



# Naremburn Matters

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The newsletter of the  
Naremburn Progress Association (NPA)

## Christmas at Naremburn Village Shops!!



**Friday  
10 December  
at 6:00 pm**

This year Santa is even busier. Instead of meeting Naremburn children on the first Friday of December, he is coming on the second Friday.

**Remember the date! A fun,  
exciting time on 10 December!**

## Naremburn Library @ the 7 Central Street Centre

Naremburn Library wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year! We hope you have enjoyed the Library in 2010 and will continue to visit us in 2011. There are wonderful books and DVDs for the whole family to borrow during the festive season and beyond.

Over the Christmas – New Year period, the Library will be open from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm on Thursday 23 December, Thursday 30 December, and Thursday 6 January. Normal hours then recommence.

Free holiday entertainment for children is a scarce commodity, but Naremburn Library can help. Kids aged from 5 to 12 are invited to use their own imagination and paint "Mythical Monsters" on pots. This great session is on Monday 10 January 2011 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Younger children aged 6 years and under can dress in their pyjamas and bring their teddies to a fabulous "Bedtime Storytime" on Monday 17 January 2011 from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm. They may also like to wear ordinary clothes. Bookings for these two sessions will start on Monday 20 December and are essential – book when you visit or ring 9439 5584 (Naremburn) or 9777 7900 (Chatswood).

Summer holidays are great for reading, especially when there is a Summer Reading Program at your Library! Participation packs are available from 1 December and the theme is "Scare Up a Good Book". Children are invited to register and in their logbooks write down all the scary – but not too scary – books they read. Books that are read to them can also be included in the log. Every child who reads 10 books or more will get a reward and be entered into the draw to win a major prize at the "Scare Up a Good Book" Summer Reading Party at Chatswood Library on Thursday 20 January 2011.

Why not take part in this fantastic program?

Happy reading everyone!

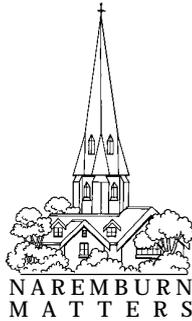
Mon: 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm; Thu: 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm; Sat: 9:30 am to 12:00 Noon – 9439 5584

Christmas – New Year hours are listed in the beginning of this news article.

**NAREMBURN  
VILLAGE SHOPS**

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Second Thursday excluding January and June  
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 Commencing at 7:30 pm with a  
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## President – out and about

Naremburn is essentially a neighbourhood that is close to Sydney and other CBDs. Its real estate market is performing well above average as more and more people seek to move into our Naremburn, the place to be on the Lower North Shore!

In 1984 Willoughby Mayor Beiby was quoted in the North Shore Times regarding the 'Naremburn Urban Conservation Area Report' by S.B. Robertson and S Harris. Mayor Beiby described Naremburn as the "Paddington of the North". The authors of the Report stated that "The area consists of two contiguous areas; one residential and the other civic". The residential area was that area south of Dalleys Road and west of Willoughby Road between Lawson and Henry Lanes, the Naremburn Conservation Area of five north-south parallel streets containing what were small Federation workers' cottages. Naremburn's other Conservation Area, Central Township, contains late nineteenth century as well as Federation houses. The Civic Core was created by "the Naremburn Public School [closed 1989], St Leonard's Roman Catholic School, [closed 1996] and Church, and the Anglican Church which all front Willoughby Road and the Roman Catholic Presbytery and Convent which front Donnelly Street and Merrenburn Avenue".

Over the years the NPA has called for an appropriate avenue of trees along Willoughby Road between Chandos Street and Dalleys Road to mark the entrance to Naremburn; a re-opening of a school for Naremburn; and preservation of the Naremburn shops.

The State Government required Willoughby City Council to rezone to enable 6,800 new dwellings in Willoughby City. See page 5 for details of the Naremburn sites in WLEP 2009. The NPA monitors Development Applications through its DA Sub-committee and keeps a close watch on all DAs in Naremburn as notified to us by Council. From time to time the NPA has called for onsite meetings with Councillors, Council Officers and the Applicant at the affected property, and, where necessary, has examined the full plans at the Council Chambers, most recently for the apartment DA for 96 Chandos Street.

The NPA with its primary objective to promote the welfare and advancement of the community in Naremburn is a vehicle for that voice. Membership for just \$10 entitles you to receive agendas and minutes of meetings, updates via email or, if needed, by hand-delivery. And, most importantly, financial membership gives you a vote on significant issues and appropriate action to be taken by the NPA. Our general meetings – see below – commence with an Open Forum for you to raise your concerns.

