



## WHT & WF PETITION FIRES UP

*Our community petition triggers heated parliamentary debate*

Much has happened since the close of consultation on the 9000+ page Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade EIS. Our 10,000+ community petition has finally been presented to the Lower House! The petition asks for the Government to stop the tunnel plans, release the missing business case and consult on alternatives in light of the high level of risk to residential areas and changing travel patterns.

The community came together on 30 July to support the petition with a wonderful COVID-safe selfie protest in which Flat Rock Gully features heavily. The selfies are being compiled into a video to continue to educate and lobby for a rethink of this project: if you would like to contribute you can send a COVID-safe selfie to: [stopthetunnels@gmail.com](mailto:stopthetunnels@gmail.com)

The petition ignited a lively debate. James Griffin (Manly) and Felicity Wilson (North

Shore) provided the government's response (see Legislative Assembly Hansard 300720 under petitions). Our local member unfortunately did not attend.

The petition renewed calls in the Upper House for the business case for this \$14B+ project. More than a year after the House first requested the business case, some documents were provided but notably the Beaches Link and travel time justifications were missing.

An historic censure vote against the Leader of the Government followed and it is likely that the Leader will be suspended if the full documents aren't provided to the House. It is felt by many that the business case should also be made public, given the \$1B per kilometre price tag, the considerable risks and our current economic circumstances.

While we await the Beaches Link and Gore Hill Extension EIS to be released, it is important that Naremburn residents do their research so they can respond via the Dept of Planning portal.

The Warringah Freeway stage (five years) will see work on the freeway with night-time noise, dust and construction vehicles. In the second stage (another five years), the Beaches Link will compound these impacts. The dual tunnels, if approved, will cross directly under many properties requiring a wide arc of substratum acquisitions, water table, vibration and groundwater changes, risk property damage, we will see 70+ truck movements per hour on local streets and the risks (including contamination) to Flat Rock Gully and residential areas are expected to be significant.

Please join *Stop The Tunnels* and *Save Flat Rock Gully* on Facebook to stay up to date - <https://www.facebook.com/stopthetunnels>. Also, please consider writing to media and decision makers supporting the Upper House calls for proper transparency and review.

LARISSA PENN

TRUE OR FALSE

The Three Lamps was the last commercial building remaining in the old Naremburn Central Township.

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As we go to print, there has been a steady stream of both approved and proposed developments that are of great concern to the Naremburn community and our nearby neighbours.

We've been grappling with the potential effects of the Warringah Freeway Upgrade and the recently approved 100 Christie Street redevelopment. Now it appears the Over Station Development (OSD) plan for the Crows Nest Metro will, instead of maximising the green open space in the area, result in construction of two 27 storey residential towers, a 17 storey hotel and an eight storey commercial building.

While this is not as high as some planned St Leonards redevelopments, these buildings will exacerbate the wind tunnel and overshadowing effects along the Pacific Highway, while threatening the village feel of the Crows Nest strip.

A planning proposal (PP-2020/3) to redevelop the College of Law site at 12 Chandos Street into the highest building north of Sydney Harbour was recently submitted to Willoughby City Council. Thankfully, Council elected not to support the proposal due to significant non-compliances in several areas.

Willoughby City Council's concerns were also mirrored by North Sydney Council

(as the LGA boundary is Chandos Street), but such strong and united opposition still does not guarantee the proposal won't be defeated, as DPIE and the Minister for Planning will have the final say.

If approved, a 72 storey building, twice the height of the Forum building, would result.

Please voice your opposition to the proposal to either the Premier or Minister Stokes.

Talk soon.

**ROGER PROMNITZ**  
**PRESIDENT**



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## Peter Chauncy – McGrath

COVID-19 has impacted the Lower North Shore property market in interesting and perhaps unexpected ways. When it first hit, we were faced with a situation where stock levels fell dramatically but prices remained stable.

Since July 1 my team and I have successfully negotiated the sale of 24 properties in the lower north shore, 12 of those have been in Naremburn alone.

