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The lush green appearance of Sydney's parks and gardens has helped mask the city's on-going dry conditions.

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Minister for Water, Melinda Pavey, said when you look around Sydney, it's understandable that the importance of conserving water may not be top of mind.

Greater Sydney is in drought and dam levels are dropping faster than they have in decades, yet new research reveals nearly two thirds of Sydney residents (62%) are unaware of current conditions.

'But we're experiencing some of the driest conditions on record and while we had some good rain in some areas during March, overall our dam levels continue to drop,' Ms Pavey said.

"The Bureau of Meteorology's latest forecast is predicting below-average rainfall and higher temperatures for June to August, which are key drivers of stronger water demand. Water restrictions are an important drought response because they target the outdoor water use of all households.

'That's why it's never been more important for all of the Greater Sydney, Blue Mountains and Illawarra communities to come together to help save water.'

The NSW Government is taking early and decisive action to protect Greater Sydney's

water supply from drought conditions with the introduction of water restrictions with Level 1 water restrictions coming into effect from 1 June. There will however be a three-month grace period before fines of \$220 for individuals and \$550 for businesses are imposed.

Executive Director of Water Services Association of Australia, Adam Lovell, encouraged the community to follow water saving tips to safeguard our water supply.

'There are so many ways to help save water: from water efficient showerheads and new efficient outdoor irrigation technology, to water use labelling on dishwashers and washing machines – head to the Sydney Water website to find out more,' Mr Lovell said.

"Water restrictions in Sydney mean that households across NSW are doing their bit to conserve water."

Level 1 Water Restrictions

- Your hose must have a trigger nozzle, wand or other attachment with an instant on-off mechanism and you need to water your lawns and gardens before 10am or after 4pm
- The use of sprinklers and watering systems is not permitted, except for drip irrigation systems or automated watering systems with controllers that automatically adjust watering details based on changing soil moisture or weather conditions
- You can't leave a hose unattended, unless you are topping up a pool

- Hosing hard surfaces like paths and driveways is not permitted. However, you can always spot clean areas for health and safety reasons, or in an emergency
- You can only wash vehicles, boats and buildings with a bucket, a hose fitted with a trigger nozzle or high-pressure cleaning equipment
- You will need a permit to fill a new or renovated pool greater than 10,000 litres. having a pool cover that is endorsed by the Swimming Pool and Spa Association of Australia (SPASAA is a condition of the permit)

Water restrictions are enforceable and penalties apply. Exemptions will be available for non-residential customers with outdoor water use as their core business.

For more information visit: <u>https://lovewater.sydney/</u>





SUPPORTERS











Well the year is flying by and it's time for another edition of Naremburn Matters. With both State and Federal elections behind us one might be excused for thinking we should have some quieter times ahead, but there's still plenty of local issues to get your teeth into should you feel inclined.

Where do we start? Our AGM was held back in April, with the previous Executive and Committee members all being reelected for a further 12 months. Whilst this might be good for stability and depth of experience, a number of the group have served in these capacities for a number of years, so are looking to step back as the opportunity arises. We would welcome anybody who would like to give it a try.

Further to the above, earlier in the year we were considering the potential for amalgamating with the Willoughby South Progress Association (WSPA) as they could not fill a number of key Committee positions and were facing the possibility of closure. Thankfully, sufficient WSPA members have since stepped forward such that there is no longer any need for further investigation of amalgamation – a great result!

Quarterly newsletter of the Naremburn Progress Association (NPA)

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General Meetings

Second Thursday of February, April, June, August, October and December

Commencing at 7:30 pm with an Open Forum ^{Justine Lau} Naremburn Community Centre 7 Central St, Naremburn

Discussion and debate continues regarding the relative merits of various routes and potential on/off ramp locations for the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link. The NPA and a number of other community groups are far from convinced that the optimal location for a TBM dive site is adjacent to Flat Rock Drive, with up to 70 heavy truck movements each hour. We have requested data showing why other potential routes were rejected, without success, and still contend a Metro-style rail link from Chatswood via Frenchs Forest to Dee Why would be a far superior option.

