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NAREMBURN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION (NPA)

Looking out for Your Neighbours

We love Naremburn neighbourhood. We love that it is full of leafy trees, that there are ample parks for us to play in, we love that we have an awesome walk/bike track that allows us to weave in and out of other connecting suburbs and enjoy award winning cafes and bars, and we love that it is super close to the city and the gateway to the rest of Sydney. What we don't like, is CRIME!

In mid-September 2016, I was working from home and as I often do, left all my doors open to let the cool breeze through the house. The dogs were busy playing outside and I was quite at ease leaving the house fully open for them to run in and out. Come 5pm and I decided to take the dogs up to the park for their afternoon run. I locked the front and back door, and shut up the storage area which doubles as a wine cellar.

I was only gone for an hour and when I returned home, opened the front door and was immediately hit with the foul smell of black smoke. I quickly ran downstairs to the back of the house to find the storage room with flames roaring out of the door. The smoke was a thick black due to the rubber tiles I had installed, and the flames were running up the slightly opened door and lapping at the outside of the back of the house.

I heard a voice come from within the haze of smoke and fire. I was totally shocked, the fire was really starting to take hold and there was no way that this guy or guys could get out of the storage room because he'd lit the fire in the doorway. I was unsure of what to do next. I had the phone in one hand, ready to call the police.

All of a sudden he pulled the door back and appeared. After a small altercation with the intruder, I was able to douse some of the fire with a bucket of water I'd grabbed from the kitchen, lock the dogs in a safe room, escort the intruder/arsonist off the property, and turn my focus back to putting out the rest of the fire.

I called 000 and the operators were extremely professional and calm. They contacted the police and fire brigade and both teams were at the house within 8 minutes. The police were very calm and straight down to business asking questions. Once the dog squad and more plain clothes police arrived, they found the guy a few doors down, curled up outside the back of another neighbour's house.

My wife and I, as well as our dogs were unharmed, but this incident that happened on a quiet street in Naremburn has made me more aware. Don't leave doors open for anyone to walk off the street, make sure that your windows are locked or at least made inaccessible.

Please keep an eye out for your neighbour and their property.

Brendon Walker
Naremburn Resident

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Second Thursday of February, April,
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President – out and about

Welcome to the first edition of Naremburn Matters for 2017. I trust you all had a very happy Christmas with family and friends and that you saw in the New Year in style and more importantly without any hiccups!

And what of the news about and around in Naremburn – some is same, same as we have gotten back into our routines after the long holidays with children back at school. Some have started in new schools and some started school for the first time.

We have some contentious DAs in the area notably 270 Willoughby Rd (the old Anderson's Hardware), 272-274 Willoughby Rd (Sprout) and 64-66 Chandos St. Local residents and representatives of the Progress Association have attended site meetings with Council and developers in an attempt to ensure that these developments are in keeping with our locality, mindful of the impact on neighbours and the need for compliance with Willoughby Council's Development, Environmental and Planning Codes and the overall building code.

As for the Channel 9 site and St Leonards Central developments, things remain quiet. The Dept of Planning is still to establish a Planning Assessment Commission to revisit the community concerns for Channel 9.

The Greater Sydney Commission has released its draft plan for the future of Sydney and specifically for us, the Sydney North District Plan which is available on the website www.greater.sydney, with comments invited until the end of March.

You will (or should have) received in your letter boxes a pamphlet entitled "Our Future Willoughby – Have Your Say" which invites us to comment and identify what is important to us as a community in Willoughby. We would strongly recommend you all give this some consideration, especially as one of the streams in the Strategic Plan revolves around Local Centres such as our Naremburn village, the Naremburn Conservation Area, which we value enormously, and open spaces and parklands. Other streams are Chatswood CBD, Housing in Willoughby and Industrial Lands. Go to the council's website www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au to view the documents.

Thanks to Les' hard work the advertising revenue from Naremburn Matters is such that we would like to give something back to the community in the form of a Community Event later in the year. It is still very much in the early planning stages but we hope it will be an opportunity for many of us to get together and thereby to know our community – more details in the June edition of Naremburn Matters.

The next meeting of the Progress Association is Thursday 13th April and will also be our AGM. We would love to have some new enthusiastic blood in the Executive so please give it some thought – any of us are happy to discuss with you what is involved so that you can nominate yourselves or a willing friend.

All I can say now is keep cool, well hydrated and don't over stress yourselves in this hot weather. Be mindful of your neighbours and those who do us a service such as the postmen and women who come out irrespective of the weather – they may need a glass of cold water!

See you in April!