Thank you to all who have contributed this year to the welfare and advancement of Naremburn – our Federal Member, our State Member, the Mayor, Councillors, the General Manager and Council Officers, the NPA Executive and members; Naremburn Matters – advertisers, contributors, 'walkers', our tireless Editor, Trisha FitzPatrick, Robin Phelan of rocketdesign, who give us Naremburn Matters on a quarterly basis.

On behalf of the Naremburn Progress Association I wish you and your family a joyful Christmas and a happy, safe and healthy 2011.

**Kevin FitzPatrick**  
 President NPA

### Membership of the NPA

**Eligibility:** Naremburn residents, 18 years and over; non residents who own property in Naremburn; people who operate businesses in Naremburn.

**Membership Fee:** Set and due for payment at the Annual General Meeting, second Thursday of March; for the calendar year, January to December.

**\$10 per person per annum**  
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### NPA Meeting Dates

**Second Thursdays**

Thursday 9 December 2010  
 None in January  
 Thursday 10 February 2011

**Annual General Meeting**

**Thursday 10 March 2011**

**Naremburn  
 Community Centre  
 7 Central Street**

### Next Issue: March 2011

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**March issue deadlines**

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# Trade Some Trimming for Some Training

If trimming a hedge is not your thing or you don't have room then how about growing a climber with the help of some wire?

A climber on a wire is easier to maintain, twisting a few running leaders along the wire – there is still some pruning required but nowhere as intense as a hedge. If you are after a screen out for privacy place up some trellis and let the climber grow all over it. Using a climber and some wire you can be creative, let your imagination run wild – but not the climber though!

If you have a tight gap to grow in, have a drab wall that needs dressing up, you could even frame a garden feature or focal point, or place a pattern on a porch - then whack up some wire and have a go. You will obviously need wire and a climber as well as wall, fence, house or post, etc., to fix it to – the wire can run horizontally, vertically, diagonally – you could even sign your name.

One of my favourite creepers is the Chinese Star Jasmine. I have 18 around the house – a fantastic, scented flowering creeper – from October to February. I can smell the scent even without opening the window – and wow the smell when sitting out in the garden is unbelievable. To all those who suffer from hay fever – sorry to rub your noses in it!

Other creepers great for growing and training along wire in patterns, etc., are – Honeysuckle, Wisteria – fast grower, a little more work than others, regular Jasmine, Stephanotis, Climbing Roses and many more ....

If you wish to take your wire techniques to the next level then you could try and espalier some fruit trees against a wall – great if space is a premium in your backyard and it looks great as well.

So, wire away.



*A simple cross pattern adds drama to a wall.*



*Dramatic framing effects can be achieved.*

**Andy**

41 Central Street



## **Peter Chauncy and his team at McGrath**

We are often asked when the best time to sell is... When it comes to auction clearance rates there is one simple answer – FEBRUARY.

With the exception of the GFC affected 2009 market, February has consistently returned the highest annual results off the back of pent up demand following the Christmas period and lower levels of supply.

Last February was a prime example within our own team with a clearance rate of 100% and all auction properties sold in an average of 14 days.

In fact, we sold more property that month than had ever been transacted by a McGrath agent...and we won't be resting on our laurels next February.

This supply/demand level tends to find equilibrium by mid March so it's important to take advantage of this brief period.

If the thought of a February auction was something you have been thinking about, now would be the best time for us to sit down and discuss your plans so we can start the process and planning.

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

**McGrath Mid North Shore  
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**On behalf of Peter Chauncy and his team, we want to wish you a safe, prosperous and Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.**



## True or False

How well do you know the history of your suburb?

- 1 A young Grafton Avenue singer received critical acclaim and a commendation from NSW Governor Sir Henry Rawson, for her performance in the Sydney Town Hall.
  - 2 St Mary of the Cross, Mary MacKillop, visited Naremburn on three occasions.
  - 3 The 'tradition' of Santa's visit to Naremburn began in 2002.
  - 4 There was a proposal to establish a long-day childcare centre in Grandview Street, Naremburn.
  - 5 Precinct Committees, similar to those operating in the North Sydney Council area were proposed for our area.
- (Answers on page 5)

**Kevin FitzPatrick**  
President NPA

### Jelly Bean Guessing Competition

The NPA stall at the Naremburn Community Centre Open Day on 18 September featured a free guessing competition – how many jelly beans in the jar? Congratulations to Phil Lamont who correctly guessed 160. The Centre Open Day, held each September as part of the Willoughby Spring Festival, is a fun occasion for children and their parents and provided an opportunity to learn more about our community.