The townhouse and apartment sector has been our busiest of late. In July we sold 1/44 Waters Road and 1/30 Donnelly Road prior to their auctions for \$2M and \$1.78M respectively. We also successfully negotiated the sales of units 29 and 62 at 252 Willoughby Road for \$1.2M and \$1.18M within a week of each other.

Naremburn recently saw a great auction result with 28 Wheatleigh Street, Naremburn selling for \$2.81M under the hammer. The property commenced marketing with an auction price guide of \$2.2M and there were 33 registered bidders at the auction.

Results like this happen when stock numbers are low and the competition to secure a home is heightened. We have recently found that more stock is coming onto the market, but it's still in reasonably short supply – especially in the house/semi-attached sector.



There are more buyers coming into the market who are in the early stages of their search which indicates there will be an influx of qualified, ready to purchase buyers as we move into Spring.

As Australia is now in a recession, property prices would be expected to fall drastically. One reason they haven't is that record low-interest rates make it easier for homeowners to meet their mortgage obligations. Another is that the government's JobKeeper wage subsidy and generous bank policies on mortgage repayments mean few people have been forced to sell up and prices have stayed fairly in line with pre-COVID results.

Many people are leaning in favour of selling before they buy. Having the cash

upfront from your sale will put you in control, especially as we think we're likely to see more properties come onto the market this Spring and beyond.

We recently dropped our annual report across the suburb which will provide you with a summary of the market over the last 12 months, and its comparison to the previous year. Should you have not received one please let us know and we can arrange to drop a copy off.

If you'd like to know more about buying or selling across the Lower North Shore, please get in touch.

**PETER CHAUNCY**  
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The recent development application (DA2020/87) submitted to Willoughby City Council by Mirvac, which covers the demolition phase of the former Channel 9 site, shows plans to have heavy trucks drive along Artarmon Road and turning right at Sydney Street to access Mowbray Road.

This plan was unacceptable to residents along these streets. Mirvac was contacted in order to express this opposition to this aspect of the development application (DA).

Some people in the community have also made submissions to the DA, objecting to the proposed traffic route. Mirvac has taken these objections on board and submitted an amendment to the DA, which has been met with an approval recommendation from Council Officers to Council. This amendment includes shifting a pedestrian safety crossing at the corner of Richmond Avenue and Artarmon Road a small distance eastward.

This relocation will enable trucks carrying the demolished tower structure and removing demolition material to

turn right from Richmond Avenue into Artarmon Road to travel down the hill to Willoughby Road – the shortest route.

It is gratifying to your co-convenors, Peter Wilton and myself, to have Mirvac listen to our concerns and act positively in response. The company claims to be aiming at being a respected part of our community as the constructors of the Channel 9 redevelopment and so far, we see they are making this effort.

Soon we will see the DA or DAs covering the construction part of the project and we will be back in touch with you when this is received.

**BOB TAFFEL AND PETER WILTON**  
**WAAG CO-CONVENORS**

## COLLEGE OF LAW PROPOSAL REJECTED

A development proposal seeking approval to construct a 72-storey building on The College of Law site, Chandos Street, has been rejected by Council.

The building, to be located adjacent to St Leonards train station, would measure 243 meters high, dwarfing the existing Forum building measuring 118 metres (38 storeys). This would make the building the highest skyscraper north of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

The building was planned to contain 58 storeys of residential property and five floors of commercial, including ground floor retail.

Council rejected the proposal, voting nine to one, at an August 10 meeting, objecting to the size and scope of the building, impacts to traffic in the area and effects to the nearby Naremburn Conservation Area. North Sydney Council also expressed its objection by letter.

The developer is now free to submit the existing plan to the NSW Government Gateway Process, giving the NSW Government final say on the project. Otherwise, they can withdraw the proposal and submit another with amendments.

This proposal will remain on display at Willoughby City Council and on the Council's website until September.

