



# Naremburn Matters

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Naremburn Progress Association (NPA)

## New Planning Laws: you, your street, your suburb

Local newspapers have covered the furore over Willoughby City's 'first cab off the rank' since the 27 February commencement of the new NSW Planning Legislation. Former Planning Minister, Frank Sartor, pushed the legislation through last year despite a fierce 'Keep It Local' campaign by councils and shires across NSW. The 'first cab off the rank' is a DA for a house in Cobar Street, Willoughby.

Can this happen in Naremburn? It seems that the streets in the two Conservation Areas may be 'protected'. However, the fringes of those two Conservation Areas as well as other parts of Naremburn such as between Glenmore and the train line, between Brook and the border with Cammeray, can be affected. Will we have a proliferation of McMansions?

To hear answers to planning questions and concerns, come to the NPA June meeting.

**Greg Woodhams, Environmental Services Director, WCC**

Thursday 11 June 2009 at 7:30 pm (normal business suspended)

Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street

Greg Woodhams joined Willoughby City Council in 1993 with experience in both State and Local Government level as well as the private sector. He is currently Vice President of the Planning Institute of Australia (NSW Division) and is the Chair of the PIA Urban and Regional Planning Chapter. Greg is also a member of several Ministerial and NSW Department of Planning Committees such as the Implementation Advisory Committee on the new planning legislation and the Local Environmental Plan Review Panel.

## Ella Street (Railway) Bridge temporary closure Traffic and commuter parking in Naremburn

Steven Head, Council's Infrastructure Services Director spoke at the NPA's May general meeting on traffic issues, specifically the effect of the bridge closure; increased problems with rat runs and commuter parking. There is much community concern on the management of the process, the lack of information and consultation with affected residents. Traffic Management Plan seems to have been prepared without considering the views and concerns of locals or an understanding of real local issues. Initially work was programmed to start in March 2009 but has now been delayed until September 2009 to enable consultation with residents and reworking of the TMP by WCC and Laing O'Rourke.

The NPA thanks Steven Head for speaking at the meeting. To keep up to date on the progress of this issue check our website for the minutes of the May NPA general meeting as well as regular updates in 'Latest News'.

## Second Public Meeting SCHOOL FOR NAREMBURN

Thursday 2 July from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

St Leonard's Catholic Parish Hall

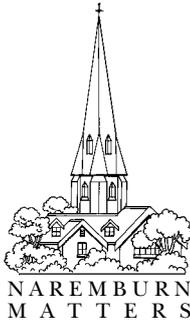
(Willoughby Road between Donnelly Street and Merrenburn Avenue)

Agenda to be set at 28 May Naremburn School Working Party (NSWP) meeting.

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VILLAGE SHOPS

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**General Meetings**

Nareburn Community Centre  
 Central Street, Nareburn  
 Commencing at 7:30 pm  
 with a 15 minute Open Forum  
 Thursday 11 June 2009  
 No meeting in July  
 Thursday 13 August 2009  
 Thursday 10 September 2009

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## NPA website

- Nareburn Matters – all issues since the first issue of April 2005
- Minutes of general meetings from 2007 to most recent meeting
- Agenda for the next meeting
- Latest News – keep up to date with Nareburn

## President – out and about

Have you ever attended a meeting of your Council? As NPA President I have, sometimes to acquaint myself with this local demonstration of democracy, at other times in support of local residents on a specific issue.

Recently I sought permission to address Council on the issue of increased usage of Bicentennial Reserve by Northbridge Football Club (NFC). A keen sports participant in the past, more as a spectator these days, I do support organised sport for its health and character-building elements. However, I believe NFC failed to use local representative bodies such as the Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group and the NPA to air its (expansionist) plans.

At the WCC meeting of 27 April I wanted to give a voice to those residents of Nareburn not involved in organised sport and those who are already affected by parking issues associated with Bicentennial Reserve. I am disappointed that WCC notified residents of the 7-week football (soccer) trial – 2 afternoon matches of senior teams, 18 to 30 years – after permission to play was granted. NFC assures Council they have taken measures not to add to traffic congestion already created by sport in the area. We will closely monitor the effects of the trial. This and other Nareburn matters are covered in Latest News on our website.

