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WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT

Working from home, home schooling and social isolation due to COVID-19 has taken a big toll. Getting out for a walk, in fresh air, has been essential for our physical and mental well-being during the last months.

Happily Naremburn residents started a bear hunt in our neighbourhood to liven up those walks for our children. Bears have been put in windows so when families go for a walk, the kids can go on a Bear Hunt. There's been quite a variety of species too - on Anzac Day, there was a bear in uniform 'bearing' Australian flags, and over Easter there were many bunnies waving from windows. Builder Bear, Rupert Bear, Big Ted have also appeared. Now it is getting cooler,



I'm sure we will soon see Paddington Bear in duffle coat and sou'wester.

This idea is based on the beloved children's book, by Michael Rosen and

Helen Oxenbury, and is a world-wide initiative to signal friendliness and warmth in your community.

OVERWHELMING OBJECTION TO TUNNEL BUT INVESTIGATIONS CONTINUE

Public consultation on the 9000+ Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway EIS has seen over 90% of the 1455 respondents object. Several Progress Associations and schools lodged as objections, as did most impacted councils. Willoughby Council lodged their detailed submission as a comment but raised many "unacceptable" concerns including health and safety, increased local traffic and loss of amenity. Government departments i.e. Health have also raised queries around contamination, noise and air quality. Given the serious concerns and the state of the economy many are assuming that the project won't proceed however there are signs to the contrary. A post-EIS program of testing along the Warringah Freeway is underway and we expect to see the Beaches Link EIS (with the main support site proposed at Flat Rock) released soon. Please read submissions at: https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov. au/major-projects/project/10451 and continue to write to our local member.

LARISSA PENN



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We hope that you're all coping with the restrictions being enforced to limit the spread of COVID-19. As many have already said "we're all in this together". However the restrictions are working as the curve flattens and we're learning new skills, especially technological, that will assist our assimilation into the 'new norm'.

In playing our part in this new regime, the Naremburn Progress Association has already embraced the technology by holding our AGM on 2 April using Zoom. This allowed us to meet all Health Orders but still have a quorum such that a new Executive Committee could be elected and installed for the next 12 months to April 2021.

Given the success of the technology and its ease of use, we will be looking to expand our online meeting capacity to replace face-to-face meetings until such time as restrictions are appropriately relaxed. Meanwhile, the seemingly relentless flow of development proposals and other submissions continues, so we need to be ever vigilant in ensuring any approved projects meet both regulatory and amenity requirements.

Talk soon.

ROGER PROMNITZ



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NAREMBURN MATTERS

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE NAREMBURN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION (NPA)

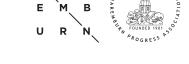
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NAREMBURN SHOPS

Late last year Willoughby City Council approved the Draft Housing Strategy and Draft Local Centres Strategy with some minor amendments. I am told that the final documents as approved by Council will be on the Council website shortly. You may also like to have a look at the Willoughby City Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) dated March 2020. It has been submitted to the Greater Sydney Commission and there is a letter of support from that Commission on the Council website.

The next step in the process of implementation of the Housing Strategy and Local Centres Strategy is a draft Local Environmental Plan (LEP). I am told this will be on display in April or May 2021, unless Covid-19 puts a spanner in the works! Look out for the draft LEP as it may affect you. Keep safe, keep strong and keep vigilant!

GEOFFREY GEMMELL, GLENMORE ST, NAREMBURN.

90 IN NAREMBURN

Sever Sternhill AO turned 90 on May 30

Sev and his wife Alice have lived happy, healthy and secure lives in Naremburn for the last forty years. Born in Poland in 1930, he survived Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, then emigrated with his family to Australia. His distinguished career in Science, both in research and academia awarded him the Order of Australia in 2018.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ Sever_Sternhell





Peter Chauncy – McGrath

The COVID-19 social distancing restrictions initially led to quieter times in Sydney and a less active property market. Many buyers and sellers put their plans on hold waiting for more to come on the market, and confidence to return. However, Naremburn has weathered the turbulent real estate market with the assurance that this strong performing suburb is renowned for. In April, Naremburn had 8 sales across the suburb with my team and I responsible for 5 of those. The suburb also had an auction clearance rate of 100%.

12 Waters Road, a two-bedroom freestanding bungalow, was initially marketed at a price guide of \$1,800,000 sold prior to auction for \$2,025,000.