## She's back! Ruth of Barcelos is back!

Ten years ago, Barcelos Cafe pulled the curtains closed and moved to greener pastures. The grass is not always greener on the other side of the fence; Barcelos has returned to Naremburn to provide to our community fine food, coffee and service of days gone by.

Barcelos began 15 years ago in the old Naremburn Post Office and while many of the shops were vacant at the time, the belief of proprietor, Ruth Bacon, was that the local community would value and frequent the cafe in support of local business – which they did. Barcelos became the local haunt of ABC, SBS and Channel 9. The locals patronised this cafe with its buzz and friendly atmosphere – that was Barcelos.

Ruth, renowned for her bigger than life laugh and general loudness, has created in the 'New Barcelos' a modern retro look with a welcoming, friendly atmosphere. Specialising in restaurant standard cuisine at affordable prices and a broad variety of dishes, the Cafe/Bar/Restaurant is to offer superior dining in a relaxed, live music venue.

Open 7 days from 7am, and dinner Thursday to Saturday, the 'New Barcelos' should be a welcome addition to our range of Naremburn eateries.

**Editor**

## Apartment Building DA: 96 Chandos Street

DA-2010/539, 96 Chandos Street Naremburn, lodged with WCC is for a new building of 26 residential units and 1 commercial suite to replace an existing 2 storey unit building. It will be 8 storeys above ground with a 2 level commercial suite (ground and mezzanine) to the east side of the Chandos Street frontage with 5 floors of single level residential units above. The Henry Lane frontage is to have the car park entry and garbage bin storage with 7 levels of residential accommodation above; 1 floor of single level residential units; 6 floors of 'loft' style units each occupying 2 levels. Level 8 is roof-mounted plant and stair access. The NW and SW corners are to be landscaped areas accommodating existing trees. The Henry Lane façade is to be set back approximately 7 metres from the lane boundary.

The 26 residential unit component comprises 16 single bedroom and 6 double bedroom units giving a total of 32 bedrooms. The DA documents show each bedroom with a double bed so it can be assumed that the design population of the building is more than 32 persons. On a 50% double bed occupancy by 2 persons this would give it a theoretical population of 48 individuals.

Vehicle parking is to be by an automated car stacker with a maximum stacker capacity of 18 vehicles; access will be from Henry Lane. Three (3) outside car spaces with access from Henry Lane are described in the traffic and parking report as being either for visitors or for occupants, depending on circumstances. That report comments that the vehicle parking provided is less than what is required by the WCC Planning Instruments; the report includes a detailed demographic analysis to justify this reduction in vehicle parking numbers.

**David Lendrum**  
Secretary NPA



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## Naremburn and WLEP 2009

Of the Naremburn sites for which WCC had proposed rezoning to R3 medium density, four sites included single dwellings that would be affected by rezoning to R3.

These four sites are:-

1. 4 to 10 Quiamong Street and 1 to 5 Rohan Street
2. 242 to 248 Willoughby Road, 2 to 8 Dalleys Road and 31 to 33 Martin Street
3. 32 to 48A Northcote Street and 1A Waters Road
4. 35 to 39 Merrenburn Avenue, 30 to 34 Merrenburn Avenue and 31 to 41 Donnelly Road.

In March 2010 Council wrote to property owners in Willoughby City enclosing Willoughby Local Environmental Plan News that listed all the sites and outlined the process. Plans were exhibited at various locations as well as at Council Chambers and opportunities to discuss issues with Council Officers were provided.

There was a deadline for written submissions. Of our Naremburn sites listed above, residents from (2) and (4) lodged. The Quiamong – Rohan proposal resulted in a submission from an owner in Glenmore Street, but nothing from directly affected owners. There were no submissions for Northcote – Waters.

I attended the 20 October 2010 Public Forum which provided an opportunity for those who had made written submissions to Council, to address the Council for 3 minutes, by prior arrangement. Of the WLEP sites in Naremburn only two were represented, and both of these sites had NPA members who had spoken to the June NPA meeting:-

- 242 to 248 Willoughby Road, 2 to 8 Dalleys Road, and 31 to 33 Martin;
- 35 to 39 Merrenburn Avenue, 30 to 34 Merrenburn Avenue and 31 to 41 Donnelly Road.