At that same Council meeting a concerned Artarmon resident had sought permission to address Council on a topic dear to his heart, his own property. It seems a neighbour had put in a DA for extensive renovations that meant direct sunlight on the adjoining property was reduced to one hour a day. Council had rejected the application. The neighbour then engaged a private certifier, under the new NSW Planning Laws, and had the plans passed. The aggrieved neighbour faces an invidious choice; lose his open aspect or put in his own DA to renovate his home to his neighbour's disadvantage, clearly a lose-lose outcome. The Mayor suspended Council business to allow an open forum on the issue. This scenario is exactly why Councillors opposed change in planning legislation.

If you want to know about the new NSW Planning Laws and their potential impact on your property, your street and our suburb, please mark Thursday 11 June in your diary. Greg Woodhams, WCC's Environmental Services Director, will give a clear explanation of the new planning laws at our June NPA meeting commencing at 7:30 pm.

Other current issues of concern to our community are the campaign for a school in Nareburn as well as the intended re-development of our Nareburn Community Centre in Central Street, and, the Open Day at this Centre in September.

The next School Working Party Meeting - Councillors, our State Member, parent representatives, NPA representatives, the Department of Education and Training, the Broken Bay Catholic Education Office – to be held in the Nareburn Community Centre is set down for 28 May. A second Public Meeting will be held in the St Leonard's Catholic Parish Hall, Willoughby Road between Donnelly Road and Merrenburn Avenue, on Thursday 2 July, 7.00 - 8.30 pm. All parents of pre-school and school-age children and all concerned Nareburn residents are invited to attend.

The Community Centre provides facilities for a pre-school, Willoughby Out of School Hours Care for school-age children, our library and a meeting place for many local bodies; see the Noticeboard on page 8. Council's proposal to upgrade the Centre was to the subject of a DA in February, but it has not yet eventuated; the NPA remains in ongoing communication with Council on the proposal. Our most recent correspondence requested of Council that users of the Centre be involved in the planning stage; better proactive input than reacting after the plan has been formulated.

In September each year an Umbrella Event of WCC's Spring Festival is an Open Day at our Centre. Sadly, Nareburn residents are notable by their absence and the majority of visitors on the day are parents of pre schoolers, most from other suburbs. Watch for the date, check our website and drop in on the day.

Finally, congratulations and thanks to Council for its initiative in staging the Earth Hour Festival in Nareburn Park. Council estimated that more than 2000 attended this community event that had entertainment and fun for young and old and plenty of valuable information to help us be ClimateClever. We look forward to the 2010 event.

**Kevin FitzPatrick**  
 President NPA

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## Children's Book Week 2009

Monday 24 August to Friday 28 August

Naremburn Branch Library will be taking part in the celebrations for the Australian Children's Book Council's Children's Book Week 2009. Visit Naremburn Library to find out which books from the shortlist have won a Book Week prize. For your chance to win a prize, take part in our Children's Book Week competition. For information, phone Chatswood Library on 9777 7900 or visit [www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/Library.html](http://www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/Library.html)  
Naremburn Branch Library, the Foyer, Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street  
Hours:- Mon: 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm; Thu: 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm; Sat: 9:30 am to 12 Noon

## Vale Don Wilson

Don Wilson of Station Street passed away in March. He was a very committed member of this community and, among other things, was a prime mover for Friends of Naremburn Park and its successful campaign for the upgrading of the Children's Playground. Don was also an advocate for a bus for Naremburn children attending Artarmon Primary School. Our sympathies to his wife and family.

## Naremburn Matters deliveries

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## 41 Central Street photographs

Andy Cichanowski moved into '41' mid 2008. And hasn't he done a great job of renovating the old cottage as well as creating a beautiful front garden? He has also devoted time and energy to nurturing the nature strips on this corner of Central and Garland. Andy has asked if anyone has photos of the house from previous centuries!

## True or False

How well do you know the history of your suburb?

- 1 Naremburn residents vented their feelings by taking to the streets in a public protest march.
- 2 In 1930, Naremburn Public School was in danger of closing.
- 3 The famous Australian spin bowler, 'Tiger' Bill O'Reilly taught at the Naremburn Public School in the 1920s.
- 4 Naremburn's first main commercial area was known as 'Central Township'.
- 5 The name Merrenburn Avenue is a corruption of 'Narra-burren' from the word 'burn'.

(Answers on page 6)

**Kevin FitzPatrick**  
Central Street

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## Young Reporter

In our March issue we asked "Is there a young person with an eye for a future in journalism?"

