, one of approximately sixty bell towers in Australia.

Learning to bell ring has been a very difficult and new experience. You must learn by yourself first before you ring with others. Our bell tower has six bells, the lightest (trebil) weighing approximately 250 kilograms. Each bell after that makes a lower sound than the other. The lowest bell (number six, the tenor) weighs a whopping 500 kilograms. I am so lucky to be able to bell ring.

I am now allowed to bell ring rounds on air to the community. I ring at 9:50 on Sunday mornings and at 5:40 on Sunday afternoon. It's heaps of fun!

I am so happy that I live in Naremburn as I live with friendly kind-natured people and I can experience once-in-a-lifetime activities.

Ingrid Norton (age 12)
Glenmore Street

GET FIT AT WILLOUGHBY LEISURE



The Willoughby Leisure Centre is a community health and wellbeing centre offering a wide range of fitness, recreation and relaxation facilities for all ages, including Swim School for kids.



For more information
visit www.willoughbyleisure.com.au,
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email leisure@willoughbyleisure.com.au



Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

In January we received an anonymous note about a section 96 application being put to council regarding the bells at St Leonard's Church. This letter claimed the following:

- 1) The bells were currently being rung at a lower volume than allowed, to lull people into thinking the noise level is acceptable.
- 2) An increase in frequency and duration of ringing was being requested by the church, so we could say farewell to our peaceful lives.
- 3) Members of Naremburn Progress Association would support the changes as they did not live near the church.

A small amount of research would have made it clear to the writer that:

- 1) Bells are rung at whatever volume they ring at. They can be muffled or the soundproofing windows can be closed, but that is all.
- 2) The section 96 requests additional ringing of bells for special occasions, such as Christmas or the death of an important person.
- 3) The section 96 requests additional practice ringing, for which the soundproofing windows are closed and this is inaudible outside the church.
- 4) These bells are not automated – they require trained people to ring them. This would be self-limiting as to time and duration.

Thus, it is extremely unlikely that we will have to say good-bye to our peaceful lives in the foreseeable future. In my experience, the members of the Progress Association take a considered and objective approach to the issues that come before them, balancing the wants and needs of the community as a whole.

While I am neither a member of the church or the Progress Association, I do find it annoying that someone who does not want to stand up and be counted sees fit to spread erroneous rumours and besmirch the reputations of community volunteers who give of their time to make our neighbourhood a better place. My request to this anonymous person is: in future, please desist.

Sue Howes
Bongalong Street

Discovering Naremburn

People come from far and wide to dine in nearby Crows Nest. We are lucky enough to have over 190 cafes and restaurants right on the doorstep of Naremburn.

As a local, you might still be hitting your Crows Nest favourites – Pino's Ristorante, Thai Face and Garfish. Or maybe it's our own Naremburn Pizzeria you keep going back to for great pizza served with a smile, followed by that heartwarming complimentary port and chocolate.

But don't get stuck in a gastronomical rut. Stop at Small Bar on Willoughby Road for wine and cheese under a canopy of vines and fairy lights in the courtyard, or venture over to The Foxtrot (Falcon Street) to step back in time with friends over a craft beer or cocktail.

Order a tiny slice of passionfruit cheesecake or a chunk of chocolate brownie at Kurtosh (Willoughby Road). The Hungarian café charges by weight, so go you can go to town or leave feeling satisfied, but virtuous.

Try a schnitzel at the Bavarian Beer Café (Willoughby Road) while you sit in the window and watch the world go by, or a little further up the road, try to guess who's on a first date at The Stoned Crow, when you stop in to try the daily specials. Their hide-covered stools, ambient lighting and hanging baskets must be great conversation starters.

Not into dining out? Pick up a gelato or coffee to-go from Sparrow Gelato on Ernest Place and perch on the grass outside and soak up the atmosphere. A popular meeting place, Ernest Place has had a mini makeover and is a great spot to soak up the atmosphere on Willoughby Road whether eating in at one of the cafés and restaurants or simply strolling around.

Ali Millgate
Wheatleigh Street

Rate review on hold ... for now

Recently, Willoughby City Council voted to cancel (or at least delay) their proposed rate rise until the completion of a review of the council to see if cost savings could be made in other areas that would negate the need for a rate rise. Preliminary results of the review are due in July 2014. At the same time a list of potential cost savings and revenue-raising opportunities will be presented.



Bongalong St
Community
Garden

Community garden – Spring 2014

The new garden beds are in and operational. Some self-seeded pumpkins are growing like trifids. Around half the beds have been mulched and the rest will be done soon, while the recent rain has been most welcome and the plants have all picked up since then.

Herbs are readily available to anyone who would like some. We also have an excess of lettuce and rocket at present, so please eat it. Many of the plants now have tiles that identify what they are next to them – thanks Sarah. We also have way too many chillies, lots of different colours and sizes.

We have quite a good crop of corn coming along at present and will soon have some ripe rockmelon. We will be putting a small blackboard up in the garden to tell people what is ready for harvest and eating.