Another two examples of the continued enthusiasm in the market were our sales at 9 Dargan Street and 16 Hamilton Avenue, both hit the market during the period of restrictions on open homes and they sold prior to auction for \$2,300,000 and \$2,715,000 respectively.

During challenging times, it is always important to have a strong and qualified



database of buyers as some sellers would prefer to test the market before investing in a full marketing campaign. My team and I pride ourselves on the relationships we hold with local buyers and it enables us to successfully negotiate sales off-market which recently included the sale of 20A Garland Road for \$2,510,000 to a buyer on our database.

In short, buyer demand for quality property is continuing to outstrip the supply. The

current record low interest rates are still enticing buyers who have income security and are leading to strong competition amongst them, resulting in sale prices well above vendors expectations. If you are interested in finding out where your property sits in this unique market feel free to contact me directly.

PETER CHAUNCY MCGRATH CROWS NEST 0402 036 489

Queen of the Soup Kitchen

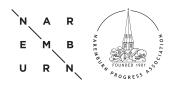


The great pandemic of 1919 and the world's slide into the Great Depression hit the Naremburn community hard. Children went to school hungry, sometimes dependent on other children's shared luncheons. In this crisis local Atchison Street resident, Mrs Agnes Norton acted. She approached the Rector of St Cuthbert's Anglican Church to use the Memorial Hall (1921-1983) as a kitchen. Local businesses were approached for produce. The Gas Company lent five gas coppers for food preparation. She directed that soup cooked there be of the best domestic standard. On school days children from the Public School could have a hearty breakfast of soup, returning again for lunch. Later children from the Catholic School were invited for lunchtime soup. However their visits were at 12 noon, half an hour before public school pupils. It seemed religious tolerance was also in short supply. At the end of the school day children could take home a billy of soup, tin cans adapted for the job. This generous woman had seen a need and filled it. The Soup Kitchen Queen as she was affectionately called, drew praise from WM (Billy) Hughes, PM 1915-1923 as well as the State Member and Mayor.

In our own time parishioners from the Catholic Parish of the Lower North Shore (including St Leonard's Naremburn) provide food and friendship in their bi-annual visits to Canice's Kitchen, Kings Cross, serving the lonely and homeless of the inner city.

KEVIN FITZPATRICK CENTRAL STREET





STATE GOVT FAST-TRACKING THE WRONG PLAN!

There is a saying in crisis management: go slow to go fast.

The Naremburn Action Group believes the State Government is taking a knee-jerk reaction to stimulating post-COVID economic activity by fast-tracking the wrong plans.

The Government is considering escalating several 'shovel-ready' projects. Three of the projects to be considered are in St Leonards:

- 1. A 16-storey housing and commercial building on 575-583 Pacific Highway.
- 2. A 40-storey housing and commercial building at 100 Christie Street.
- 3. A 16-storey housing and commercial building at 23-35 Atchison Streets.

These projects are being considered for early commencement BEFORE the Strategic Plan for the area has even been finalised.

In December 2018, the draft Strategic Plan for the Crows Nest/St Leonards precinct was released. Its aim was to provide a sensible vision for development, including height controls, green space, schools and community facilities. We are still waiting for the final plan. Once in place, residents are more likely to support the rapid redevelopment of old, ugly sites – because everyone will know what the rules are.

In the absence of a strategic overview, ad-hoc inappropriate projects will continue to get the green light even if they conflict with recommendations in the draft Strategic Plan. For example, there is a proposal to build a 72-storey building on the College of Law site at 2 Chandos Street, even though the draft Strategic Plan called for a maximum of 50-storey buildings in the precinct. This is unacceptable to locals.

We call on the State Government to prioritise completion of its Strategic Plan instead of speeding up overdevelopment with a jumbled collection of high-rise buildings.

We encourage residents to write to Rob Stokes, the Minister for Planning and Urban Spaces <u>pittwater@parliament.nsw.</u> <u>gov.au</u>, asking him to fast-track the final Strategic Plan for the Crows Nest/St Leonards precinct so that the physical shape and amenity of our area has a coordinated approach.

JULIE WADDINGTON AND ROSE-ANNE MANNS NAREMBURN ACTION GROUP

255 RESIDENTIAL UNITS AT WALTER STREET!

A concept plan has been submitted indicating that proposed planning controls could yield in the order of 255 residential units including 332 car spaces.

Council have exhibited a draft Voluntary Planning Agreement which indicates that council will receive over \$2.5 million if this proposal proceeds.