Objections to the proposal can be lodged by writing to the local member, Gladys Berejiklian or by emailing Willoughby City Council on [willoughby@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:willoughby@parliament.nsw.gov.au).

**JULIE WADDINGTON**  
**NAREMBURN ACTION GROUP (NAG)**



## Remembering a Naremburn Protector

In these challenging times, one of my favourite activities is to enjoy a walk in the peaceful surrounds of the Long Gully Reserve. This bushland on Naremburn's northern border provides so much, so we continue to fight for its preservation in light of the proposed Northern Beaches Tunnel.

Eric Wilksch (1918-2002) lived on Market Street, Naremburn who helped develop this precinct while working as a historian and environmentalist.

He named his home Barossa after his birthplace in South Australia. His parents owned an orchard and vineyard, which accounts for his love of nature.

After serving with the Australian Air Force in Darwin and Borneo in World War II, Wilksch worked for the NSW Department of Agriculture and was later seconded to the Commonwealth Quarantine Service as an inspector for exports and imports shipped through the Port of Sydney.

During his time, he collected antique tools and with the help of these, he created the walk from the bottom of Small Street near the Leisure Centre to Tunks Park, now called Wilksch Walk. A lane in west Naremburn also bears his name.

Wilksch witnessed the degradation of the area east of Flat Rock Drive when waste from Royal North Shore Hospital was dumped there. I believe it was also an earlier landing site for the Channel 9 helicopter.

This prompted Wilksch to document the flora in the area. He also authored *The Naremburn Story* and a history of St Cuthbert's Church.

Eric was a foundation member of many local environmental groups. We now remember his legacy in the peaceful bush walks in the Gully area.

For more information on Eric Wilksch and other local identities, visit the Progress Association's website: <https://naremburnprogress.org.au/>

**KEVIN FITZPATRICK**  
**CENTRAL STREET**





## Spring news from Naremburn library

While Naremburn Library and other branch libraries remain closed due to COVID-19 restrictions, the team at Willoughby City Library continue implementing new ways to maintain community access to the library's collections and services.

We have expanded our online offerings, including new streaming services, online story times and activities. Also, as restrictions eased, we introduced a Click and Collect service at Chatswood Library before re-opening with limited hours for browsing, borrowing, and providing study seats for students.

Also, several older and more vulnerable residents have been able to temporarily access our Home Library Service.

Although normal library services have not fully resumed, social distancing must be maintained so there is still a strict regime in place to ensure all returned items are cleaned before re-shelving.

For the latest information on library services and online activities, please visit our new-look website:

[libraries.willoughby.nsw.gov.au](http://libraries.willoughby.nsw.gov.au)

**LIZ PARKER**

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION  
AND PROMOTIONS LIBRARIAN**

## MASKPARADE

**Naremburn residents voice  
their views on masking up**



*"Happy to wear one; it's a small thing to do to protect your family and your community."*

**Ken, Naremburn resident**



*"Please wear a mask outside your home."*

**Helene (and Solo), Naremburn  
Progress Association**



*"It's not compulsory yet but I wear one at work and don't use public transport without one. We provide masks for free, just ask."*

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## WHEN NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS

The older I get the more I realise that sometimes we just need to turn our backs to the TV news, get outside and enjoy what's great about this city and our suburb.

We don't live in Melbourne; thankfully we've managed COVID-19 better than the USA and Europe, and for the current generation none of this is as bad as the World Wars endured in previous decades.

There's never a better time to love this suburb and the Lower North Shore, so go and enjoy a wonderful walk around Flat Rock Gully, walk barefoot on the Balmoral sand, or pop into an open home, which may just be your next dream home. Either way, it should be more rewarding than the TV news.