The Merrenburn - Donnelly group's speakers were well-prepared and were supported by neighbours who showed up to the Public Forum. The written submissions by residents had resulted in an amendment to the initial proposal that meant their houses could remain zoned as low density. Then there was the question of the Department of Housing Property and beyond it, the RTA land.

The residents of Dalleys Road who spoke had a more difficult task. They are opposite the Meridien development around the original Naremburn Public School and abut the Chancellor Gardens development on the site of the former 1923 public school.

I attended the Special Council Meeting, held on 3 November, at which Council voted on all proposals and amendments. It was a lengthy meeting. The outcomes were:-

1. Quiamong – Rohan: rezoned R3 medium density
2. Willoughby – Dalleys – Martin: rezoned R3 medium density; consultation with affected residents, Masterplan, ahead of any redevelopment
3. Merrenburn – Donnelly: remains low density, with the Government properties also being zoned low density.
4. Northcote – Waters: rezoned R3 medium density.

See Councillors' Corner on page 10 for further comments.

Editor

## True or False

### 1 TRUE

In 1907, at the age of 16, Ruth Bucknall of 31 Grafton Avenue received rave reviews for her performance in The Messiah. Billed as Australia's Prima Donna, Ruth was acclaimed in Australia and overseas. In Melbourne, she appeared on the same programme as Dame Nellie Melba

### 2 TRUE

From diaries and letters in the Sisters of St Joseph's Archives in North Sydney, Sister Mary of the Cross MacKillop visited her school in Central Township (old Naremburn) on 25 and 30 November 1898 and on 17 December 1901, all associated with Christmas celebrations at the school.

### 3 FALSE

As early as the 1920s the NPA organised distribution of gifts to children at Christmas time in St Cuthbert's Hall. Children brought a card to Santa; he would ask the number and match the gift to the child. Santa's visit to Naremburn Shops commenced in 2002.

### 4 TRUE

The proposal for a long-day childcare centre in Grandview was discussed at the 11 June 1996 NPA general meeting; it was opposed as it would generate 120 car movements per day; it was also stated that another childcare centre was not needed and it would be used by people outside the area.

### 5 TRUE

At the NPA general meeting on 10 September 1996, the late John Allen, Treasurer of the NPA and President of the Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations (FWPA) opposed a move to precinct committees in favour of the continuation of PAs.

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Forsyth's dispensing coffee and tea at the Ride to Work Day breakfast in Nareburn.

## Ride to Work Day in Nareburn

Nareburn residents joined more than 100,000 cyclists nationally for Ride to Work Day on Wednesday 13 October 2010. National Ride to Work Day is an annual event held each October. The event aims to encourage employees across Australia to try commuting to work by bicycle for the first time and reward those who have already discovered the benefits of cycling.

Cycling to work is a great way to get rid of stress, burn calories, save on fuel costs and save time. It is also an easy way to get exercise in your day without having to make time for the gym.

Willoughby City Council hosted a free breakfast for cyclists on the shared path at Nareburn again this year. Cyclists were able to stop and enjoy a coffee or juice and a range of treats including fruit, yoghurt, muesli bars, scones and rolls. This year more than 150 cyclists enjoyed the breakfast at Nareburn, with many more enjoying breakfasts at other locations throughout Sydney.

Cycling to Chatswood, North Ryde or the City is not complicated for Nareburn residents with off-road shared paths available for most of the way. Maps of cycling routes are available from Willoughby City Council's Help and Service Centre, level 4, 31 Victor Street, Chatswood.

Council also hosts a range of free cycling skills workshops on a regular basis. For more information – contact Willoughby City Council on 9777 7706 or visit [www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au](http://www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au).

Thank you to Eugenia O'Brien, WCC's PR and Communications Officer (e.restore) for this information and the photos. I passed by the event on the day and wanted to know more.

The next Ride to Work Day is on Wednesday 12 October 2011.

**Helene Kemp**  
Olympia Road

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# What's it all about?

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This is a special place – and for all sorts of reasons. There are trees. It is well-located. We have village shops. It is a friendly place. And it has a fascinating history.

The people of Naremburn in 1901 wanted more for themselves, their families and their neighbours, so they formed the Naremburn Progress Association on 27 November 1901. And, yes, we celebrate 110 years in 2011.