We are happy for people to come and plant things in the garden if they would like to, so if anyone would like to come and do some planting please come on Sunday mornings. If you would like to request that something be planted please let the garden group know on the facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/BongalongStCommunityGarden?ref=stream>.

The very top bed currently has lots of space. There is usually someone working in the garden around 10:00 am on Sunday mornings, so please drop in and say hello and have a look around.

Our worm farms are currently a bit hungry. If you have food scraps please feel free to put them into either of the two farms that we have. Liquid fertiliser is also readily available from them.

Grass clippings, leaves and pulled out weeds and grass can be placed into the large compost bins further down the hill from the worm farms.

Thanks to Peter Chauncy and his team at McGrath Crows Nest for supporting the community garden — their support is greatly appreciated.

Sue Howes
Bongalong Street

Gore Hill Cemetery Photos: John May



Join the tour of Gore Hill Memorial Cemetery

The Friends of Gore Hill Cemetery will be conducting a tour of the heritage-listed Gore Hill Cemetery at St Leonards as part of the National Trust Heritage Festival on Sunday April 13, 2014 from 10:30 to 12:30.

The cemetery was opened in 1868 and closed in 1974 and contains memorials to hundreds of prominent early North Shore pioneers.

The tour will visit a number of these memorials and will provide an insight into the history of the North Shore and the achievements of some of those who are buried there.

At the end of the tour there will be an opportunity to locate family graves and learn about arrangements for deposition of ashes in them or in the cemetery niche walls and adding an entry to the cemetery biographies.

Bookings are essential.

Phone John May on 9906 5106.

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Naremburn Community Centre Activities

Naremburn Library is expected to reopen on Saturday 29 March and the revamped community centre will be available for normal activities from the first week of April. If you attend an activity that uses the community centre, check with your organiser as to when they will be moving back to the community centre. For bookings at the Naremburn Community Centre, contact Elizabeth Dwyer on 9777 7802.

Naremburn Progress Association

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

Playgroup

Wednesday – for children 5 and under
9:30 am to 11:30 am from 30 April
0448 709 834 (Christie Tran)
naremburnplaygroup@gmail.com

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
abamns.contact@gmail.com

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

Parking relief may be at hand

Willoughby City Council (WCC) is set to conduct a survey and review of parking availability in the Oxley Street residential permit parking precinct.



Staff at WCC under the leadership of Paul Collings and James Brocklebank will review a variety of conditions and usage patterns for both residents and non-residents. This work is set to be complementary to the longer term WCC parking review (yet to be approved and implemented by Council as at the time of writing) and will incorporate focus on the issues of long-term parking occupancies by non-residents and potentially the growing impact of multi-story developments on street parking in the area.

Residents are grateful to Naremburn Progress Association, *Naremburn Matters*, Naremburn Councillors — and in particular recently to Cr Sloane — for their advocacy and support. Residents also wish to thank staff at WCC for their efforts in what must currently be an extremely busy and challenging environment.

It is hoped that for the June edition of *Naremburn Matters* we will be able to bring residents news of further progress.

Peter Bower
Oxley Street

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What's the latest on Channel 9?

Since our last issue, the community has been very involved in fighting the proposed Channel 9 redevelopment plan in favour of the more modest plan outlined by Willoughby City Council (WCC). The main action has surrounded preparation for and presentations to the Planning and Assessment Commission's (PAC) public meeting on 19 February.

Of the approximately 150 people who attended the PAC meeting, there were 43 speakers who articulated their concerns and those of the broader community about the Channel 9 plan. The Chair of the meeting, Ms Kibble, commented that she has been participating in these meetings for many years and she's NEVER had such a united and consistent message being delivered by so many speakers. This speaks to the co-ordinated action and work of the Willoughby Area Action Group (WAAG), which co-ordinated the community speakers, including many from the Naremburn community and the Naremburn Progress Association.

Following this meeting the PAC deliberated and finally handed down their decision on 7 March. The PAC made many changes to the Channel 9 plan and many of the modifications were part of WCC's alternate plan. The PAC has allowed Channel 9 a maximum of 350 apartments and a maximum building height of eight storeys, a much reduced size and height from Channel 9's plan. This is a victory and testament to the efforts of the local community.

Channel 9 now have the right to appeal the decision to the Land and Environment Court so the battle may continue. But for the moment we can enjoy the sense of victory.

Many people worked hard on fighting the Channel 9 plan in the hope that the more modest WCC plan would be approved instead. Chief among these are WAAG members, including Peter Wilton, Brendan Bond, Meshlin Khouri and Peter Stephenson. We also must recognise the contribution of Greg Woodhams, WCC's Director of Planning and his Strategic Planning team of Linda McClure and Lara Nguyen who were the authors of the alternative concept plan. The WAAG group were spurred on in the knowledge that all the WCC Councillors and Officers were with them and in particular, the late Mayor, Pat Reilly, General Manager, Nick Tobin, Councillors Michelle Sloane and Gail Giles-Gidney and both our State and Federal MPs, Gladys Berejiklian and Joe Hockey.

Viviane Leveaux and Zoë Harpham