Continuing community unrest over the use of Planning Proposals to circumvent normal DA processes and zoning controls has moved the NSW Government to establish an Independent Planning Commission (IPC) review of the adequacy of the St Leonards South Residential Precinct Planning Proposal (a proposed



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redevelopment south of the Pacific Hwy

at St Leonards) which will provide 2400 additional units. A major part of the review

will determine whether the Planning Proposal is an appropriate development in keeping with the objectives of the draft

2036 Crows Nest/St Leonards Plan.

announcement back in April that the

to construct 460 units on the that site,

abruptly put the site on the market in

anticipation of a significant capital gain.

Anyway, we do hope that you enjoy reading

the articles in this edition of Naremburn

Matters, and please show your support

for the advertisers by frequenting their

businesses. Keep smiling, and we'll talk

owners of the Channel Nine site, who had

finally been granted approval by the IPC

Then of course there was the

Never a dull moment ...

again soon.

PRESIDENT

Till next time,

ROGER PROMNITZ

Peter Chauncy and his team at McGrath Crows Nest

With the Election now over, and the Coalition remaining in Government, it is highly likely to benefit the property market. The Liberals have a track record of good economic management and their return to government will breathe some confidence into the property market. Not only do we avoid changes to negative gearing and capital gains tax, but we get stability and continuity of national economic policy. It's not going to immediately reverse downward prices, which is being driven by credit restrictions, but it will, along with the forecasted interest rate cuts, inject confidence. We have already experienced some of this confidence returning with my team and I successfully selling 22 properties across the Lower North Shore over the past 8 weeks, 14 of those being in Naremburn alone.

Our sale at 15 Slade Street is a perfect example of the heightened enthusiasm in the market. We welcomed over 80 groups through the home in the first two weeks and successfully sold it prior to auction for just under \$3,900,000.

This past quarter we've also seen a continued surge in off-market sales activity too, which rely on the relationship between the real estate agent and their network of potential buyers. In May alone, we successfully negotiated the sale of three homes off-market, 13, 21A & 21 Slade Street were all sold to buyers on our database for \$2,030,000, \$1,920,000 and \$1,850,000 respectively.

This shows us that buyer sentiment has improved with a lot more urgency, confidence and certainty. They are competing with each other and not

Real Estate Musical Chairs

There's never a dull day in the real estate world on the Lower *North Shore.* You've probably *heard lots about brand changes* lately around you but couldn't keep up, so I thought I'd let you know what's actually happened in the past 2 years:

Ray White Lower North Shore became

LIHooker Lower North Shore then became Ray White Lower North Shore.

Some McGrath staff left and became LJHooker AVNU (LJHooker AVNU is different to LJHooker).

LJHooker Willoughby then became McGrath.

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shying away from making strong, quality offers. At the same time, owners I have spoken to are much more positive about the future of the market and are now more confident in selling before buying knowing the market is back to normal. If you are interested in knowing what your home could achieve in this market I would love to have a chat.

PETER CHAUNCY

MCGRATH CROWS NEST 0402 036 489

McGrath Mosman/Neutral Bay/ Northbridge/Chatswood then became Di Jones.

Confused yet?

Purple Bricks announced they're leaving Australia.

Simple message is, have a nice Berocca and just go with an agent you like and trust.

MATTHEW SMYTHE **MCBURNEY STREET**





The colder months are upon us and so are the school holidays. There will be two free and fun LEGO® sessions for children of all ages to enjoy at Naremburn Library:

Monday 8 July from 3.00pm to 4.30pm

Monday 15 July from 3.00pm to 4.30pm

Please bring your children to the library for some free entertainment and to borrow quality books and DVDs for the whole family.

Chatswood Library -Winter 2019

Come in out of the cold to enjoy a Winter Movie Morning at Chatswood Library!



Willoughby Neighbourhood Watch NEWS - Elder Abuse Hotline

There's no doubt that a key benchmark of any society is how it treats and protects its older citizens, particularly those who may be vulnerable to abuse in whatever form it takes, emotional, physical or financial.

"Comparable overseas studies show that up to 12 per cent

Thursday 4 July from 10.00am to 12.30pm - the theme will be United States of America

Thursday 1 August from 10.00am to 12.30pm - the theme will be Horses

Be prepared for a variety of movies, free entry, and refreshments. Bring a friend to share the fun. Doors open at 9.30am, no bookings required.

