

Naremburn Matters

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Naremburn Progress Association (NPA)

Recognition of outstanding locals

Each year The Hon Joe Hockey MP organises the North Sydney Community Awards to recognise members of the community who live or work in the local area and make an outstanding contribution to this community.

Our congratulations go to Bob Taffel as the recipient of one of this year's awards for his significant contribution to the community primarily in spearheading and being the driving force behind the challenge to the proposed redevelopment of the Channel 9 site. It was his determination that the community be involved and has a say in the process that galvanised us all. Bob continues to monitor this, as he does with other issues such as the proposal for construction of a lift for Artarmon Station.

Our congratulations also go to Willoughby Area Action Group (WAGG) and Cyril Clark. WAAG received a Community Group award for their community involvement and representation to the Planning Assessment Committee (PAC) achieving a successful determination in the Channel 9 redevelopment proposal. The award was collected by Peter Wilton on behalf of WAAG.

Cyril Clark is a member of the Naremburn Progress Association and was an active member of the Naremburn Over 50's Group. He received a Community Award as a founding member of the Crows Nest Rotary and his ongoing involvement with Rotary.

Are you short on space?

Stay tuned for Borrow Box – launching in September. Borrow Box is an incredibly easy way to borrow e-books and audio books. Borrow Box has lots of Australian titles and a wealth of children's resources — an ideal way to keep everyone amused on holidays or anytime of the night or day.

If you are not sure what all this talk about 'e' means, join us at Naremburn Library for an 'e-Books are for everyone' presentation on Monday 13 October from 3–4 pm. Find out about free e-books and audiobooks from the library's e-collections. Bring along your own device and we will help you get started. For more information, speak to your branch librarian.

If you haven't already popped into the refurbished Naremburn Library – call in and take a look at the fabulous range available for borrowing.

Diana Revington
Naremburn Branch Librarian
Willoughby City Council

WILLOUGHBY FUN RUN AND LEISURE CENTRE OPEN DAY
7am – 12 noon
Sunday 19 October

RACE FORMAT
5km and 10km distances
1.5km Kids Fun Run featuring NEW Primary School Challenge
ReachOut and Run – all proceeds will be donated to ReachOut.com, a service providing help and support for young people and their mental health.

Runners, joggers and walkers are encouraged to join us for this family friendly event

Compete against an Olympian! Olympic athlete Ed Fernon will run the 10km route. This is your chance to see how you measure up!

FREE ENTRY to Willoughby Leisure Centre 7am - 12 noon

After the Fun Run, enjoy a great morning at our Open Day
Kids Activities
BBQ
Free Swimming Lessons
Tour our Facilities
Fitness Appraisals
Free Fitness Classes

Registration now open: www.willoughbyleisure.com.au

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NAREMBURN VILLAGE SHOPS

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Second Thursday of the month
excluding January and July
Naremburn Community Centre
7 Central Street
Commencing at 7:30 pm with an Open Forum

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President – out and about

Since our last edition of *Naremburn Matters* we have heard the news that Channel 9 is appealing to the Land & Environment Court against the restrictions to their concept plan for the Channel 9 site.

Channel 9 feels that their 450 apartment/12-storey high concept plan does not constitute an over-development of the site. The Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) has not deviated from its view that the developments should be no more than 350 apartments and that, in fact, Channel 9's plans do constitute over-development. A conciliation conference will be held on site on 23 September and the community will be able to attend. Willoughby City Council (WCC) and Willoughby Area Action Group (WAAG) will be making representations at this meeting. We encourage as many members of our community to attend to support WCC and WAAG. The Naremburn community needs to keep up the fight against the proposed size increase. The Naremburn Progress Association will keep in touch with all of our members of any meetings or further developments via email. If you value your suburb, then you should be a member of the NPA — join us now. We need to present a united force, and the greater our numbers, the louder our voice.

As we are all aware, parking continues to be an issue for Naremburn. I do hope that you took the opportunity to 'have your say' on the proposed parking strategy for Willoughby City on the Council's website. Recently there have been requests for shorter parking times at the Naremburn shops. This went before the Traffic Committee of WCC in August and was passed. At the time of writing this report, it is unclear when the changes will be implemented. The changes are that the current 2-hour parking zones in Rohan Street will be reduced to 1 hour. The 1-hour zone in the angle parking zones in Quiamong Street will become 2 hours and 4-hour parking zones will be introduced along the southern side of Dodd Street.

The Spring Festival runs throughout September. One of the highlights is the Street Fair which was held on Saturday 6 September. I hope that you will have the opportunity to attend some of these events. You can go to the Council's website to download a programme for the Festival or you may have received one in your mailbox.

You have probably noticed that this edition of *Naremburn Matters* is smaller than usual. We rely on memberships and advertising to produce this newsletter, which is a valuable link for our community. We would like to continue to produce this newsletter but without the support of our local businesses and our residents this publication will not be able to continue. If you enjoy reading this newsletter, then please support us by either advertising or joining the NPA. You do not have to attend our meetings, but you will be provided with regular emails of what is happening in Naremburn. You will also have the support of the NPA to speak on your behalf to Council if you have any issues. We welcome new members and advertisers. Please consider supporting us so that we can continue to produce this newsletter.

Frances O'Brien

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Ad Artwork: Monday 10 November
Articles: Wednesday 12 November

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NPA Meeting Dates

**Second Thursdays
7:30 pm**

9 October 2014

13 November 2014

11 December 2014

No meeting in January

**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.

www.naremburnprogress.org.au

Are you street smart?

Almost everyone has or will renovate their house or unit in Naremburn at some stage; if you don't I think you must be an endangered species!

I'm sure you will spend a lot of time and, of course, money either extending, changing materials, moving doors and windows, and choosing paint colours. Think about the style of your house and what can you do to improve it when planning changes, and remember that colour has a big impact.