With 460 units at Channel 9, plus the 255 proposed in the concept plan, we're back to where we started when the Channel 9 development was first proposed. Now there'll be over 700 units in the area. Can you imagine what traffic will be like? Another set of traffic lights on Willoughby Rd; more commuters catching CBD buses at Garland Rd where already full buses can't stop in the morning peak.

"Council's traffic engineer also agrees with TTPP's findings that "the proposed new traffic control signals with all movements provided will operate with on acceptable level of service and Willoughby Rd (including key intersections modelled) will also continue to operate with a similar level of service to the existing situation for the greatest level of development on the site for 10 years info the future (with forecast regional



CLICK HERE TO MAKE YOUR SUBMISSION traffic growth and that generated by large developments planned nearby and assuming on upgrade at Willoughby Rd/ Artarmon Rd is completed)."

Shouldn't our planning horizon be longer than 10 years?

Link: TTP Traffic Planning Report





Councillor's report

Local substantial Council works

DARGAN STREET - Council has recently completed emergency repair of a collapsed open channel section located between Dargan St and Dalleys Rd. A fallen tree caused the damage during the storm event in February 2020.

CHANDOS STREET - in order to reduce the nuisance flooding at the corner at Chandos Street and Willoughby Road, a new drainage system to capture runoff from Willoughby Road was constructed in late December 2019. Two years past I had made representations, as there was no drainage system, only the gutter. It has taken two years to get the planning and works into the budgets and then completed. This was a good outcome as it usually takes a lot longer; all due to one community minded and hard-working council officer.

HENRY LANE - to address the concerns raised by local residents and myself arising out of their emails, regarding runoff from road pavement causing dampness to their properties. This was primarily concerned with no extra drainage being provided with the multi storey developments along Chandos St backing onto Henry Lane. Indeed, Council approved some properties with rainwater just flowing onto the street. Council has now installed a special kerb and drainage system to capture the runoff between Martin and Mitchell Sts and works were completed in June 2019. No further work has been programmed at this stage. If there are further concerns please let me



The bells of St Leonard's Naremburn fell silent in March as the country closed down due to the Covid-19 pandemic and physical distancing rules came into place. We are all very much missing our opportunity to ring bells for our community and to enjoy each other's company. We are a very diverse group - our youngest ringer



know, as any associated works will need to be built into Councils budget and then the works programme.

NSW STATE GOVERNMENT'S NEW SPEEDY APPROVAL PROCESS

Council in April effectively approved the State Government's announcement. St Leonards is one of the named areas that will get developments 'fast tracked'. The push against Council expressing any concern over the measure was led by the Mayor and the Independent Liberal Councillors associated with the mayor.

WESTERN TUNNEL EIS

Council approved a submission at its last Council meeting, 20 April 2020. Details can be viewed on the Council website under 'Council Meetings'. Thank you to community members who took the time to contribute to the matter.

PLANNING PROPOSAL AT WALTER ST AND WILLOUGHBY RD

Council on 20 April considered a planning proposal for the above site. Being in a Closed Session details are not available save what is in the draft Minutes. However, in the planning process this is one step closer to the construction starting.

CR STUART COPPOCK NAREMBURN WARD

is in his early teens, our eldest in her seventies. Whilst unable to ring, some have been watching YouTube videos of various methods they hope to be able to ring when ringing resumes, whenever that may be. Hand bells are another option during the lockdown and we hope to learn this art with a virtual teacher to help us. We hope that the bells of Naremburn will soon be able to be rung. It will indeed be a joyous sound to hear the bells again.

PATRICIA GEMMELL TOWER CAPTAIN

CHANNEL 9

Revised concept plan

When Mirvac bought the Channel 9 site from LEPC9 early this year, the sale included the purchase of the TV tower and the land it stands on. The revision application covers the incorporation of the TV tower lot into the existing concept plan that was developed by the previous owners.

The removal of the TV tower and its replacement with a five storey apartment building is the only thing that has changed in this revision to the Concept Plan. The additional building has been designed by the same architect responsible for the design of the current Concept Plan with the aim of the new building harmonising with the rest of the development. The application states that while the floor space has increased, the already approved number of apartments, 460, will not be increased. This will allow Mirvac the flexibility to increase the size and change the mix of apartments resulting in a higher grade residential complex than originally envisaged.

While the new building will have basement parking, access will be via the internal street and there will not be a separate access for this building onto Richmond Ave. The existing driveway entrance to the TV tower property will be removed.