The NPA is pleased to announce that our new young reporter is Venetia Gintel and her first article on the Earth Hour Festival appears on this page. Venetia is 17 and is in Year 11 and has lived in Nareburn for 8 years. Hobbies are writing, reading, art, photography, tennis and swimming. Work experience in 2008 was assisting at a Sydney talk-back radio station. Venetia's career goal is to be a journalist.

## Earth Hour Facts

- Sydney held the first Earth Hour in 2007 when 2.2 million homes and businesses switched off their lights for one hour.
- By 2009, worldwide, almost 3,000 cities, towns and municipalities in 83 countries committed to switching their lights off for WWF's Earth Hour.
- At Earth Hour Festival in Nareburn Park more than 2,000 people joined in the festivities and showed support for action on climate change.



## A night out for Earth Hour 2009

On Saturday 28 March neighbours, friends and families all came together for the Earth Hour Festival at Nareburn Park. The community joined together to enjoy an evening of entertainment, food, fun activities and most importantly spread environmental awareness about conserving energy and watch as Sydney switched off its lights for one hour.

There were many activities that were enjoyed by both children and adults such as the beating of drums at one end of the oval. Their sound could be heard across the neighbourhood and was done to acknowledge the idea of the power of sound without the use of electricity.

At the other end of the oval was a stage where talents of the local neighbourhood performed and were applauded by keen audiences.

As I was weaving through the groups of people who were examining the stalls I was able to speak to Ross Dickson, organiser of the Artarmon youth group 'arty' and also owner of the hair salon 'Hair on Wilkes'. I first asked him a few questions about the Artarmon youth group and what sort of people are involved. His reply was, 'It's a friendly, non-structured group for people aged between 5-25 who like to get involved and have some fun. We are currently running "Artarmon Star Search 2009" where people from the community can audition and show off their singing, instrumental and dancing talent. Another activity we run is the youth garden where we plant different types of vegetation.'

When asked if he thought that Earth Hour was an effective strategy to create environmental awareness and global sustainability he replied, 'Yes, I think community events which bring everybody together is a great way to create awareness and enforce the message of the importance of the environment.' In response to my question about the environmentally friendly strategies that he implements at home or at work he said 'At my business I follow the sustainable business program implemented by Willoughby City Council, it involves me using energy conserving lights.'



Right & Above: Rhythm Hunters drum in Earth Hour with mesmerising hoop and fire dance performers. Photo: WCC



Above: Avalon Ible, Artarmon Primary School prefect and member of the APS environment team, lights Mayor Pat Reilly's candle to welcome Earth Hour and launch Council's ClimateClever campaign. Photo: WCC

Below: The crowd in the Park preparing for the night time spectacular. Photo: WCC

Below: Young resident, Amelia Cleary. Photo: WCC



Below: Dr Ben McNeil Climate scientist from UNSW, gave the keynote address. Photo: WCC



**A night out for Earth Hour 2009** *Continued from page 4*

I approached Kevin FitzPatrick, President of the Nareburn Progress Association, to ask his opinion of what he thought about future generations reaching an ecologically sustainable environment. His response was 'I'm optimistic about the future. I think there have been considerable advances made in the awareness of the environment and the important role that the environment plays on everybody's lives. I'd also like to comment on the work done by the Willoughby City Council. I am very impressed with their e-waste collection service. Now old technology such as computers and televisions can be collected and recycled.'

When I asked him if Earth Hour was an effective strategy in creating awareness about the environment he responded by saying, 'Absolutely. Awareness has to come before action so people can effectively address the environmental problems that we are currently facing. We have stood on the shoulders of the generations a hundred years ago and people in a hundred years time will stand on our shoulders. This is why we have to stand up and do our part to protect the environment.'

Whilst walking around and observing the families and friends that together make up our local community it became apparent that Nareburn's Earth Hour community event had done a lot to create enthusiasm and awareness of an important environmental issue.

At 8.30pm people gathered together around the oval and lit up candles as they watched their surroundings disappear into darkness.

