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# Time to Grow

There is nothing more satisfying that growing your own produce. For many people it brings nature into their busy lives, and as our cities grow and urban sprawl takes over, it's never been more important to have that connection.

Jenny Beer runs a project with Willoughby Council called Time to Grow, which connects seniors who have space to share with volunteers interested in growing fresh food.

"We provide a free raised garden bed for participating residents so they can enjoy growing herbs and veggies with their gardening volunteer. We also run free gardening workshops so residents can learn gardening tips and techniques," said Beer.



Paddy Fullilove

"The Willoughby Community Men's Shed prepare the timber for the bed and volunteers from Chatswood Rotary Club undertake the construction. A gardening volunteer is screened by Council and then visits the resident once a week and they garden together at their home."

"Gardening has many benefits for seniors, it provides gentle exercise, access to healthy fresh food and relieves stress and tension. Gardening with a volunteer is an enjoyable weekly social activity and many residents enjoy chatting over a cup of tea at our gardening workshops."

Depending what's in season, every morning Paddy Fullilove picks a handful of herbs from her garden to put into her morning smoothie. It's a morning ritual and one Paddy gets an enormous amount of satisfaction from.

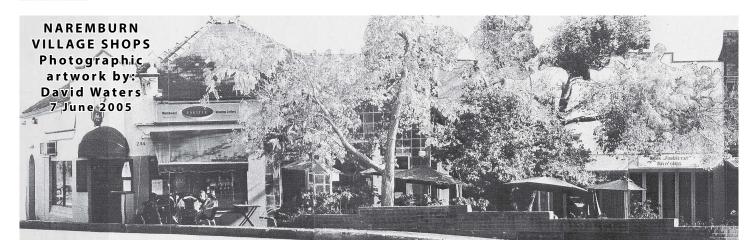


Paddy's Garden

"I've always loved gardens and have tried to grow things, which have never been terribly successful. One day I was reading the North Shore Times, and I read about this project run by Jenny Beer. I thought I'd died and gone to heaven. This couldn't be happening," laughs Paddy.

"So a few weeks later, the garden bed was built and this beautiful woman came to be my gardening assistant and we've formed a great alliance. Her name is Hilary, and she's as kind as can be. We sit on the verandah, laugh and eat a few tomatoes. It's the most beautiful gift that anyone could accept. It's a giving thing, and far beyond what I thought it could be."

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# NAREMBURN MATTERS

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# President – out and about

Welcome to the June 2017 edition of Naremburn Matters. This is my first attempt at writing the President's article, as only a month ago, I was elected the new President of the Naremburn Progress Association – this was a great vote of confidence from the members, and I do hope that I can return that confidence but I will need your continuing support to succeed.

The timing of our AGM on 13 April was a little unfortunate, being the night before Good Friday, but we were relieved to see a number of stout-hearted supporters turn up to assist in the election of office-bearers for the 2017 year. And members heeded the call for change and new blood, with sweeping changes at both the Executive and General Committee levels. May I take the opportunity though to publicly thank our outgoing Committee members (Fran O'Brien and Joann Morand) for their great support over many years, and also welcome our new Committee members (Kylie Field and Ralph Youie) as they take on the responsibilities of their new roles. Whilst Fran and Joann take a well-earned rest, Kylie steps in as the Naremburn Matters editor and Ralph takes on the duties of NPA Secretary. Finally, on behalf of all members may I extend our thanks to outgoing President Viviane Leveaux for a truly magnificent job – hope I can do just half as well!

So what's happening? First, the future of both our local Council and the Progress Associations within the Willoughby LGA remains unclear. Council elections have been scheduled to occur on September 9 (mark that date in your diaries!), but the outcome of the amalgamation attempts by the State Government remain in the balance. Should the merger of North Sydney, Mosman and Willoughby Councils proceed there will need to be some constructive thinking done at the community group level, as North Sydney and Mosman have Precinct Committees rather than Progress Associations – similar, but not the same.