We are of the opinion that considering the removal of the TV tower will be a public benefit, the fact that there will not be an increase in the number of apartments and that the new building fits in with the architecture of the development, at this stage we will not object to the revised Concept Plan. However, we encourage you to review the revised plan and let us know of any issues that you object to. Please copy us with your submission should you choose to make one.

http://www.majorprojects.planning.nsw. gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_ id=10213

BOB TAFFEL AND PETER WILTON WAAG CO-CONVENORS



COVID-19 – Good News and Bad News

In the last few weeks people have made a huge effort to contact their neighbours (often for the first time), check they're okay and offer to help. People say hello as they walk past and thank others for social distancing by walking on the verges or on the road. We have seen an upsurge in neighbourliness. Hopefully this continues once the world goes back to 'normal"

We have also seen an increase in three types of crime.

- 1. More online and text scams, trying to exploit peoples' financial arrangements and fears about COVID. Avoid clicking on ANY links from emails and texts which you are not sure are from a reliable source. Go into websites independently of the potential dodgy message and check for yourself.
- 2. Theft of home delivered items. Try to be at home for your delivery – many companies allow you to track your delivery. Ask for your delivery to be put out of sight, but this only helps



if the criminal is not following the delivery vehicle.

 If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence call the Domestic Violence Line on 1800 65 64 63. In an emergency call 000.

Finally, burglaries continue to be reported. Keep doors locked and report suspicious behaviour to the police. Willoughby Neighbourhood Watch now has nearly 1400 members.

Join us on: https://www.facebook.com/groups/ WilloughbyNeighbourhoodWatch/

DAVID AND LINDA STICKLAND





It's always good finding old stories about our great suburb.

Pictured below is the local Naremburn bus from the 1930s.

Owned by Harold Barnes of 30 Garland Road, and ran from Lane Cove through to Milsons Point.

I doubt the shock absorbers were very good, but you certainly got lots of fresh air.



It's lovely walking with our kids at the moment around the streets of Naremburn with teddy bears in the windows, kids riding bikes, and people jogging and staying fit everywhere.

While it's an interesting time in real estate just at the moment, it's really lovely to connect with the kids, before they soon become busy again with all their school friends, and dad isn't as cool anymore.

MATTHEW SMYTHE BELLE PROPERTY CAMMERAY LOCAL RESIDENT







Foot Care in Isolation

During these uncertain times, we here at Naremburn Podiatry are open for business just with some extra safety precautions in place.

However, there may be some instances where you are unable to come to your podiatrist.

Even though you can't be seen by a professional there are some things that can be done at home to maintain healthy feet.

The following are some pointers:

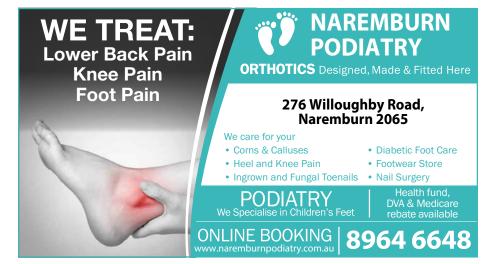
- After washing the feet well make sure they are very dry before wearing socks.
- Socks should be made of a breathable material such as cotton, this helps keep the feet dry throughout the day.
- Socks should be washed at 60 degrees to make sure all microorganisms are killed between wearing.

• Try and wear shoes that have good support when walking to prevent any injury.

If you are unable to come into the clinic we do have a teleconsulting service available

which you can organise by calling us on 8964 6648 or book online at www.naremburnpodiatry.com.au.

GEMMA PARSONS PODIATRIST



uncharted waters

My name is Jane Ridder and after reading Naremburn Matters for the last 5 years as a local resident, I've decided it's time to get on board and contribute to the newsletter. Particularly as this is a time when we can all make a difference in doing what's needed in our local community, in our own unique ways.

'Uncharted waters', unprecedented and 'the new normal' are now becoming clichéd terms, however there's no denying Covid-19 is a defining event in our time. Even before this economic upheaval began, up to 26% of Australian households had less than \$1000 in cash savings. This places a lot of people in a precarious situation.

From my perspective, I've been operating my own financial planning practice for over 10 years and needless to say, I've never been asked to give as much financial education and support as I have in the last 3 months.

So, while I'm in this mode, I'd like to offer Naremburn Matters readers a free 15 minute 'idea session' via phone. This will provide you with some general advice about the different options available and things you can consider moving forward into the new world.