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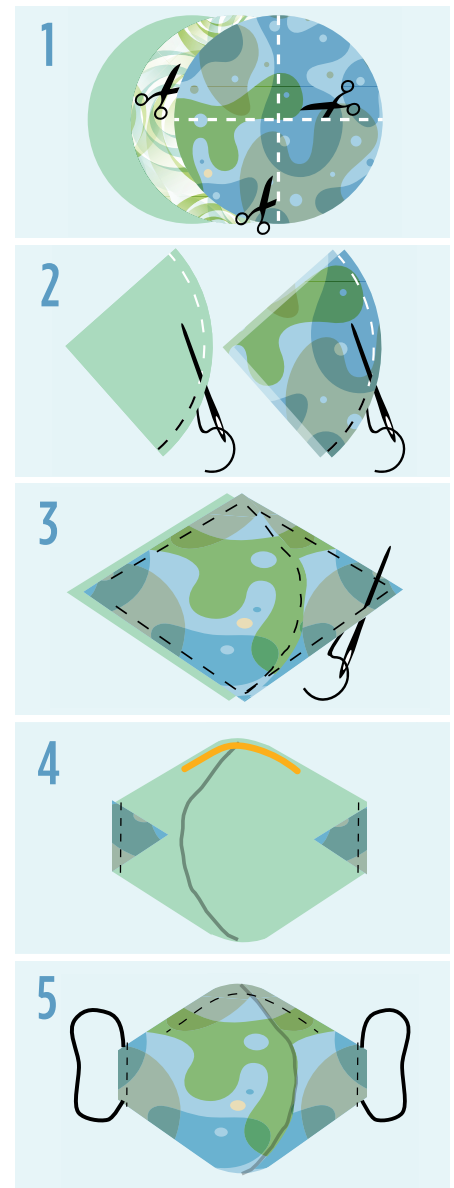
## MASK TASK

This pattern makes two non-medical grade cloth masks. They can be made easily with hand-stitching or using a sewing machine.

You will need one top layer of water-resistant fabric (polyester) and two other layers of cotton, (hint - flannelette is soft against the face), plus ear loops - 4 x 20cm of elastic, or cloth strips. You can also stitch in a short section of pipe cleaner to make a snug fit against the nose.

1. Cut 3 layers of fabric in a 26-28cm circle. A dinner plate is a good size.
2. Cut into quarters – half of the circles make one mask.
3. Sew the curved sections of 2 layers together, then the inner cotton layer, then sew all three together at the edges, right sides facing, leaving a gap at one pointed edge.
4. Turn the outside in, press, then hand stitch the pipe cleaner at the top of the mask. Fold in side points to make casing for ear loops. Thread loops through the casings.
5. Repeat for second mask.

The Victorian State Government guidelines and patterns can be found at: [www.dhhs.vic.gov.au](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au)



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## Naremburn Community Gardens

For some time now the Bongalong Street Garden has been battling a group of rats that have moved in. They have come in for the compost and the warmth of the aerobin.

We have had to try to balance taking compost for the community (many other compost services have closed during COVID) with dealing with the rat issue. We have tried to resolve this by building a cage around the aerobin to keep the rats out and removing all other accessible composting/worm bins. We have also installed a rat trap and a bait station. It is a watching brief, but we ask that people try to secure the cage as best they can to deter the varmints.

### Working Bee

We have set the date of Sunday, 27 September for a working bee in the gardens. At present the Bongalong Street Garden needs a bed emptied, repaired and a new wicking system to be installed.

There will likely be a range of other jobs for both gardens. We will post these on the Facebook page so people can come along and help out (COVID and safe distancing allowing).

The working bee will start at 9:00am on Sunday 27 September for Bongalong Street Garden.

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**Face masks** are strongly recommended if you are on public transport or any place where physical distancing is not possible.

Face masks are strongly recommended in taxis, hire cars and rideshare.

**NSW Health** advises when travelling to self-isolation, you must travel in the back seat with a mask on.



## Corona virus frauds are spreading fast

Scammers use COVID-19 to take advantage of unsuspecting people. Scamwatch.gov.au has reported more than 3,600 scam reports mentioning the coronavirus, resulting in \$2.3 million in reported losses since the outbreak.

Common techniques include: government impersonation, online shopping, bank impersonation and early access to superannuation scams.