Secondly, the pace of development continues unabated. The DA for the old Andersons Hardware site was finally approved after a number of requested amendments were incorporated. This was still not exactly what affected neighbours were seeking, but as we go to print the site will be auctioned on Tuesday 23rd May, so will see what happens. Also, we noticed the recently-closed Naremburn Convenience store being stripped out the other day – watch this space! Then there are the continuing Northern Beaches Link Tunnel displays, which invite the community to come and view the plans then Have Your Say as to your opinion on the current proposal. Details as to exact routes may take some time to finalise, but we all need to stay close to these major infrastructure projects to better understand potential impacts.

The next General Meeting of the NPA will be held Thursday June 8 commencing 7.30pm, with our Guest Speaker being Peter Chauncy of McGrath Crows Nest, one of our cornerstone advertisers. And Peter will be talking about...wait for it... real estate in the Naremburn area! So come along and update your local real estate knowledge through participation in this interactive session. It promises to be very worthwhile.

Till next time....

Roger Promnitz President

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# **NPA** Meeting

7:30 pm Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August

Guest Speaker
Peter Chauncy

From McGrath Crows Nest

Naremburn Community Centre
7 Central Street

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Please include your email address or phone number as we may need to edit items to fit the space available.

# In conversation with McGrath Crows Nest real estate agent Peter Chauncy...

Deciding on a career in real estate is not for the fainthearted. The hours are long, emotions are high and markets can fluctuate depending on a variety of factors.

In an interview with Naremburn Matters, McGrath Crows Nest estate agent Peter Chauncy discusses why he thinks Naremburn is a great place to live (and we agree!) and how he relishes Sunday's with his young family.

NM: What makes Naremburn an interesting place to live? PC: Naremburn is such an interesting place because you get the best of both worlds – a suburban feel, but yet its less than 10 minutes from the CBD. I always describe Naremburn as the centre of the Lower North Shore as you are literally so close to everything which makes it so appealing to the people that decide to call it home.

## NM: How has the area changed over the years?

PC: In my 10 years of selling and working in the Naremburn area, the suburb has changed tremendously (and all for the better I might add). The demographic of the area in general has changed, and we've seen young families, executives & empty nesters take full advantage of the close proximity to the city, quality schools and the slightly larger land sizes we have over other areas such as the Eastern Suburbs and the Inner West. With this new demographic, we have seen the Federation workers cottages, that the area has been known for, trans-

formed into stunning family homes. Nearby Crows Nest has, and still is, getting a makeover and it's turning into an urban strip of café's, restaurants and bars that appeal to the residents in the area.

### NM: What do you love about Naremburn?

PC: There are so many things I love about this suburb. Predominantly the close- knit community feel. Everybody looks out for their neighbours, and when you drive through the suburb of an evening, you often see kids playing in the streets. Everybody likes to get involved and lend a hand, should it be the community gardens in the area, or fundraising for the preschool. We also love the friendliness of everyone when we see them out and about on a Saturday. I love the style of the homes in Naremburn. I have a real soft spot for Federation and Californian Bungalow homes, which Naremburn is well known for.

# NM: What do you enjoy doing when you're not selling real estate?

PC: Tough one as I work 80 plus hours a week, and normally six days! I love what I do, but I never seem to have much spare time. I have a lovely wife and a 2 year-old boy, so we enjoy going to the beach, walks and sometimes a nice lunch somewhere on a Sunday. I love running, and run at least five times a week. It's my way of unwinding a little. I also enjoy the very occasional game of golf.



Peter Chauncy at McGrath Crows Nest

Since our last edition the Naremburn property market has been extremely busy and we have successfully negotiated the sale of 11 homes and 6 apartments in the suburb, and set many new records along the way.

We recently set three new suburb records for an apartment, attached home and freestanding house. A two bedroom apartment at 18/10 Dalleys Road recently went to auction, with 10 registered bidders on the day, the property sold for \$1,380,000, which was \$206,000 over the reserve. 5 Merrenburn Avenue set a new record for an attached home when it sold at auction, while 10 Adolphus Street broke the record for a freestanding home. The brand new four bedroom residence on 671sqm was finished to perfection and

became the first property in the suburb to break into the \$4million bracket, setting a new benchmark for luxury homes in the suburb.