This could be the first small step you take for a smoother financial journey and a softer landing when things get back to 'normal'.

And while shining a light on your financial potential is a primary focus at Infocus St Leonards, there won't be any 'sales pitch' during our complementary call.

So, simply click here or call us on **02 8203 4160** to arrange a time.

Take care out there and I genuinely hope to be of help in the future.

Best wishes, Jane



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COVID Cuddle Up

Puppies and Kittens Galore!

Well, one unexpected event to come out of COVID has been the number of puppies and kittens we have seen through the hospital. It has been such a feel-good story to come out of the stress and loneliness caused by COVID. Unfortunately, we have also seen an increase in dog fights, mostly these have been occurring at the local dog parks with more people out and about. Please remember to watch out and be careful.

While for cats we have seen a spike in stressed-out cats, presenting with urinary tract issues. Again we are happy to offer advice. If we have not seen the new member of your family we would love to see them and help you navigate the challenges of owning a new puppy or kitten. Our team of experienced vets can help you, we are open 24/7. Please feel free to call.

We are also able to facilitate telemedicine consultations at this time. Check out our Facebook or website for how we are mitigating the risks.

Stay safe

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Naremburn Community Gardens

DIY Veggies

During COVID-19 we thought it would be good to share some tips on growing your own vegetables. Most vegetables are annuals and can be grown from seed, either sowing directly into the soil in which the plants will grow or by starting them in seed trays and transplanting as seedlings. The only tricky part with this is that seeds will only germinate at the temperatures that suit them – i.e. follow the guide on the pack - and in soil that suits them – i.e. low nutrient level. Once plants have a few leaves or have been transplanted, that is the time to add some manure or compost.

There is another method that can be more fun for kids as results are more immediate. This method also uses vege scraps that would otherwise be wasted (or composted – hopefully). You can take the leftover root parts of many vegetables, place them in a saucer of water for a few days, see if roots develop or signs of life occur and then plant the results in the garden.

The photo below shows shallots, carrot and garlic sprouting and ready for a second time around. Onions, leeks, celery, beetroot and many others can also work this way.

P.S. We are redoing our facebook page and will be adding more content – look for Bongalong St Community Garden.

SUE HOWES BONGALONG STREET SUEHOWES@TPG.COM.AU







Rustic roasted vegetable chowder

Total comfort in a bowl. That's what this winter vegetable soup is all about. And we all need a little dose of comfort food right now.

INGREDIENTS

- ½ small butternut pumpkin, peeled, seeded, and cut into 3cm dice (2 cups)
- 3 med parsnips, peeled, cut into 2.5cm dice (1 cup)
- 1 med sweet potato, peeled, cut into 2.5cm dice (1 cup)
- 2 med carrots, peeled, cut into 3cm dice (1 cup)
- ½ fennel bulb, quartered & sliced thin (1 cup)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp + $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp sea salt
- 2 tbs + 3 tbs olive oil, divided
- 1 med onion, diced (2 cups)
- 2 tbs plain flour
- 4 cups veg stock
- 2 med russet potatoes, peeled, cut into 2cm dice (2 cups)
- 4-5 fresh thyme sprigs
- 1 cup milk

METHOD

Heat oven to 200°C. Toss pumpkin, parsnips, sweet potatoes, carrots, and fennel in large bowl with 2 tbs olive oil and 1/2 tsp of salt. Spread in a single layer on a large baking sheet and roast until tender and browned in places, about 40 min, turning a couple of times while roasting.

In a large saucepan over low heat, add 3tbs olive oil. Add onion plus a pinch each of salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until soft, about 10 min. Add the flour and cook for 3 min, stirring constantly.



Add the vegetable broth. Add the potatoes and thyme. Bring to a boil over medium heat then reduce heat to low. Simmer uncovered for 15 minutes or until potatoes are soft. Remove from heat. Pick out the thyme stems and discard.

Stir in the roasted vegetables. Blend about 3 cups of the soup until smooth. Return the pureed mixture to the pot and stir. The soup should be thick, rich, and creamy.

Stir in the milk. Place the pot back on the burner, on medium-low, simmer, stirring often to prevent burning. Salt and pepper to taste.

Serve garnished with an additional turn of cracked pepper and thyme leaves.

Offering a Lifeline

During the pandemic, mental health issues created by isolation and financial uncertainty have dramatically increased the need for organisations such as Lifeline and Beyond Blue (1300 22 4636).