Scammers often pretend to have a connection with you and they can be very convincing, so it's important to stop and check, even when you are approached by what you think is a trusted organisation.

### Scammers find you by:

- Contacting you via social media, email or text message
- Creating websites that look real, and impersonating government, businesses and your friends
- Phoning you or coming to your door.

### Some tips to protect yourself:

- Don't click on hyperlinks in texts or social media messages or emails, even if they appear to come from a trusted source
- Go directly to websites from your browser instead of clicking on provided links, e.g. access the MyGov website, by typing the address in your browser
- Never respond to unsolicited messages and calls that ask for personal or

financial details, even if they claim to be from a reputable organisation or government authority

- Keep security on your network and your devices up-to-date and have a good firewall to protect your data.

Visit the Scamwatch news webpage for more on COVID-19 and other scams.

The Willoughby Neighbourhood Watch Group on Facebook also provides updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WilloughbyNeighbourhoodWatch>

**DAVID AND LINDA STICKLAND**





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### *Spring Brings Threats for Pets*

As the weather gets warmer and the days get longer, it's the perfect time to spend outside with your pets. But there are several things to be on the lookout for as well:

- Tick season is back, so make sure your pets are up to date with their tick and flea prevention. Common signs of tick paralysis include: wobbly back legs, vomiting, change in the pitch of the bark and fatigue
- Insects and bee stings, that cause acute allergic reactions
- Snakes on bush tracks
- Contact allergies from the new growth of grass and weeds in dog parks.



PETER CHITTY & HIS TEAM

North Shore Veterinary Hospital has been operating since 1935, supporting the community. Our first year at our new site has been a little crazier than expected but we truly appreciate the community's support and continued trust.

Puppy Preschool is back on now. Please keep up to date with our COVID-19 plan via our Facebook page and website or, call us if you have any questions.

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## *When life gives you lemons ...*



### MAKE LEMON DELICIOUS!

We could all do with some comfort food for these times.

This easy recipe comes from Stephanie Alexander. Lemon Delicious is a classic and, in many families, the ultimate pudding – the golden sponge topping hiding a creamy lemon sauce.

#### INGREDIENTS

- 2 lemons
- 60 g butter
- 1 cup castor sugar
- 3 eggs, separated
- 3 tablespoons self-raising flour
- 1½ cups milk

Serves 8

#### METHOD

Preheat oven to 180°C and butter a 1 litre ovenproof basin or serving dish. Zest one of the lemons and juice both.

In a food processor, cream butter with zest and sugar, then add egg yolks. Add flour and milk alternately to make a smooth batter. Scrape mixture from sides of processor bowl and blend in lemon juice. Transfer to a clean basin.

Whisk egg whites until creamy and firm and fold gently into batter. Pour batter into prepared basin. Stand basin in a baking dish and pour in hot water to come halfway up sides of basin. Bake for 1 hour.

Allow to cool a little before serving. I like lemon delicious best with pouring cream and a dollop of fresh passionfruit.



## COVID-19 VACCINE

### *What we know so far*

The rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic has stimulated a major global effort to develop a vaccine against the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2. Numerous vaccines are currently being tested worldwide, including various research organisations in Australia.

Vaccines work by training the body's immune system to recognise and combat foreign microbes. Despite efforts to develop a COVID-19 vaccine, no vaccines or medications are currently available that have been proven to prevent or directly treat infection.

However, various types of drugs, including anti-malarial, anti-viral and antibiotic medications are currently under investigation in clinical trials around the world. Although these trials are often lengthy and expensive, there may be scope for some promising breakthroughs in the future.

While we continue to follow developments in the vaccination development, you can do several things in the meantime to help slow community spread: always practice social distancing, practice hand and respiratory hygiene

and above all, get tested at your nearest COVID-19 testing facility or hospital if you develop symptoms.