However, often the front streetscape is neglected and/or left to last and by then the budget may have run out. But it's very important to budget for this from the beginning and plan to get it right. Your street appeal and appearance says a lot about you as a person and we often gauge what the inside would be like based on the outside. You know the old saying 'Don't judge a book by its cover'? It's because we often do.

Make the front of your house inviting and take pride in it. You might like it open so you can look out and people can see in or maybe you don't want to be on display but would prefer to create some mystery. Would you like a hedge or fence with a gate to add a bit of privacy or keep roaming animals or children in or out? Think about how you and your visitors are going to get from the council footpath to your front door. What sort of path will you have: concrete, paving, gravel, stepping stones? Also think about that same trip at night; speaking of trip, will someone trip in the dark? Consider lighting, such as a sensor light or some garden lighting with a dawn to dusk sensor or timer.

Would you like a front lawn? If so, keep it mown, edged and fertilised regularly – you could check mine out and use it as a reference point. No room for a lawn or you don't want one? Then what sort of garden would you like? A quick tip is to look at the size and style of your house to help decide what will blend with and complement it. Consider framing your pathway to the front door with a hedge or some annual colour on either side. Place a pot or two near the front door with an accent plant and colour. Or add a water feature, statue or sculpture. Even if you live in a unit or apartment block why not get together with your fellow residents, make some new friends and improve the front of your building making it more inviting for all those who visit.

You have a lot to consider as you have just read – if this all seems a little overwhelming you can contact a consultant to give you some advice to point you in the right direction



The entrance to Andy's home is framed by hedges and has a welcoming place to sit on the front verandah.

(hint hint I'm available for hire). Now once you have finished reading *Naremburn Matters* walk out the front and check the front of your place out, then go further afield and check out everyone else – then ask yourself this question – 'Am I street smart?'

Andy
41 Central Street



Peter Chauncy and his team at McGrath Crows Nest

It was a huge honour to be named the number one sales agent across the entire McGrath network at our end-of-financial year awards night in July. It comes off the back of a truly successful year of achieving new milestones and setting a range of price records in the Naremburn area. I was also humbled to be awarded the number four position in the Real Estate Business list of 100 top achieving agents in Australia.

Our team has been very busy too. The Crows Nest office is now the fastest growing in the McGrath network of 60 offices, so that's probably why we've been feeling even more active than usual lately.

Our sales and support team are getting recognition because we bring high levels of customer service to the market and deliver results well beyond many of our vendor's expectations, and that's what makes the hard work all worth it.

As expected, the winter period was a little bit quiet in Naremburn's property market. Stock levels stayed pretty low as vendors held on for the traditionally busy spring selling season. There was still a lot of buyer demand though and the properties that did come on the market sold very quickly and achieved record prices. We sold another \$2 million-plus home in Francis Street – the second highest price for a Naremburn property this year. We also sold another house in Grandview Street for just under \$2 million in August and one in Plunkett Street for \$1.9 million. A house in Northcote Street also sold to a buyer on our database without any marketing for just under \$1.9 million. As you can see the top end of the market has had strong demand with each of these sales achieving new street records.

You may have heard that some of the big lenders are now offering very low fixed-rate home loans of less than five percent. The Reserve Bank has also decided to keep interest rates steady for the 10th consecutive month. With interest rates now at record lows, money has never been cheaper to borrow and this gives home buyers much more power and incentive on auction day.

All the signs are there for a very busy spring quarter for Naremburn and some excellent opportunities for sellers as the property market goes into full recovery mode after the winter quarter.

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

McGrath Crows Nest

1A/29 Holtermann Street CROWS NEST

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Naremburn Community Centre Activities

There are two spaces available for hire in the community centre. There is a meeting room with its own kitchenette and toilet facilities and a larger area with its own projector.

These spaces can be hired through the Willoughby Park Centre (Ph. 9967 2917 or email willpark@willoughby.nsw.gov.au)

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
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



Update from Cr Coppock

Parking changes at shops

Council is looking to make changes to parking at the Naremburn shops. Changes yet to be approved will include reduced parking times in current parking spots and restricting parking times in Dodds Avenue.

General rate increase

In August, Council moved to take the option of an 'infrastructure levy' to community consultation with a report back to Council due in October. The problem is that the infrastructure 'levy' is actually a general rate increase. To qualify as a levy the rate must be an annual increase only and for specified and costed works. In this case the proposed 'levy' is to run for seven years. The cost savings review that is to be advised as a part of the community consultation is not a financial cost savings review. It is an organisational structure review and was approved by Council as such.

The next rate increase (next year) under rate pegging is anticipated to be 2.6%.

The last point to make here is that the Local Government Act does not allow a rate pegging increase on a levy but does on a general rate increase. The Council is proposing a rate peg increase for six years of the seven year period. There will then be an application to turn the 'levy' into an ongoing rate level.

There was a time when honesty was 'expected' to be a fundamental in public policy and administration. What is a general rate increase should be acknowledged as such.

Channel Nine


Channel Nine has appealed the PAC decision – as I expected them to do. The Land and Environment Court have ordered that Council can join the proceedings for the case. There will be a section 34 conciliation conference between the parties to be held on site at 9:30 am on Monday 23 September. A section 34 conference is a dispute resolution process where parties try to reach agreement on the matters raised in the appeal.

If the parties do not agree, or do not agree to allow the Commissioner to adjudicate on the matter at that time, the proceedings are referred back to the court to fix a date for a hearing.

Council has engaged an urban design/architecture expert to represent Council and provide opinion on those issues before the section 34 conference and at any hearing.

Cr Stuart Coppock
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Do you have heaps of clothes and 'nothing to wear'?



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