Viviane Leveaux
President

NPA Meeting
- & -
AGM

7:30 pm

Thursday 12th April

Naremburn Community Centre
7 Central Street

Letters to the Editor & Articles

Articles, comments or suggestions should be addressed to:

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We do not publish anonymous letters. Please include your email address or phone number as we may need to edit items to fit the space available.

Naremburn Library News

I hope you had a very pleasant and safe festive season and were able to catch up on your reading too. It's probably time to borrow a new lot of great books and DVDs for everyone, so please visit soon.

Has your list of New Year resolutions included decluttering your house?

Would you like to give away, swap, sell or recycle your excess possessions? The free workshop at Chatswood Library at 11.30am on Tuesday 21st March is a good place to start. You'll be introduced to a wide variety of websites to help you dispose of your household goods online. Bookings are essential so go to www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/EventDetails to secure your place.

If you have a HSC student in the family she/he can find resources at www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/library/youth/hsc for school subjects including English, Mathematics, Chemistry and Legal Studies. There is also a useful collection of HSC material called "Infocus" online.

Chatswood Library will host seminars and workshops on HSC topics for year 11/12 students and their families from March to May. A good way to find out what is available is to subscribe to the Library eNewsletter at www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/What's-On.

A fun way to broaden your reading is to join a book club. As many are aware Willoughby City Library hosts a number of book clubs, including one which meets at Naremburn Library on the 2nd Saturday morning of the month. Please check for all vacancies at www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/library/love-to-read or simply ring Ph. 94395584 during opening hours for more information. Willoughby City Library has a large number of interesting book club kits for loan, each containing 10 copies for your club's convenience and enjoyment.

Happy Reading.

Diana Revington
Branch Librarian



Peter Chauncy at McGrath Crows Nest

With the summer selling season over, Naremburn has once again proved to be a strong performer in the Sydney property market with 20 properties in the suburb selling in the New Year already. With my team and I being responsible for 16 of the 20 sales, we have been involved in some great results for houses, semi-attached homes and apartments across the suburb and continuing our dominant market share for Naremburn.

A couple of recent examples of our success include 45 Grafton Avenue, a four bedroom home on 645sqm, which sold at auction in the mid \$2millions.

79 Garland Road, 30 Slade Street and 7 Slade Street all sold prior to auction on the back of highly successful campaigns for \$2,200,000, \$2,100,000 and \$2,050,000 respectively.

We also set a new block record at 13 Olympia Road with number two, a three bedroom townhouse, selling for \$1,650,000.

With all the new developments happening across the Lower North Shore over the past few years we knew Naremburn wouldn't be far behind. We began marketing brand-new apartments off the plan in a boutique development 'Park Place' at 36A Park Road, Naremburn late last year. After securing the sale of the last remaining apartment last month, we are excited to reveal that the development is now sold out. The one and two bedroom apartments achieved prices ranging from \$830,000 to \$1,295,000. Over the next few years we should see a few more new developments in the area, giving buyers the opportunity to secure high end, boutique properties within close proximity to the city.

The Sydney property market has continued to grow in 2017 and is showing no signs of slowing down, all you have to do is attend an open for inspections on the first Saturday and you will see the 40+ buyers heading through the door. If you would like to have a conversation about how well your property could perform call us today.

For the best real estate advice contact Peter Chauncy on 0402 036 489

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Preschool News...

At the end of our 2016 Preschool year – just over 20 alumni Preschool students who are now at Cammeray Public School in the Beginner and Concert bands, returned to visit us with a Christmas Concert. Thank you to past parent Alison Herbert for organising the children and their instruments to make the journey. It was a fabulous opportunity to reunite past teachers with students and their parents and thrilling to see how these children have blossomed into budding musicians.



The 2017 year has got off to a great start as we welcomed 52 new and 38 returning families to our Preschool community. Children have settled in well to the routines of Preschool life and are developing new friendships. Parents will be shortly enjoying a Welcome Drinks evening which is a great opportunity for parents to reunite, make new friends and find out what is going on at Preschool.

We were excited to receive confirmation that we have been successful in our application for the Coalition Government's Solar Energies Program. The subsidy will enable us to install roof top solar photovoltaic panels and deliver lower electricity costs long term. The Preschool is very pleased to be involved in this renewable energy program.

Dianne Minnett
Director – Willoughby Community Preschool Inc.



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Requests for documents in relation to Company Registration, Mortgages, Guarantees, Wills and Power of Attorney will not be accepted and should be taken to a solicitor or other party that can fully explain and discuss the document.

Council's Help and Service Centre, Level 4, 31 Victor Street, Chatswood	Monday- Friday 8.30am-4.30pm, with the exception of Wednesday morning
Chatswood Library on The Concourse	Wednesday and Saturday 10am-12noon
Northbridge Library	Thursday 6pm-8pm

You can find a Justice of the Peace outside the times offered by Council, or find more information about Justices of the Peace in NSW, at the **NSW Justices Association**, or **Lawlink**.