According to a recent editorial by CoreLogic RP Data, clear market evidence suggests the Sydney residential market is performing well above average with a recorded increase in residential dwelling values throughout the city of around 13% over the course of the last 12 months. At present, in the current Lower North Shore market, we are experiencing a severe shortage in residential dwelling supply levels and these market conditions combined with the current record low interest rates have created increased buyer demand, ultimately assisting in achieving premium sales results.

Despite the external media commentary, as a local real estate professional I don't feel there is a need for property owners to be nervous as to the direction the market may take moving forward. Although I do believe, as always, it is important for property owners to be mindful of the external market conditions when planning their next property transaction in order to

ensure they are in a position to achieve the maximum financial return. In my opinion any property positioned within a 6 to 10 kilometre radius of the CBD that benefits from desirable lifestyle attributes such as proximity to express city transport, quality schools and amenities are in good stead to achieve desirable capital growth.

In short, buyer demand for quality property is continuing to outstrip supply. The current record low interest rates are still enticing buyers and are leading to incredibly strong competition amongst them in both auction and private treaty campaigns, resulting in sale prices well above vendor's expectations. If you are interested in finding out further where your property sits in this unique market, contact me direct and I am more than happy to have a conversation about your possibilities

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

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# **Preschool News**

The wonderful autumn weather we have all been enjoying, enabled our preschool community to experience a fabulous Easter Fun Day with a delicious barbeque, great cake stall, numerous activities for the children and a raffle donated by Peter Chauncy McGrath Crows Nest.

The Preschool educators and children participated in the 2017 Autumn Wild Pollinator Count. We conducted a 10-minute observations each day of the flowering plants in our Preschool garden to see if we could observe any pollinators in action. We were thrilled to record several Blue-banded bees and a Teddy Bear bee during our observations. These bees are especially attracted to and love the purple salvia in our rear garden, near our native bee house

we installed last year. We shall enjoy participating in the Spring Count later this year.

We recently held a Mother's Day Morning Tea, and hope all the Naremburn Mums enjoyed their special day.

Dianne Minnett
Director – Willoughby Community
Preschool Inc.



Blue-banded Bee



Tobey Paterson and Eli Whittington with the baby animals at the Easter BBQ.



Teddy Bear Bee

# There's a garden in my garden By Paddy Fullilove

There's a garden in my garden, Just below the back verandah. It's a wooden box with soil inside But soon it will be grander.

There'll be herbs and tomatoes And lots of healthy greens, And I'd like to grow some garlic Though it's hard to grow it seems.

Maybe chillies and berries And lovely climbing peas, Or capsicum and corn I might even try for these.

So I'm gathering up seedlings And will soon begin to sow Then I'll sit on my verandah And watch the garden grow.

# Time to Grow continued from page 1...

Paddy's garden is currently filled with tomatoes, kale, basil and a variety of other things.

"I've had cucumbers and something else that was growing up into the roof, which my six grandsons thought was from Jack and the Beanstalk and forbade me to cut down. We've grown ginger, garlic, chives and a variety of spinach even purple kale," says Paddy.

"It's a joy to get up in the morning and go out to my little garden in the garden, full of food that nobody's sprayed. Its life and that's all we are. I'm watching life and I can tell you, I'm a very happy little vegemite."

Easy Gardening workshops are held

on Thursday mornings at the Dougherty Community Centre in Chatswood during May and June, contact Jenny for details.

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# What's Brewing in Winter?

Nestled at Naremburn shops, Flat Rock Brew Café is a beloved part of the landscape not only for locals, but Sydneysiders who come from far and wide.

As winter approaches and we take a well-earned rest from Sydney's blazing summer, Flat Rock manager Michael (Pike) gives the low-down on what the best wines and beers are for the chillier months.

"Our flagship beer, a cask conditioned English bitter brings to Sydney, a taste of Karl's British homeland. As the cooler months approach, and depending on individual tastes, people will tend to move towards darker, maltier beers. Stouts and porters showcase these traits. Flavours range from biscuit, bread and chocolate to stewed stone fruits and Christmas pudding in some of the stronger, aged examples."