The Lifeline shop in Naremburn has been one of the very few op shops that have remained open, with many charities no longer even accepting donations. They have been able to do this mainly due to the size of the shop which allows adequate



space for social distancing and the volunteer staff being willing to work.

Funds raised from sales of goods donated to the store provide a wide range of crisis support and suicide prevention services, including Lifeline National 24/7 TELEPHONE CRISIS LINE 13 11 14

LIFELINE NAREMBURN IS OPEN FROM 9.30 - 4.30 MONDAY TO SATURDAY 270 WILLOUGHBY RD, NAREMBURN. PH: 9436 1518

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Become an active member of your Naremburn community and have your say.

Join or renew your membership at www.naremburnprogress.org.au/ membership/join-renew/

Annual membership due 1 January Fees: \$15 (\$10 concession), plus \$5 joining /lapsed member.

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Community activities

Naremburn Community Centre 9967 2917 willpark@willoughby.nsw.gov.au

Contact the Centre, for room hire availability.

Naremburn Progress Association

0419 227 986 (Roger Promnitz) 2nd Thursday bimonthly 7.30pm February, April, June, August, October and December

Playgroup

(for children 5 years of age and under) naremburnplaygroup@gmail.com

Wednesday 9.30am - 11.30am

Northern Suburbs Philatelic Society

9419 7354 (Paul Storm)

Breastfeeding Association

abamns.contact@gmail.com 1st Tuesday 10.00am - 12noon

Willoughby Community Pre-school 9437 4260 Monday to Friday 8.00am - 4.00pm

> Naremburn Library 7 Central St | 9439 5584

Next NPA meetings

We hope that readers are all coping with the challenges COVID-19 is creating and are safe and healthy.

As members will be aware, our April general meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19, and with the prohibition of gatherings of more than two people announced days before the scheduled AGM, the AGM was instead held successfully via video-conferencing.

The next general meeting is scheduled for 11 June, 2020. At this stage it is unclear whether this will be able to proceed in person or whether we will trial a general meeting via videoconferencing. Stay tuned!

All members and residents are welcome

Letters and articles Articles, comments or suggestions email: naremburn.matters @naremburnprogress.org.au

Message from the Mayor

So much has happened since my last correspondence with you - our world has changed in ways that we could never have imagined. I'd like to thank you for your patience and support during this challenging time.

Willoughby City Council has worked hard to maintain our essential services during the COVID-19 crisis including waste collection and looking after our vulnerable citizens. While our facilities have been closed we have continued to deliver many of our popular workshops and library services on line and even Council meetings are being held virtually. Visit our website to find out more.

To support local businesses and community groups we announced a \$1.66 million business support plan which includes relief on rents, fees and penalties. Please consider shopping local to support our business community.





In February I had the pleasure of opening a new community garden at the Artarmon Parklands. It's part of the new Artarmon Parklands Masterplan which includes upgrades to the playground and while the playground has been closed we installed new shade sails providing better sun protection. The newly resurfaced Artarmon Oval is now open with fresh turf and better drainage.

As we start to see some easing of restrictions please continue to keep the community safe by maintaining good hand hygiene and practising social distancing. We will get through this together.

MAYOR GAIL GILES-GIDNEY WILLOUGHBY CITY COUNCIL MAYOR@WILLOUGHBY.NSW.GOV.AU

Western Harbour Tunnel

Willoughby City Council's submission on the Tunnel's EIS identified issues such as the project's lack of consideration for the locals' desire to reduce congestion, improve accessibility and increase transport choice. The submission points out that the cumulative effect of the Western Harbour Tunnel, the Northern Beaches Link and Metro Rail would have a socio-economic impact on the broader Willoughby community. It identifies a range of issues and concerns requiring attention and flags improvements, clarifications and justifications for which Council strongly advocate as inclusions in project delivery.

With COVID-19 and social distancing measures firmly in place, Artarmon Oval has reopened early after community

FUN FACT ANSWER TRUE - The late Mrs Chris Muller of Bridge's oldest climber. She had also been in the official party at the Bridge's opening in March 1932 requests for more open space to exercise have been answered. It is wonderful to see this great facility available for public use at this challenging time.



I hope everyone is keeping well and staying safe.

Please share with me your thoughts and I welcome feedback on any current issues.

CHRISTINE TUON - COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE.TUON@WILLOUGHBY. NSW.GOV.AU



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