**DR RAFFI SAHAGIAN**  
**WILLOUGHBY MEDICAL PRACTICE**

**DR ALEX SAHAGIAN**  
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## *Treating a Common Exercise Injury*

If you have taken up running in the past few months you may have experienced some of the most common running-related injuries:

- Plantar fasciitis
- Achilles Tendinopathy
- Patellofemoral syndrome pain (knee pain)
- Medial Tibial Stress Syndrome (shin pain).

Achilles Tendinopathy is inflammation of the tendon at the back of the ankle. It's an overuse injury that presents as swelling with pain.

It is important to understand that tendinopathy does not improve with rest. The main cause of this is overuse or too much of certain activity, including walking, running and jumping. Some people are predisposed to this injury because of biomechanics or systemic factors (e.g. age, menopause, elevated cholesterol, etc).

Modifying the load placed on the tendon is the most evidence-based treatment for

tendinopathy, but you need to be patient. This injury responds very slowly to treatment but it does respond.

There are many treatment options for Achilles Tendinopathy but early management is the key. This is a condition we treat at Naremburn Podiatry, through stretching and strengthening exercises, massage, orthotic therapy and dry needling.

If you are experiencing pain at the back of your ankle, don't let it to interfere with your daily activities; get in touch with us to get it fixed.

**ANNA KELLY**  
**PODIATRIST**

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If you would like to volunteer to assist on the Committee, or could help prepare Naremburn Matters please call Helene on 0403 015 004

## COUNCILLORS REPORT

### *Naremburn Shops Set for Facelift*

The Naremburn Shopping strip is obviously in need of a bit of love at the moment, so significant work is being done behind the scenes to improve our strip.

The Naremburn Streetscape Upgrade project is listed in Council's Long Term Financial Plan. An allocation of \$50,000 has been allocated by Council for design for 2021-2022 and an additional \$350,000 for construction in 2022-2023.

In addition, a pedestrian safety project – the installation of a pedestrian crossing across Rohan Street - has been scheduled for design in 2020-2021 at a cost of \$11,000.

Council is aiming to bring forward the design phase for the Naremburn shops



streetscape work to the second half of the current 2020-2021 financial year design consultation could commence around March or April next year.

If you have any suggestions for improvements or anything else for Council to consider, I would love to hear from you.

**COUNCILLOR NIC WRIGHT**  
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## *Mystery Mercedes*

A blood-stained vehicle that appears to have been involved in a high-speed crash was dumped in the car park outside of the Naremburn shopping strip recently.

The silver Mercedes Benz E320 sedan has damage to the roof, indicating the car rolled during the collision, smashed windows and blood splatter on the driver's side and the interior. Both airbags have been deployed.

The car appears to have been towed to the carpark, on the corner of the Gore Hill Freeway and Willoughby Road, as it is too damaged to be driven.

North Sydney Police have commenced an investigation into a single car crash on Gore Hill freeway about 3.45am on 20 August 2020.

Several local business owners have contacted the Roads and Maritime Services and Willoughby City Council, requesting the vehicle be removed.

If anyone has information about this accident please email the editor [naremburn.matters@naremburnprogress.org.au](mailto:naremburn.matters@naremburnprogress.org.au)





Willoughby's landscape is as diverse as our people and places. Our city is home to bushland and the Middle Harbour estuary and Lane Cove River.

We are committed to protecting, conserving and improving these diverse landscapes, for current and future generations.

Our Green City Plan 2028 responds to community priorities required to achieve the Green City outcomes of *Our Future Willoughby 2028*.

## COUNCILLORS REPORT

### *Our Green City Plan*

In October 2019, Willoughby City Council passed a motion to declare a climate emergency. 12 members of our community spoke passionately and articulately at the meeting as the motion was considered.

Council also agreed to write to the Federal and NSW Governments, calling on them to act urgently to address climate change and its impacts.

To address this challenge within our own LGA, Council has adopted a number of emission reduction and renewable energy targets, including:

- To emit at least 50% less greenhouse gas emissions from Council operations by 2028, compared to 2008-2009

- To achieve net zero emissions by 2050
- To support our community to emit at least 30% less greenhouse gas emissions by 2028 compared to 2008-2009
- Achieve a 50% renewable energy target by 2028 for Council operations.