"Recommended examples include Sierra Nevada – Narwhal Imperial Stout and Founders Porter. Our English bitter is another great choice for the cooler months. This beer is a malty session ale with low carbonation and served, true to style, at cellar temperature," said Pike.

"We brew our English bitter year round, and we have a few favourites that we rotate on and off the taps. Where possible we try to maintain a seasonal brewing philosophy, whether this is brewing a style of beer to suit the weather or showcasing seasonal fruit and other ingredients in our beers."

Pike says that with an ever-growing community of craft breweries in NSW and Australia, their taps are never short of something different and unique.

"Most beers we showcase will only remain on tap for a week or two, depending on availability. Fresh is best, so it's in the consumers interest to see this high rotation and a chance to always try something different."

"I've already seen the sway towards fuller bodied wines as the days get cooler. For reds, it's a move away from Pinot Noir to Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon. For white wine, the trend is towards Chardonnay and Pinot Gris over Sauv Blanc. Sparkling white wine and Champagne are comforting all year round," said Pike.

So what are the best foods to accompany the winter brews?

"For a guaranteed winter warmer, a hearty stew or pie pares well with a nice dry stout (especially if some of the beer makes it into the recipe). If you're eating spicy food, lighten up the style of beer as a nice counterpoint to your meal. There's no substitute for a crisp Czech Pilsner with a spicy Indian curry," said Pike.

"I'm currently all about Hoppy beers. I've never considered myself a hop-head, but some of the new world IPA's (Indian Pale Ale) coming from all across Sydney, and the world, are providing a considerable array of flavours. Pine, grass, citrus and tropical fruits are all prominent. Try Akasha's 'Korben D' Double IPA, Ekim's Grapefruit IPA or our very own "Full Vermonty" East Coast IPA."

# Steak and Ale Stew

- 1 kg gravy beef, cubed.
- 3 tblsp flour
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 Onions, diced
- 4 Carrots, chopped
- 4 medium potatoes, cubed
- 2 or 3 sprigs thyme
- 2 Bay leaves
- 1 Can beer (Guinness is traditional, but any malty ale will do)
- 2 tblsp tomato paste
- 1 L Beef stock
- Salt and Pepper to taste.
- 1. Toss the Beef in well-seasoned flour
- 2. Heat 2tblsp butter in a heavy based saucepan and cook the onion until softened.
- 3. Add the garlic and cook for another minute.
- 4. Remove the onion and garlic from the pan.
- 5. Reheat the pot and brown the dusted beef in batches.
- 6. Add all the meat, onion and garlic, thyme, bay leaves, carrot and potato back into the pot.
- Add the beef stock, tomato paste and beer and stir until mixed.
- 8. Simmer gently for 1 and a half hours or until beef is tender.

"Tasty as is, this recipe tastes even better reheated the next day," says Pike.

Recipe supplied by Flat Rock Brew Café.



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# Naremburn Library News

School holidays are approaching and a visit to the library before and during the holidays will help keep everyone entertained. Naremburn Library, like the other Willoughby Library branches, is distributing free family literacy packs to local families with babies in order to promote the benefits of reading with children. The packs are produced by the Little Big Book Club, a project of Raising Literacy Australia and were purchased with Club Grant funds from Willoughby RSL. Children aged from 0 to 2 years old who have a Willoughby library card can collect a pack on their next library visit. Older children aged from 3 to 4 years old can have a free copy of the picture book "Fancy pants".

Chatswood Library has some splendid new services on offer. Willoughby Kids Lego Club is now meeting there on Fridays from 4pm to 5pm until Friday 30 June. The Club is for primary school children and their carers.

A new club for adults has also started at Chatswood Library – it's called the Tech Buddy Club! Once a month, volunteers offer hand-on learning to small groups new to smartphones and tablets. Bookings are necessary and can be done through the web address above. Even more tech help is available through the new aptly named Tech Help Bar held at Chatswood Library every Friday at 11am. There is no need to book, but take your device with you so that friendly volunteers can assist you.

These are just the recent initiatives – The Learn@the Library and the Tech Savvy Seniors programs continue as before.