**Venetia Gintel**  
Station Street

*Earth Hour Festival was supported by Nareburn Progress Association, Artarmon Progress Association and the North Shore Climate Action Group.*

**ClimateClever campaign**

- Council's ClimateClever campaign launch by Mayor Pat Reilly at Earth Hour Festival
- The campaign will assist the community to reduce its carbon footprint by at least 15% by 2015 (2007 electricity data)
- With a focus on energy efficiency, the campaign will deliver a range of programs for residents, businesses and schools
- Programs for residents include home assessments, practical workshops, a climate change summit, eco trivia nights and an online video forum for residents to share their green tips
- ClimateClever is brought to the community by Council's e.restore program.

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**World Environment Day (WED) 2009 is Friday 5 June**

WED occurs each year on 5 June; it is one of the principal vehicles through which the United Nations stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment, political attention and action. WED 2009 theme is '**your planet needs you. UNite to combat climate change**'.

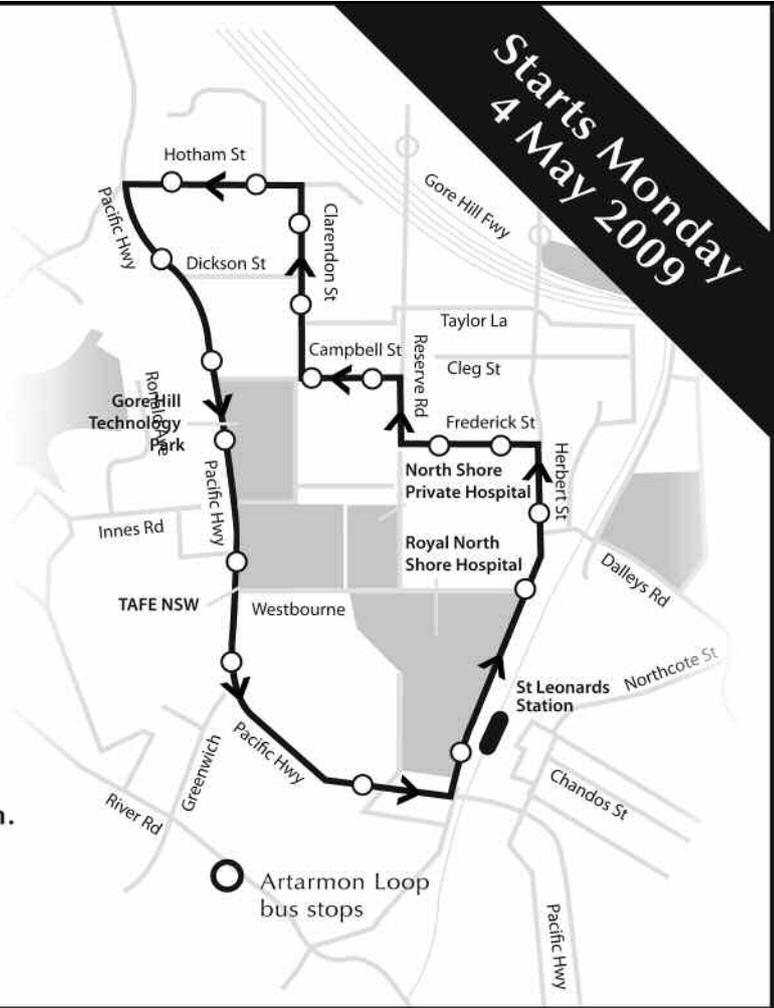
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## True or False

### 1 TRUE

*The North Shore Times* of Wednesday, 31 July 1996, records that despite wet conditions, 120 people marched from the St Leonard's Catholic Primary School to Ernest Place, Crows Nest, shouting "Save our School!", to no avail; the school closed at the end of the year leaving Naremburn without a school of any persuasion.

### 2 FALSE

In 1930 there were 1,744 pupils enrolled with average attendance 1,404. 'Mr Thomas Kingston [Principal] what were all those absentees doing?'

### 3 TRUE

O'Reilly, as well as being a gifted cricketer, was also a champion athlete – high jump; hop, step and jump. While Bill was at the Sydney Teachers' College, the Director of Physical Education invited Bill to assist in teaching PE at Naremburn. Bill played for North Sydney Cricket Club. A North Sydney Oval stand is named after him as well as one of the stands at the SCG.

### 4 TRUE

Central Township was expected to become the commercial centre of the North Side and was bounded between Central Street, Brook Street, Garland Road and Slade Street beyond Adolphus. A reminder of this 'expectation' is that one of the streets in this area is Market Street.