Our Vice President, Fran O'Brien, introduced the Open Forum that takes place at the beginning of our meetings. People can raise matters that they consider require action. If the action is that the NPA should write to Council then a vote of the members present can be taken.

In that respect it's pretty much like any other association except that the Naremburn Progress Association represents the interests of Naremburn. This makes it different from a tennis club, a football club or any other special interest group. The only prerequisites to join the NPA are (1) be 18 or over, (2) live in Naremburn, (3) own an investment property in Naremburn, or, (4) run a business in Naremburn.

This publication, Naremburn Matters, exists because 7 years ago, a small group of NPA members decided to create our own newsletter. It continues because people voluntarily give their time – to write an article, help deliver a copy to other residents' mail boxes.

So, what if you do not have the time to spare to attend meetings? That's OK.

So, what if you do not want to volunteer for anything? That's OK.

But, what if you want to increase the effectiveness of the NPA by becoming a member? That's great – and a boost to the active members.

What if you renew your membership every year? That's helping to build a strong community.

Editor

# Top 10 Germ Traps

1. Warm-air hand dryers
2. Shower heads
3. Mobile phones
4. Door handles
5. Stair railings
6. Traffic light buttons
7. Computer keyboards
8. The ATM
9. Make-up testers
10. The supermarket trolley

*From the Sunday Telegraph  
Body + Soul, 1 August 2010*

## A Child

A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark,

~ **Chinese Proverb**

Children are like wet cement.  
Whatever falls on them makes an impression.

~ **Haim Ginotti**



# Application for Membership Naremburn Progress Association

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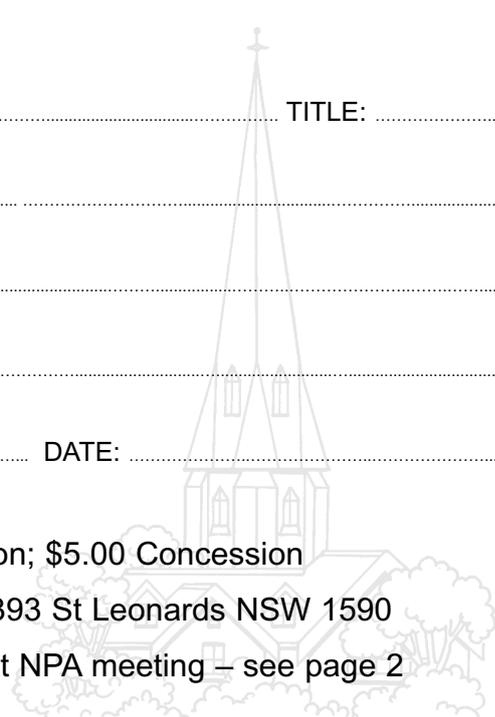
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**OR** bring this application form and payment to the next NPA meeting – see page 2





*Viviane with a couple of cheeky children.*



*Children carry up the daily water from the river.*



*Cooking the daily "bread" inside a Ger.*



*Daily yoghurt delivery.*

## Volunteering in Mongolia

In August I accompanied a couple of friends to Mongolia to volunteer at a children's holiday camp run by the Lotus Centre in Ulaan Baatar.

Mongolia is bordered by Siberia in the north and China in the south. Mongolia of today began with Ghinngis Khaan who united the various tribes and formed the Great Mongol Nation. Chinese and Russian invasions left their influence; Mongolia gained independence from Russia in 1990 and created a Democratic Party to run the country. Mongolia is still primarily nomadic with large herds of sheep, goats, cattle, yaks and horses, with little agriculture. But it is becoming increasingly urbanised.

We flew via Beijing to Ulaan Baatar, from there it was out to the countryside to the camp where we spent the next eight days. It was beautifully located near a river and shady trees. Much of central Mongolian countryside is Steppe with no shelter from the sun. Although the end of summer, the day time temperatures meant that the trees and the river were very welcome; our first couple of nights were almost winter temperatures. Approximately 40 to 60 children were at the camp at different times with some of them leaving for work experience or other activities in Ulaan Baatar. Camp accommodation was in Gers – Mongolian version of Urts – with up to 10 children and a "Ger mother" allocated to each Ger. The Gers are very much like solid tents with the luxury of wooden beds – some broken – and linoleum flooring.