The Code of Conduct and the Attorney General's Office prohibits the Justice of the Peace from receiving gifts or payments for services.

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If you have a flair for writing or even just an interest in a local issue, we welcome all members of the community from students to grandparents to submit your story.

What do you have to lose?

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A bit of local history – “Shirley”

Naremburn is a suburb full of Federation homes built in the early years of the twentieth century. This is very much part of its charm, evocative of a long gone era. If you walk the streets of Naremburn, you'll notice that there are still a few homes with their original, beaten copper nameplates. The names were their address before numbers were allocated. In Naremburn this seems to have happened in 1926.

When we bought our house in 1984 there was no nameplate. I have always wanted to find out its original name, so when someone told me to go online and consult the Sands Directory, I did, immediately. 9 Glenmore St was once known as “Shirley.”

Trawling through the Sands Directory from 1915 to 1926, I found that number 7, next door, appears for the first time in 1916, as “Ashton,” owned by Arthur Greethead. The following year, 1917, number 9 appears for the first time, as “Shirley,” owned by William Greethead. In 1920 “Ashton” has a new owner, while the owner of “Shirley” is now given as Mrs Bessie Greethead, who continued to live there until 1922. For two years “Shirley” disappears from the Directory, until 1925 when it now belongs to Mrs L.W. Dicker.

Suddenly I was a whole lot more curious about these first occupants of our house. How were Arthur and William related? What happened to William? Who was Bessie? Once I started googling, some of the story emerged.

William Arthur was the son of Arthur

and Martha Greethead, born in St Leonards in August 1886, two years after his parents had migrated to Australia from Bedminster, Bristol. William became a carpenter, and married Bessie Hatton in 1907 in Milton. Their first child, Arthur, was born in 1908. Their second child, a daughter, was born and died in 1913. Her name was Shirley. Gladys was born in 1914. Their fourth child, William, was born in 1917, the same year that the family came to live in their brand new home in Naremburn, a home that was poignantly named after the daughter they had lost.

I would like to imagine that with grandparents next door, and three young children, William and Bessie's first days in this house were happy ones for the young couple. However, this was the time of the Great War and William enlisted in April 1918. He sailed for London on 19 June. On arrival on 26 August he marched into the 9th Training Battalion at Fovant, and was allotted to the 33rd Battalion reinforcements. Less than two months later, at the age of 32, he died of broncho-pneumonia in Fovant Military Hospital and was buried in Bristol.

A few years ago, digging in the garden, my husband found an old medal, round, about the size of a penny and roughly the same colour, encrusted in dirt. Scrubbing didn't make it any easier to read what was on the medal. It was only when I thought of soaking it in vinegar recently that it revealed its engravings. Again with Google's help, I discovered it was the Peace Medal of 1919, originally




silvered bronze (the silver long gone on this one), issued to commemorate the end of the war and given to every Australian child aged 0-14 years. Bessie's three children, Arthur, Gladys and William, should all have received one. This medal must have belonged to one of them.

The family moved out of “Shirley” in 1922 when Bessie married Stanley Latty. I hope she found happiness again.

Patricia Gemmell
Naremburn Resident

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Statistically, most people will die after a chronic illness and not from a sudden event. Therefore, it is beneficial to consider the type of care one would want during illness, particularly near the end of life. Often family members are not aware of their loved one's views about what they want done when too ill to speak for themselves. If there is no clear statement of a person's wishes doctors must treat them in the most appropriate way. This can mean aggressive treatment that the person may not have wanted.

Advance care planning is not euthanasia. In fact, it is documented that many people who may have been considering euthanasia feel a sense of control over

their future health care having arranged an advanced care plan and no longer contemplate euthanasia.

In NSW, an advanced care plan involves discussing end-of-life options with one's family, formally appointing an enduring guardian and writing an advanced care directive.

An enduring guardian is the person you appoint to make health and medical decisions for you when you are not capable of doing this for yourself. An advanced care directive (sometimes referred to as a "living will") is a document that sets out your wishes to be considered before medical treatment decisions are made on your behalf.

All states and territories of Australia have slightly different legislation relating to enduring guardians and advance care directives. Currently in NSW, there is no specific form to complete and no

requirements to lodge the form with any agency or office. This is because there is no advance care planning legislation in NSW.

An important aspect of advance care planning is the issue of decision-making capacity. An individual is said to have capacity if he or she is able to understand the nature and effect of the decision to be made, and to communicate that decision in some way. It does not mean that the patient has to make a decision that the doctor agrees with.