### 5 FALSE

On the contrary, it has been suggested that Naremburn is a corruption of Merrenburn. The latter was the name of the home on the estate of Alexander Dodds. Many people are still confused and spell the street name with two Ms instead of two Ns.

## Naremburn Playgroup

Connecting local parents and kids in a fun, safe and relaxed environment.

Naremburn Playgroup is a great weekly meeting place for young children and their carers, providing social interaction for adults and kids, and play equipment and activities for the kids. Our current members include children from just a few months old, to those almost ready for school, providing a great range of ages and interactions. There are siblings, only children, and younger siblings of school age children and the carers include parents, nannies and grandparents; Dads and grandfathers, you are very welcome.

We are fortunate to have an ideal meeting location at Naremburn Community Centre, with both indoor and outdoor space, a kitchen and kids' tables and chairs.

Outdoors the kids can slide down the slippery dip, climb the little gym, drive the cars or, one of their favourites, jump on the trampoline.

Indoors there are puzzles, blocks, trains and many other toys. Each week we try to incorporate a craft activity, be it painting, glueing, drawing or playdough. The activities are really only limited by our adults' imaginations and willingness to participate.

Naremburn Playgroup is run by local parents for the local community. If you are caring for a pre-school age child, please come and visit and see if you would like to join in. We are always looking for new participants, and we are happy to accept fresh input into our activities.

**When:** Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Where:** Naremburn Community Centre, 7-9 Central Street, Naremburn

**Email:** naremburnplaygroup@gmail.com

**Phone:** 0424 890 849 (Kim Bunny)

**Donations:** Naremburn community has many growing children. If you are such a family perhaps you have toys you might consider donating to the Playgroup. Please contact Kim Bunny at 0424 890 849 if you would like to discuss a donation.

#### Nominal fees per family:

- \$39 yearly Playgroup Association fee \*
- Quarterly Naremburn Playgroup fee
  - \$35 to attend one day a week
  - \$55 to attend two days a week, or
- \$4 per session drop in fee
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\* *The Playgroup Association fee covers insurance, and provides members the ABC Card which offers discount shopping at certain locations, including Sam the Butcher.*



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## Naremburn Neighbourhood Watch

June 2009

### Drugs in our area

The drug squad successfully uncovered and shut down an illicit methamphetamine lab on the corner of Willoughby Road and Faunce Lane (top of Bongalong Street) recently.

Four people were arrested. Many police, firemen and their emergency vehicles were accommodated in Bongalong Street and Glenmore Road for five days while all the chemicals were removed and the unit and surrounds decontaminated. Our thanks to all those involved; it was a risky, difficult and unpleasant job.

Given these recent events we thought we would provide some information on methamphetamine (Ice) so that people were a little more aware of what was involved in the clean-up operation.

### What is it?

This is a central nervous system stimulant that increases the 'fight-flight' response in users. Users experience an increase in focus, mental alertness, the elimination of fatigue, as well as a decrease in appetite.

This drug is highly addictive with many users reporting addiction after the first use. It can be smoked, inhaled, injected or as introduced as a suppository.

### What is the danger of production?

When made illicitly a process involving the application of heat to a mixture of chemicals is used.

Some of the chemicals that are used in such an illegal process can be red phosphorus (highly volatile and flammable – anyone lit a match recently? – It's like the stuff on the tip of the match), lithium (a highly reactive alkali metal) and ammonia (highly caustic when heated).

There are several dangers that arise in the production process. When some of these chemicals are combined the compound itself is highly reactive. This means that a chemical reaction occurs that would generally be described as 'vigorous'.

The compounds released as by-products of the process are highly flammable and also highly corrosive and toxic to humans (and other animals).

Add heat to this situation (which is required to produce the resulting drug) and the risk increases greatly. The production process also uses a highly reactive catalyst to reduce the mixture to something easily stored and transported.

### How does this drug affect people?

Exposure to the drug can affect the heart, breathing, lungs, brain function, circulatory system, immune system and damage the kidneys and liver. As the toxins in the drug affect the brain directly, brain damage from the drug is generally thought to be irreversible. The damage to liver, lungs and kidneys is also generally held to be irreversible.

### Resources

The dangers of meth production can be seen in a news report at [www.ky3.com/home/video/43626237.html](http://www.ky3.com/home/video/43626237.html). There is a short ad at the beginning of the video, hang in there and the news report comes up. This video does not contain distressing images or language etc.