We went armed with card games, knitting dollies, scubidoos, beads and soccer balls all of which were very welcome and kept us all entertained; we had to ration things out as much disappeared! Language is not too much of an issue with children. Many of them had the odd word of English which they learn at school and one or two spoke quite well. Our attempts at Mongolian were abysmal but signs always held us in good stead.

We found the children endearing, charming, challenging and overall wonderful. Many of them had been abused and / or abandoned but were survivors. They welcomed us showed us around making our time very memorable. At meal times they instructed us "you eat"- and what food we had! Three vegetarian meals a day; Mongolians are meat eaters. Although there is very little agriculture potatoes, carrots and a bit of beetroot are grown. Fresh fruit and vegetables from China, available in the city, are quite expensive. At afternoon tea, children had large bowls of yoghurt brought daily from the local farm.

Every person at the camp pulled their weight including the youngest of children – collecting water from the river daily for drinking, cooking and washing, peeling vegetables for lunch and dinner and sweeping out and keeping the Gers clean. They took pride in their accomplishments and saw this as a normal part of daily life.

We did have an amazing time and if all we achieved over the eight days was to provide these children with a little bit of fun it was all worthwhile.

**Viviane Leveaux**  
Olympia Road



### Thai Takeaway Food

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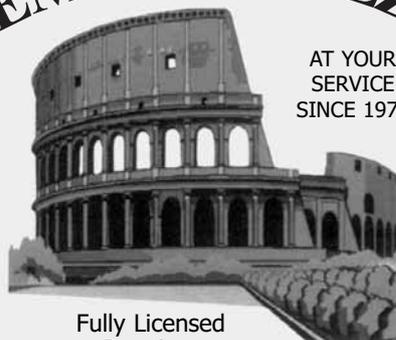
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## Orthopaedic Outreach Visit to Fiji

I have recently returned from another Orthopaedic Outreach visit to Labasa, Fiji, with Dr Andreas Loeffler. It was wonderful to return to Labasa. The people of Labasa were so welcoming!

We arrived at the Hospital early on the Monday morning to conduct a Clinic. I knew we would be busy, but this was way beyond my expectations! We saw 92 patients with varying Orthopaedic conditions and varying ages. When I thought our long day in the Clinic was over, we then did Ward rounds. Another 12 patients were seen! It became very apparent to me that we would be in for a very busy week!

That evening Dr Loeffler received a phone call from Joy Baxter, an Australian Nurse representing Rotary Geelong. Joy has been conducting health screening tests for the Medical Officer of the Northern Region, where she was testing the villagers for hypertension and diabetes. Joy was taking photos of the village she was in and it was not until later when she returned home to Australia, that she saw the photo of a little five year old boy from the village, who had a club foot (talipes). Joy knew that this little boy needed help from an Orthopaedic Surgeon, but she did not know how this would be possible in such a poor area of Fiji. By coincidence, Joy heard that an Orthopaedic Surgeon from Sydney gave his time and skills to Labasa Hospital every 6 months. As a visitor to this area over many years, Joy had not heard of Dr Loeffler.

The next step for Joy was to locate this little boy and ask his parents if he could be seen by Dr Loeffler on his next visit to Labasa. Via the bush telegraph and the help of a good friend in Labasa, Joy did locate this little boy. His name was Samisoni. He had great difficulty in walking and could not wear shoes. Joy arranged for Samisoni and his father to come to another consulting day at Labasa Hospital. It was then that Dr Loeffler examined Samisoni and agreed to operate on him later in the week, along with 19 other patients. The procedure was straight forward and Samisoni then began his recovery period. The latest report from Joy was that Samisoni can now wear his canvas shoes and is walking quite well. It is work like this that makes these trips so rewarding! To be able to improve a life is such an achievement! This is what makes Orthopaedic Outreach so special and I am so honoured to be able to participate in such a programme.

Orthopaedic Outreach is in need of assistance in transporting medical equipment and supplies to various third world countries. If you can help or would like to help, the Orthopaedic Outreach team would be most grateful. You might consider a donation for Christmas, as Orthopaedic Outreach does not receive any financial funding. You would be helping children like Samisoni achieve a better life – Orthopaedic Outreach, PO Box 68, Jannali NSW 2226 [www.orthoreach.org.au](http://www.orthoreach.org.au).