The Talks@Willoughby author talks are available throughout the year at Chatswood Library and also at the branch libraries from time to time. Susi Prescott gave an inspiring talk at Naremburn in late April about her new book "Where humming birds dance", an absorbing memoir about teaching disadvantaged children in Peru. A copy is available for loan at Naremburn.

Planning is underway for quilting workshops to be held at all Willoughby City Libraries during August and September. Join artist Emma Anna at one of the workshops in order to create the "Willoughby Peace Quilt". The completed quilt will be exhibited on International Peace Day Thursday 21 September 2017. Naremburn Library will host workshops on Thursday 10 August and Monday 11 September from 2pm to 4pm, and you are invited! This project has been successfully run in other communities and has funding support from Willoughby Council's Arts Grants program.

After taking part in all these activities, you will need to sit down quietly with a good book and there are plenty at Naremburn Library.

Happy Reading.

## Diana Revington Branch Librarian

# The Love

Naremburn has a new shop, 'The Little Organic Vintage Emporium', which makes the acronym 'The Love'.

Passionate about organics and antiques, sisters Megan and Rebecca have gone into partnership sourcing quality and unique gifts.

"We are specialising in unique gifts, organics, vintage/antiques, jewellery, accessories and children's wear. We may expand our range of products, to meet customer needs. We are also setting up

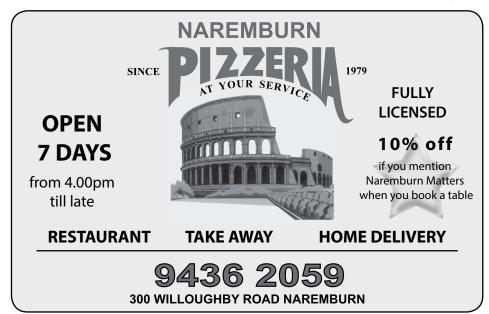
a children's playroom at the back of our shop for the convenience or our customers."

"At The Love, we are also trying to play our part in doing our duty to protect the environment. We are doing this by reusing items in our antique and vintage products, and we are trying not to abuse the environment by sourcing organic, natural and Australian made products wherever possible."

"We were drawn to Naremburn because of its friendly and vibrant village atmosphere. We immediately loved the beautiful exterior of the shop, being heritage listed and we felt that it was in keeping with the nature of our shop. We were impressed that the local businesses had a wonderful reputation with loyal customers and had also been here for many years. The convenience of the timed street parking and the car park are also great for customers. We hoped that a gift shop would be a welcome addition to the area," said Megan

The Love will be open from:

Monday: 10am-3.30pm & 4pm-5.30pm Tuesday-Friday: 10am-5.30pm Saturday: 10.30am-2.30pm Sunday: by appointment





# Closing up shop

Eighteen years ago Peter Xu and his wife Kelly took over the Naremburn Food Store. During those years, they have been an integral part of our small community getting to know all their regular customers. It's been where we popped in for that bottle of milk or the newspapers and where the children coming off the school bus got their lollies. Peter has often been seen taking his morning walk along the tracks in the reserve and along the neighbouring streets, and enjoying a seat in the sun outside his shop while chatting to passersby. Hopefully after looking after us for long hours seven days a week, they can now take time for themselves. With their son Michael now working at Forsyth's, they will for the time being, continue their connection with Naremburn. While it's with sadness that we see Peter and Kelly close up shop and retire we, the Naremburn Community send them every best wish for their retirement.



Peter and Kelly Xu





# The future is bright and Vivid

The Chatswood CBD will be reinvented as a funky, retro-futuristic smart city, as technology and light fuse with 19th Century steam-powered machinery at this year's Vivid Sydney festival.

Exiting Chatswood Interchange, visitors will be transported into a three-dimensional lightshow as more than 9,000 LED light spheres glow above in Voxelscape, alongside a pumping, people powered steam engine with interactive projection in Gear Shift.

Visitors will continue through a glowing glimmering *Canopy of Light* into Chatswood Mall, where *Crossword*, a light installation will send a cross fire of hidden messages mid-air and onto revellers. Hanging above Hawker Lane, *The Octopoda*, will invite audiences to become part of its tentacle percussion ensemble.