All adults may wish to consider advance care planning. It is especially relevant for individuals with chronic illness, the healthy elderly and people with serious and life-threatening conditions such as dementia, cancer and stroke.

Dr Raffi Sahagian
Willoughby Medical Practice



Naremburn Community Gardens – Autumn 2017

Yes, the autumn newsletter. As if any of us can remember what autumn is after the summer we have had!

Our poor gardens have suffered the heat along with the rest of us. The difference between our two gardens could not be starker.

The Station St garden continues to benefit from its lower wicking beds. The Bongalong garden's large wicking bed is doing quite well; the smaller one is in deep shade so it will be a matter of determining which plants do well there.

This summer has confirmed our view

on the need to change over our other beds to the wicking model. We will not be planting any new plants in these beds until they are changed over. It has proved impossible to keep the water up to these and the gravitational action results in the water draining straight past the roots of the small plants and out the bottom of the bed. The result is a general impression of drought.

As a group we have also been discussing the development of movable beds that can be positioned in various small unused spaces around the neighbourhood. There are various designs for these beds and we are investigating which would work best for us and how to make/ac-

quire them.

Bongalong continues to be desperate for more weight and green matter to be added to the "chook mesh" compost bin. We would be grateful for any lawn clippings, hedge clippings and small prunings that could be added to the top of the pile.

The strawberry guava, however, has been loving the tropical conditions and is covered in fruit that will ripen over the next few months. Please feel free to help yourselves.

Sue Howes
Naremburn Resident

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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 – February, April, June, August, October and December
7:30 pm
0431 777 547 (Viviane Leveaux)

Playgroup

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naremburnplaygroup@gmail.com

Northern Suburbs Philatelic Society

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9419 7354 (Paul Storm)

Breast Feeding Association

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Naremburn Library

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7 Central Street

Update from Councilor Coppock

Naremburn Parking

New Boat Trailer Restrictions

On 18 January 2017 Council began consulting the local community regarding proposed parking restrictions in relation to boat trailers.

Consultation ends on 17 February. If you are late in putting in your say, still submit your comments.

Over the period from 1 September 2015 to 30 October 2016, Council received 51 complaints about boat trailer parking. Northbridge features most prominently with 8 separate streets mentioned and Naremburn, Willoughby and Artarmon areas involved 4 or more streets.

If Council adopts the new restrictions, boat trailers must move at least every 28 days and must move at least one street block. If the boat trailer does not move, Council must provide the registered owner with 15 days' notice before impounding the trailer. The State Government legislation that permits this regime to operate also gives Council the option of establishing a charge for the release of an impounded item.

Walter Street Naremburn DA Approval

In February Council gave its approval for Development application for medium density development in Walters St. Four issues flow from this decision. Other medium density will occur in Walter St. The RMS restriction for a freeway exit on the southern side needs to be reviewed, if the RMS will come to the table and, the RMS has directed that entry to Walter St will be left hand turn only. This means that traffic will not be able to cross over the oncoming traffic lane to gain entry to Walter St. This traffic measure will have some impact on the Development application for a child care centre on the corner of Walter

Greater Sydney Commission

The Commission is in the process of creating new plans for development across Sydney. Willoughby City Council is moving fast to put up a series of planning proposals together to ensure that no vacuum is created that will be filled by the Commission! Council has issued a Chatswood CBD Planning and Urban Strategy, a Local Centres Position

Statement, a Housing Position Statement and an Industrial Lands Position Statement. Real change is coming and I believe quickly.

Naremburn Shops Planning Review

Council has issued a Local Centres Position Statement that includes the Naremburn Shops.

As the first step in developing a Strategy, the Position Statement addresses the function and character of Willoughby's vibrant and thriving smaller local centres, tests them against metropolitan and local planning objectives, and starts a discussion around opportunities for growth in housing and employment.

This is an important issue and submissions close in mid March.

Time is critical as the Greater Sydney Commission through its District Commissioners is looking at local zonings. It is my view that we may see arbitrary re-zonings as to density of a mixture of residential and commercial use, sometimes known as shop top housing.

There are real issues of the inner face between commercial shops and residential use. These are currently in play with the application to build commercial and residential on the Anderson's Hardware site.

Housing Position Statement

So with the Housing Position Statement this, too, is a first step in developing a Strategy, the Position Statement discusses the future housing needs of Willoughby City residents over the next 20 years in response to our growing and changing population.

The relevance locally is that several local people have discussed with me an increase in density locally. Submissions of this nature is what this Position paper is seeking. Consideration needs to be given that submissions for single lot change is unlikely to gain support but larger areas that have little or no interface issues with other residential lots or are near other medium density or adjacent to commercial uses would, in my opinion, get consideration. Submissions are due in mid March.

Cr Stuart Coppock
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