NAIDOC Week:

Wednesday 10 July, 6.30pm to 8.00pm - Aboriginal Songlines and the Night Sky

Archaeologist and astronomer Robert Fuller will discuss Indigenous knowledge of the night sky and its connection to Songlines. Attendance is free and bookings can be made on the website or in person. Other events are also listed on the website.

of older people experience abuse," the Attorney-General said. "Based on a prevalence of 5 per cent in Australia, it has been estimated that as many as 185,000 older people experience some form of abuse or neglect nationally each year," he said.

The Australian government has launched an Elder Abuse Hotline to support older Australians who may be experiencing abuse or neglect.

If any older person is out there thinking "I'm not sure where my money is going, I don't know what's happening to my medication, I feel concerned that people are controlling my life", help is at hand.

The Elder Abuse Hotline Number is 1800 353 374

This will connect callers from anywhere in Australia to a state **Knitting Group**

Would you like to start knitting this winter? The Chatswood Library Knitting Group meets on Wednesdays from 9.30am to 11.00am. Basic materials and expert help are offered and there is no need to book.

These are just some of the activities and events available at Willoughby Libraries this winter.

Books are just the beginning!

DIANA REVINGTON NAREMBURN BRANCH LIBRARIAN willoughby.nsw.gov.au/ library

or territory phone line where they can discuss potential or actual elder abuse and get the information and referrals they need to protect themselves.

Willoughby Neighbourhood Watch now has over 770 members through our Facebook Group. Please join us to receive brief updates on crimes and useful security tips for our local government area, which includes Naremburn.

DAVID AND LINDA STICKLAND



Kick start your health in 2019

Measles is back! 109 cases already confirmed in the first quarter of 2019. This is a figure rising since 2010.

The vaccine was introduced to Australia in 1972 and has been part of the Australian childhood immunisation schedule in all states since 1980. In North Sydney however, vaccination rates haven't met the target and we currently sit at 92% for measles. We need 95% vaccination rates to minimise outbreaks and that means two vaccines should be given by the time the child turns 18 months of age.

Even doctors barely remember this disease

It's a flat red rash on the face which then spreads to the trunk and then the whole body and sometimes there are white

Rheumatoid Arthritis in Australia

At Naremburn Podiatry, we see a great number of patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) related to lower limb problems. 445,000 Australians have reported having rheumatoid arthritis that's 2% of our population.

Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) is an autoimmune disease that causes pain, swelling and stiffness in your joints. In a healthy joint, the tissue lining the joint (called synovial membrane) produces fluid that lubricates and nourishes the joint. However in RA the immune system attacks the lining of the joints causing inflammation and joint damage.

RA affects different people in different ways. These may include:

- Tender, warm, painful swollen joints.
- Joint stiffness (usually worse in the mornings).
- Fatigue, fever and loss of appetite.
- Increased risk of infections.
- · Financial and employment problems due to all of the above.

spots in the mouth with fever and sore red eyes. But you won't notice symptoms until 10-12 days after exposure to the airborne virus and symptoms persist for up to 10 days.

It is highly contagious, it can infect 9 out of 10 people it comes into contact with and survives on surfaces outside the body for up to 2 hours.

Complications related to measles include: middle ear infection, pneumonia, diarrhoea and vomiting, brain swelling and even death.

If an unvaccinated pregnant woman contracts measles it can cause miscarriage or premature labour. Once already pregnant however, she cannot receive the vaccine so it must be completed at least 1 month before conception occurs.

The WHO reports that global immunisation rates for 2 measles vaccines sits at only 67% so your greatest

Podiatrists can help RA patients by providing:

· General skin and nail care - joint damage in the wrist is reported as causing the most severe limitations even in the early stages of RA. This makes it extremely difficult for patients to cut their own toenails. We can help here.

• Weakened ligaments can cause joint deformities such as hammer/claw/mallet toe deformities which can increase pressure on certain areas of the foot, leading to painful corns/hard skin and eventually ulceration. We can provide general treatment, wound care and padding to help with these problems.





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chance of contracting measles is whilst travelling overseas! Outbreaks have been recorded in our nearby neighbours Thailand and the Phillipines as well as in Brooklyn, New York.