Until next time, take care

**Frances O'Brien**  
Vice President NPA



*Joy Baxter, Samisoni's Uncle, Fran, Dr Loeffler and Samisoni at his first clinic visit*



*Samisoni waiting to go in for surgery.*



*Samisoni and his Dad, post-op.*

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## Naremburn Ward – Councillors' Corner



**Cr Barry Thompson**

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**WLEP:** The new Willoughby Local Environmental Plan has been voted upon by Council. Significant changes were made to the version placed on public display. Not everyone got what they wanted – and the voted version still must be approved by State planners. The final outcome will not be known till mid 2011, perhaps later if State policies change after the March election. I'd like to share two of my learnings from going through the process.

**Traffic:** Almost everyone wants relief from increasing traffic and expects that limiting development will hold, if not turn, the tide. Not so. Willoughby's, and particularly Naremburn's, problems arise from the tide of through traffic in our city each day. Both arterial and most local roads would not be clogged if they were handling mostly local traffic. Perhaps it is time to press for congestion charges for using arterial roads. The Lane Cove Tunnel (LCT) has gone broke for lack of expected patronage - let it become a less undesirable route.

**What value upzoning?** Economic studies done late in the LEP process informed Councillors that the increase in density proposed for many areas would not occur because the property values are too great to make the allowed development economic. So Willoughby will meet the State Government's population target in theory - but the actual outcome is likely to be a considerable shortfall. To get serious about meeting the targets, Willoughby will need to find development locations where a significant increase in density can be satisfactorily achieved. Where that occurs, current residents will have a real incentive to cooperate in the process.

I will move for outcomes in both these areas in coming months.



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**Gateway:** One of the issues in the WLEP debate was a gateway concept for Naremburn. The Willoughby Road-Dalleys Road site was proposed for uplift from low density (R2) to medium density (R3). Certainly, the final proposal is for R3 with a Development Control Plan (DCP); but I argued, unsuccessfully, for a gateway concept for Naremburn. My vision is based on what we presently have and an attempt to preserve it.

The physical heart of Naremburn is, of course, the collection of shops. With two major roads running through the suburb, the community is broken into three parts. The shops, as a focal meeting place, unite this divided space. This focal point is in a unique location at the end of a stretch of road along which are located St Leonard's and St Cuthbert's Churches, the remnants of the Naremburn Public School and the closed St Leonard's School. This area was the heart and soul of Naremburn. The mid-afternoon weekday gathering at the bus stop outside Gladys Berejiklian's office is a small sample of the former gatherings at the shops as the two local schools emptied. Pause and imagine the scene as it was along this stretch of Willoughby Road. This is still the public face of the vibrancy that is Naremburn and is found in the area starting at a particular point.

In my view, the gateway to all this is at the junction of Donnelly, Dalleys and Willoughby Roads with its historic buildings – the doctor's house, 1887 Public School, and St Leonard's Catholic Church with its spire. I sought no additional density in this location to ensure that openness was retained. Unfortunately, a majority of Councillors did not share my vision of safeguarding the approach to Naremburn and adopting a gateway concept.



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Naremburn residents will be pleased to learn that Council staff are currently working on a Parking Management Plan for the Willoughby Local Government Area (LGA). As a first step, parking has been reviewed in the Naremburn / St.Leonards area, probably because of our combination of relatively good public transport and increasing residential density. Investigations involve all parking restrictions and monitoring usage and turnover at various times of the day. Staff have been auditing all resident parking schemes within the LGA to ensure that resident parking schemes are managed equitably across the LGA and that permits are issued in accordance with established guidelines – so beware those tempted to bend the eligibility rules! Staff presented their findings to date to a workshop meeting for Councillors in mid-November and a report on the matter will come to Council in February 2011.

Recently I pressed the case for an advisory group for Naremburn Park. The officers have considered this matter further and I am happy to report that the Plan of Management for this Park is up for review; it was adopted in 2008. The officers are therefore open to the Naremburn Progress Association participating in a Working Party to do this work, likely to begin in March. I will be following this up in the New Year.