The centrepiece of Vivid Sydney at Chatswood, will be the façade of The Concourse, which will host the feature projection, Future City Smart City, alongside *Steampunk Waterworld*, which pays homage to Jules Verne through light, sound and special effects. *Light Bounce*, a special daytime installation at Chatswood Chase will take visitors through a sparkling forest of refractive light.

"I'm incredibly excited that Vivid Sydney is coming back to Chatswood again this year with a retro-futuristic theme," said Willoughby Mayor, Gail Giles-Gidney.

Vivid Sydney at Chatswood runs from 26 May – 17 June from 5.30pm – 10.30pm



# Naremburn Community Centre Activities

There are two spaces available for hire in the community centre.

There is a meeting room with its own kitchenette and toilet facilities and a larger area with its own projector. These spaces can be hired through the Willoughby Park Centre (Ph. 9967 2917 or email willpark@willoughby.nsw.gov.au)

## Naremburn Progress Association

2nd Thursday – February, April, June, August, October and December 7:30 pm 0431 777 547 (Viviane Leveaux)

## Playgroup

Wednesday – for children 5 and under 9:30 am to 11.30 am naremburnplaygroup@gmail.com

# Northern Suburbs Philatelic Society

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

## **Breast Feeding Association**

1st Tuesday 10:00 am to 12 noon abamns.contact@gmail.com

# Willoughby Community Preschool

Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm 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

# **Update from Councilor Coppock**

# A new Community Recycling Centre

In April a new Community Recycling Centre in Artarmon was opened.

The Centre is located at 8 Waltham Street, Artarmon, and takes various types of problem waste free of charge including paint, gas bottles, oils, fluorescent globes and e-waste. The facility will be jointly operated by the councils of Willoughby, Hunter's Hill, Lane Cove, North Sydney and Ryde. The facility is a drive through venue with separate bins for the differing items.

# **Netball Court speakers**

All speakers have now been installed with testing be undertaken during netball activities on 8 April. The Council had issued instructions that volume is not to exceed 5db above ambient noise level.

## **Council Elections**

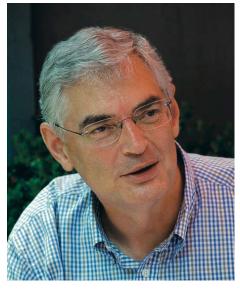
Willoughby City Council is going back to the polls and not a merger, just yet. Polling day is scheduled for 9 September 2017. The format for the election will be as it has been for several elections: four wards, three councillors per ward and a popularly elected Mayor.

Given the NSW Premier has said the proposed mergers of Councils currently in a Court process, will occur, it's anyone's guess how long the new Councillors will remain in office following the election.

Significantly the State Government did not appeal the Court of Appeal decision of the matter of Hornsby Shire Council and Kurring-gai Council. However, the High Court will make a determination on 24 May on the application by Woollahra Council, if that application is unsuccessful, then it possible the State Government might move to force the mergers. Speculation and only time will tell in this ongoing saga.

### Trees

Council is going to investigate the notification and reporting processes associated with applications of tree removal under Council's Tree and Vegetation Preservation controls. The



issue arose when a significant local tree was removed without any reason being provided on the file and there was no notification of the application to residents in the street.

# 155 Willoughby Road

The Section 34 Conference was terminated and the matter will now proceed to a full Court hearing. This is unlikely to be before July.

# Naremburn Park

I received an inquiry as to the removal of the shed that was located on the northwest corner of the park. The shed was used by Gordon Rugby Club to store their football practice gear. As there was a significant amount of spare storage space in the Naremburn Park Pavilion, the equipment of the club has been relocated to the Pavilion. This made the shed redundant so the shed was removed and that area has been returfed and used as open space.

Council Officers made this decision and there was no consultation with the community about the possible use of this brick shed. I would also add that having watched the administration of the Council since 2014, this does not surprise me. Community consultation is a phrase nowadays. Notifications arrive after events have occurred and decisions are made at an operational level without any reference to Councillors or the community. This is occurring across the city. It means that as a Councillor, you have to ask a lot more questions and be more observant of what is happening or not happening within the city.

Cr Stuart Coppock stuart.coppock@willoughby.nsw.gov.au