If you were born after 1966 and intend to travel to a high risk area and you don't recall having had 2 measles vaccines, consider presenting to the GP for a booster at least 4 weeks before leaving Australian shores. An infant can be vaccinated after the age of 6 months before travelling but will still need 2 further doses at age 12 and 18 months.

If you were born overseas and haven't completed 2 measles vaccines also consider it.

The measles vaccine is now free in NSW for all people under the age of 53.

How lucky we are!

DR NATALIE KORDJIAN WILLOUGHBY MEDICAL PRACTICE

• Gait analysis.

- Supportive and accommodative orthotics to help with foot deformities.
- · Foot assessments to check for any neurology or circulation changes.
- Footwear and surgery advice.

The podiatrists at Naremburn Podiatry can provide the above help, so don't hesitate to get in contact

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Don't Waste a Drop

The year is 2005, the first year Naremburn Matters was published. In the December issue Ronan Ahern, the President of the Progress Association, gave a timely warning of the challenge facing one of our most important resources – WATER.

In 2000 Willoughby City Council had established E-restore, an environment levy to be applied across our city for preservation of our unique environment and programmes to preserve power and water. Ronan pointed to the world population of the time, over 6 billion that today has swelled to 7.7, many experiencing the ravages of drought. Australia's Millennium Drought of the

first decade of this century saw water rationing and residents responding.

An article in the June issue of NM, Water Tanks in Naremburn gave one person's practical response. Incidentally you can view past issues of NM by visiting www.naremburnprogress.org.au while you are there at your computer visit the www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au for further water tips.

It is now autumn, temperatures are above normal, there is little rain, dam levels are at 54% and our desalination plant is needed to offset shortages so here are a few tips.

- Reducing showering by one minute can save 7,500 litres per year.
- · Reducing indoor water use by choosing water efficient showers, toilets, taps and appliances.
- Minimise paving of outdoor areas, this decreases heat radiation and water run off for the site.
- Wash cars and bikes on the lawn to water the lawn at the same time.
- · Sweep paths and drives instead of watering them.
- Reuse water where possible to reduce potable water for non-potable purpose:

by two experienced lawyers, the matter

was becoming increasingly complex.

withdraw the current appeal and start

insights gained from the dealings with

Tunnel through Naremburn Protest

Election, the "Stop the Tunnels" team

is again ramping up, carrying the same

After the lull following the State

RMS. Ongoing costs are minimal to date.

afresh from a new direction, drawing upon

Therefore, a decision was made to

KEVIN FITZPATRICK CENTRAL STREET



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Channel Nine Site

On 13 May Council resolved certain matters that were the last requirements arising under the Part 3A matter that has been running for many years. But this might not be the end of matters. There is nothing in the legislation to prohibit any new owner, or indeed the current owner, applying under the current Government's Gateway measures to increase the number of units on the site. The Gateway process is really the Part 3A process by another name.

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Winter 2019 - Naremburn community gardens

A pest we don't need

In 2017 a new pest was accidentally introduced to Sydney in shipping containers that came from Northern Italy. This pest is the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug.

There are a number of native bugs and also citrus bugs that are similar, but this one can be identified by the markings along the back edges of its body.

It has a habit of over-wintering in homes and disperses an unpleasant odour



CT ROOM

North Shore Veterinary Hospital has expanded... again! We have just opened our new purpose-built veterinary hospital at 63 Herbert Street Artarmon.

We have been on the lower North Shore since 1935 and after 85 years this will be our 4th home. Our 64 Atchison Street facility will still remain open, from 8am

1800 084 881.

at the local shops.

BONGALONG STREET

SUE HOWES



Business Case in Support of WestHarbour / Northern Beaches Link Tunnel

At last report, an appeal against Road and Maritime Services' (RMS) refusal to release the study had been lodged with the Tribunal (NCAT). This involved questioning of witnesses and studying heavily redacted support documents and notwithstanding our case being conducted

enthusiasm. Updates are available on the Website www.StopTheTunnel.org **BARRY SHAW**

GARLAND ROAD

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if disturbed. It also has a devastating effect on man plants and can ruin entire crops. While a detection and eradication campaign was carried out in the immediate area of first infestation by Sydney Local Land Services, we are asked to be on the lookout for this bug and if a suspect bug is fond to contact the National Plant Pest Hotline on

Winter garden working bee

We will be organising a working bee for the Bongalong St garden in July or early August. There are a number of construction type jobs to do in the garden that we would like some assistance with. When we set the date we will publish info at the garden, on our Facebook page and



- 6pm Monday to Friday, and Saturday 8am -1pm.