# Naremburn Neighbourhood Watch

December 2010

## Holiday tips

Many people go on holidays over the Christmas season. To help avoid being targets of thieves we offer the following tips and suggestions:

- make sure your lawn is mowed, mail and bins brought in while you are away;
- some lights on timers so that it looks as if someone is home;
- letting trusted neighbours know you are away and asking them to keep an eye on the place;
- placing your house on the vacant houses register at the local police station (Chatswood);
- alternatively, find a house sitter. Neighbours often have relatives who come to stay and the extra space provided by another house close by can be a godsend for both you and them;
- NOT leaving the boxes from new items on the front verge – turning them inside out or tearing them to bits and recycling them is the best way to handle them. This prevents thieves making an easy shopping list of new items;
- having a good hiding place or securely locked storage for valuables;
- if sleeping with windows and doors open, have them locked open so that no one can enter at night;
- check your smoke detector batteries if you will be away for a while;

- NOT leaving things in your car – much of the theft in this area is from cars; and
- if you have a house alarm, leave the code with a trusted neighbour – a 2:00am Christmas alarm is not popular.

## Christmas parties

One really good way to get to know neighbours and bond as a community is to hold a street party. There are several streets in Naremburn that already do this and they are a big hit.

If you live on a busy street it may be difficult to manage traffic, so having it at one house may be an idea.

Council expects that if you are having a street party on the street itself that you will have the permission of Council and pay for insurance. The access of emergency vehicles must not be blocked by parties.

## Noisy neighbours

Everyone has them from time to time and the occasional party can usually be tolerated by all. However, there are sometimes neighbours that keep the music going until 4:00am every Friday and Saturday night.

If you have an issue like this, please don't hesitate to give them a call at the local police station (9414 8499). The police will turn up and confiscate the offending stereo system, and are happy to do this on multiple occasions if required.

## Recent reports on the email network

On 13 October we reported:

"With a few days of warmer weather having been experienced there has been a significant increase in break and enter activity in the wider area. While Artarmon has been hit much harder than Naremburn, there has been an increase in our area as well.

Most often houses were targeted by thieves. They gained access through open doors and windows, sometimes during the day and sometimes at night. The days with highest activity were Tuesday and Wednesday with lower activity at the weekends.

Police attending these break and enters reported back that on many occasions neighbours indicated that they had seen strangers around or suspicious activity and had not bothered to report it."

Whenever there is activity in our area or something we should know about an email is forwarded to us from the police. This is then distributed to the email network. We also put community announcements out from time to time.

## Email network

If you would like to join our email report service please email us at [naremhwh@tpg.com.au](mailto:naremhwh@tpg.com.au).

**Sue Howes**  
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# Naremburn Community Centre Activities

## 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  
0458 990 678 (Narelle)

## Naremburn Over Fifties

Most Mondays  
10:30 am to 2:00 pm  
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

7 Central Street



**Gladys Berejiklian MP**  
Member for Willoughby

As 2010 draws to a close I would like to sincerely thank all of you who have worked so hard and dedicated so many hours to make our community the great place that it is.

There is no doubt that we continue to face a number of challenges here in Naremburn, especially in relation to

protecting local residential amenity, dealing with traffic and transport concerns, and protecting our environment. What is heartening however is our ability to come together and work towards positive outcomes.

You may be interested to know that a recent community survey I distributed indicated that the major areas of concern expressed by Naremburn residents was lack of planning around new developments, concerns with the increasing number of cars on our residential streets and unreliable bus services. A number of residents also highlighted their concerns about growing student numbers and the need to ensure local schools have the capacity to meet the demand, given Naremburn no longer has a primary school.

Many locals also contacted me in relation to the draft Willoughby Local Environment Plan and I am heartened that many of the concerns regarding proposed re-zonings have since been addressed by the relevant authorities.

Thanks to those of you who give me almost a daily update on your experiences with the 272 and 273 bus services to and from the Sydney CBD. To encourage greater use of public transport, services need to be consistently frequent and reliable. I share the frustration of many bus commuters who now need to choose whether they catch either the 272 or 273 bus services from the City as these bus services unfortunately now depart from different locations. The result is that many commuters now need to wait longer between services as the option of catching either one of those services has now been taken away. I will continue to raise these issues on behalf of local commuters.

I really appreciate the valuable feedback provided both through the Naremburn Progress Association, but also through individual residents about issues in Naremburn. Can I please encourage you to drop into my office if you would like me to be aware of any goings on or if you have some brochures regarding local events you wish to promote.

It is both a privilege and honour to be your representative in the NSW Parliament so don't be shy if you think there is anything I can help you with or anything you think I should know about – after all my office is right here in Naremburn!

**Gladys Berejiklian MP**  
Member for Willoughby

*Editor – Gladys Berejiklian MP was guest speaker at the Naremburn Progress Association's general meeting of 11 November 2010.*