The climate emergency declaration has encouraged Council to meet these targets earlier where feasible.

Please see the Green City Plan for full details of Council's programs and targets.

**COUNCILLOR STUART COPPOCK**  
**NAREMBURN WARD**

## ***Planning for financial uncertainty***

No matter how you look at the way 2020 has panned out, it has been stressful. We can use words like 'challenging' and 'unprecedented', but let's not gloss over the extent to which everyone has been affected.

Things we took for granted in the past just aren't a sure bet anymore. For example, I would never have thought at the start of this year that my son's playgroup at Naremburn Library would be closed indefinitely.

If ever there was any such thing as certainty before, it's definitely not here now. Aside from the fact that many of us are experiencing financial challenges, uncertainty can affect our levels of anxiety and mental health as well.

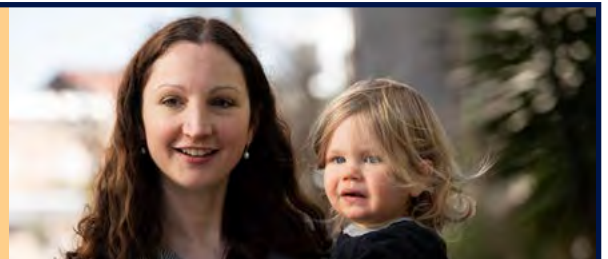
A survey from IOOF found that people who received ongoing financial planning advice receive 13 per cent greater levels of overall personal happiness and a 21 per cent increase in overall peace of mind.

It isn't hard to imagine that those numbers could be higher right now.

We're here to listen and to help, so please don't hesitate to get in touch with us at Infocus St Leonards for a free initial consultation.

Best wishes

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## Community activities

Due to COVID please use contact details below for current availability.

### Naremburn Community Centre Activities

9967 2917

[willpark@willoughby.nsw.gov.au](mailto: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](mailto:naremburnplaygroup@gmail.com)  
Wednesday 9.30am - 11.30am

### Northern Suburbs Philatelic Society

9419 7354 (Paul Storm)

### Breastfeeding Association

[abamns.contact@gmail.com](mailto: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 AGM was held successfully via video-conferencing due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The June and August general meetings were conducted via video-conferencing, and we envisage the October general meeting to be online also. Stay tuned!

All members and residents are welcome

### Next issue, December 2020

issue deadlines:

Advertising: 6 November 2020

Articles: 30 October 2020

### Letters and articles

Articles, comments or suggestions  
email: [naremburn.matters@naremburnprogress.org.au](mailto:naremburn.matters@naremburnprogress.org.au)

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

## Message from the Mayor

As we continue to navigate our way through the COVID-19 crisis, I thank you for your continued patience and resilience.

While most of our services and facilities have reopened in a reduced, COVID-safe capacity, we appreciate your flexibility and diligence in keeping yourselves and the community safe.

Our recently announced Operations Plan outlines a raft of works in the Naremburn area. Naremburn Park Playground will undergo a \$625,000 revamp. The existing playground will be renewed and an extension will be constructed to cater for a greater range of children's skill levels. The new-look park will have picnic furniture, seating and play equipment.

The \$350,000 design and consultation phase of streetscape improvements around the Naremburn shops will commence with consultants being engaged late this year. You'll be able to put forward your views early next year, so keep an eye on [www.haveyoursaywilloughby.nsw.gov.au](http://www.haveyoursaywilloughby.nsw.gov.au).

Other local projects include improvements to a retaining wall in Grafton Avenue, pavement renewals in



Dalleys Road and new stormwater pipes on Market Street, Park Road and Ruth Street.

Our annual Emerge Festival returns with a collection of colourful and creative COVID-safe community events to celebrate the emergence of spring. It's your opportunity to discover hidden gems and support local businesses and community groups.

Find out more at  
[www.Emergefestival.com.au](http://www.Emergefestival.com.au).

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