Our new hospital in Artarmon provides complete vet care for your furry family from vaccinations through to advanced surgical repairs, with our in-house CT. It is the same caring veterinary team, who have the passion to provide your pets with the best love and care. Client access is much improved with ample off street, undercover parking off Punch Street and we are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - we never close!

Contact our reception staff about coming down and joining us for a hospital tour. Contact us on 9436 1213, or email info@northshorevet.com.au



Community activities

Naremburn Community Centre Activities

9967 2917 willpark@willoughby.nsw.gov.au

Two spaces available for hire in the community centre; a meeting room with its own kitchenette and toilet facilities and a larger area with its own project. These spaces can be hired through the Willoughby Park Centre

Naremburn Progress Association

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

Playgroup (for children 5 years of age and under)

naremburnplaygroup@gmail.com Wednesday 9.30 am - 11.30 am

Northern Suburbs Philatelic Society

9419 7354 (Paul Storm) 3rd Thursday 7.45 pm Visitors always welcome

Breastfeeding Association

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

Willoughby Community Pre-school

9437 4260 Monday to Friday 8.00 am - 4.00 pm

Naremburn Library

7 Central St | 9439 5584 Monday 2.30 pm - 5.00 pm Thursday 2.30 pm - 5.00 pm Saturday 9.30 am - 12 noon

<u>Next issue, September 2019</u> Naremburn Matters is a quarterly publication issued in March, June, September and December

<u>Next NPA meetings</u> 7:30 pm - 11th April and 13th June Naremburn Community Centre 7 Central St

All members and residents are welcome Letters and articles

Articles, comments or suggestions

should be addressed to: The Editor, PO Box 393 St Leonards NSW 1590

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

Boats on Merrenburn

Many people have tried to get the boats removed. Letters and emails and calls to Council have received little or no response. The last communications I have seen are dated 9 May. The Council Officer has advised that complaints regarding trailer parking have dropped off significantly but Naremburn still has between 18 to 20 boats parked in the streets.

The boat legislation provides an exemption where the boat trailer owner lives in the street, the boat trailer is registered, the boat trailer is parked legally and the boat trailer is confirmed to be moving on a regular basis. In respect to Merrenburn Ave I can see some of these points are not being complied with and still the boats remain. It is evident that other parts of the City get a good boat trailer 'move on' service.

All I can suggest is that people write to Council and the Premier as our Local State MP, to advise that the boat trailer legislation is faulty as it is not achieving its desired outcome, and to take action. I noted a caravan was parked on the 'bridge'. They are not even covered by the legislation. Nor are ordinary trailers.

I have seen North Sydney residents park boats trailers, caravan and horse trailers in Willoughby and Naremburn. Their excuse, "Council will not let us park in North Sydney!" Come on Willoughby Council look after your residents!

The Daily Telegraph reported 10 May 2019 that North Sydney Council will trial



banning trailer parking in four streets later this year, following a successful sixmonth trial last year. 'No Parking – motor vehicles excepted' signs were installed in 11 streets to prevent trailers.

Master plans a must with Town Centre changes

Proposed changes to Town Centre zoning for Naremburn shops, Willoughby Rd shops and Artarmon Town Centre are an absolute necessity for ensuring good outcomes. I have spoken with a Council Officer about the issue given the capacity for a discussion at a Council meeting is well nigh impossible nowadays. Such an approach will look to traffic flows and overall design of these areas to ensure good planning outcomes instead of an ad hoc approach simply based on the number of floors that might be permitted.

West Artarmon is regarded as a good outcome for a change in zoning from residential houses to multi-storied residential buildings. Why? Because, it was master planned together with the change in the Local Environmental Plan. This was a Willoughby Council initiative and very modern in its day. Can Willoughby Council live up to its previous outstanding planning record?

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Richard Hockey Real Estate advertised a three bedroom Federation house at 49 Garland Road for \$195,000.

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