Anyone (with a strong stomach) wanting a strong anti-meth message for their teenagers can find one at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=4jH1zqI\\_fQI&feature=quicklist](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4jH1zqI_fQI&feature=quicklist). Watch it first and then decide if you want your kids to see it.

The government has lots of good anti-drug information at [www.drugs.health.gov.au](http://www.drugs.health.gov.au) NSW health also has information and fact sheets on drugs at [www.druginfo.nsw.gov.au](http://www.druginfo.nsw.gov.au)

The following site has been set up to assist with the National Youth Anti-drug media campaign and has some excellent resources to help with education of young people [www.freevibe.com/](http://www.freevibe.com/)

### Email network

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**The following are held at the Naremburn Community Centre 7 Central Street, Naremburn**

## Naremburn Progress Association

2nd Thursday (except Jan & July)  
7:30 pm to 10:00 pm  
9439 8119 (Kevin or Trisha)

## Playgroup

Wednesday and Thursday  
10:00 am to 12 noon  
Runs through school holidays  
naremburnplaygroup@gmail.com  
0424 890 849 (Kim)

## Naremburn Over Fifties

Most Mondays  
10:30 am to 2:00 pm  
9436 3304 (Lorna)  
9436 2607 (Margaret)

## Northern Suburbs Philatelic Society

3rd Thursday, 7:45 pm  
Visitors always welcome  
9419 7354 (Paul Storm)

## Breast Feeding Association

1st Tuesday  
10:00 am to 12 noon  
9966 1591

## After School Care

Monday to Friday  
3:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
(School Term only)  
9439 8814

## Willoughby Pre School

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

## Naremburn Library

Mondays – 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm  
Thursdays – 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm  
Saturdays – 9:30 am to 12 noon  
9439 5584



## The biggest issue for Naremburn residents in 2009 is commuter traffic and parking.

What can be done about it? There is no simple answer. In the 2008 Willoughby City Council elections I raised this issue, since the problem is widespread. I proposed both a city-wide solution for commuter parking, as well as a Council request to the State

Government to review the RTA authorised residential parking regime since the two matters are interlinked.

Council has since moved to have a city-wide solution to commuter parking and traffic issue; whatever solution is recommended by Council's Traffic Officers, the State Government, through its Willoughby Traffic Committee representatives, must approve the plan before it can be implemented

In the past, residents have resisted a move to residential parking solutions due to the details of the scheme and the requirement to pay for stickers; \$32 for the first and \$57 for a second (if eligible). The existing approved residential car parking scheme, where implemented, has a maximum entitlement for each property owner of two car parking permits. This entitlement reduces by one for each off-street parking space, i.e., if the property owner has a two-car garage or parking for two cars on site, there is no entitlement for a car parking sticker for the residential parking zone.

Permitted street parking in the zone can provide that both sides of the street are 2 hour parking with exemption from that restriction for vehicles with a sticker. Alternatively, only one side of the street is designated for 2 hour parking with the exemption, with the other side all day unrestricted parking. Council's favoured model is restrictions on one side of the street as this allows households with more than two cars (ineligible for permits) to park locally and it limits the amount of commuter parking transfer to adjoining streets.

I sought a modification to the scheme for the two car maximum to be changed to allow for additional annual car stickers costing in the \$100s, with the cost to increase steeply for each additional car. It was rejected at committee level at Council, despite strong support from residents.

The Ella Street Bridge is now due to close for repairs in September. I have placed a notice of motion before Council calling for a Council review of the proposed traffic plan associated with the closure to allow for comments and representations from the Naremburn Park area to be taken into consideration to enable a better traffic plan.

Following discussions with residents, I put forward the suggestion that, as a trial, while the bridge is closed, the area from Glenmore Road to the Railway line be declared a residential parking area to force out commuter parking, and, if the trial works this zone be made permanent.

Some residents want both bridges closed in September. There is an unconfirmed view that the RTA will not close roads as this forces traffic into main making arterial roads unworkable. The RTA has not permitted Council to close a road locally in the last decade but will allow installation of traffic calming devices. My proposal for residential parking across the area is a traffic calming device as parking on both sides of the street assists slower driving as well as providing local parking.

**Cr Stuart Coppock**  
0428 440 629

*Cr Coppock is one of three Naremburn Ward councillors who contribute regularly to Naremburn Matters*

