

THROUGH THE TUNNEL

Part of the WHT was approved on the eve of Australia Day

With the Western Harbour Tunnel (WHT) and Warringah Freeway, part of the \$14 billion toll-road project being approved on the eve of the Australia Day holiday weekend, many in the community may feel their objections have gone unheard.

However it's not all bad news, 75 additional plans and notifications are required as a result of community feedback. The conditions of approval of these can be found online on the NSW Government Major Projects Planning portal.

Unfortunately, at this stage, we still will get a 30m unfiltered tunnel fumes stack at Cammeray, a lot of noise and the possibility of the area becoming the U-Turn bay for hundreds of huge trucks. This stage of the works is due to start in earnest next year (with preparatory works prior) and the planned completion is 2026.

An enormous amount of spoil will come out at Cammeray and head south across the Harbour Bridge with a likely drop off point being the new airport at Eastern Creek. The trucks will return to the Cammeray site from across the Bridge but will need to turn around somewhere to access the Cammeray Golf Course Construction site entry point on Warringah Freeway. The question is how and where? The project team confirmed recently that problem has not been worked out.

The Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway EIS are on exhibition at centres around Naremburn, with works due for completion by 2028.

Our heritage suburb, a highly residential area surrounded by children's sports with a precious urban wildlife corridor, is set to have the twin tunnels passing directly underneath it, as they travel from Cammeray down to the Flat Rock

Gully spoil site. There will be widespread noise impacts and some vibrations. An independent committee will assess any property impacts and there will be a substratum acquisition process. Unfortunately, the EIS has many to-be-announced options which can lead to late changes and delays.

Our lovingly restored, rare urban bushland at Flat Rock Gully is to become the temporary dive site for tunnel spoil from 2023 to 2027.

Above ground operations would be Monday to Friday 7am - 6pm and Saturday 8am - 1pm and underground activities would operate 24 hours a day seven days a week.

A large amount of spoil (500 m³) will be allowed to be housed outside the acoustic shed at Cammeray, raising major dust concerns.

The community is calling for real time/alert style monitoring at Bicentennial Reserve and Northbridge Baths. Road widening works will be carried out and lights placed at the bottom to allow 565 heavy vehicles per day to use Brook St.

The shared user path will be diverted as will Flat Rock Creek and no doubt the school bus to Cammeray. After 40 years of rehab half the trees from the dive site area will be removed but below ground issues are also significant.

The mainline tunnels will be excavated in three directions and the very large drawdown impact may have more ecological implications as will the large volume of wastewater discharge into the Creek. Much of the risk management relies on procedural management rather than project design and unfortunately accidents can happen.

With still no publicly available business case or alternative public transport study it is difficult to understand how this is the very best option or in fact the only option?

LARISSA PENN

SEE INSIDE ON HOW YOU CAN ACT NOW AND HAVE YOUR SAY

DOWN THE SLIDE



ARTISTS IMPRESSION OF PROPOSED SLIDE



The Naremburn Park Playground in Station Street is to be renovated at a cost of \$625,000. The playground will be expanded by over 50% and while it will retain some favourite features, it will boast some exciting child-skill-enhancing equipment.

New equipment will include; flying fox, curved hill slide, climbing net, hammock swing, quad swing, a wide embankment slide, a timber balance challenge and new sit-on springers. There are also some new picnic settings, shelters and tree planting.

TRUE OR FALSE

Fred Stolle, Grand Slam tennis champion, completed his Intermediate Certificate at Naremburn Public School.

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Although COVID-19 remains an ongoing restriction to our “normal” life patterns, many of us have also been very busy in wrestling with the massive 12,000 page Beaches Link Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in trying to understand the ongoing effects, be they financial, environmental, traffic congestion, mental and physical health on ourselves and our families. These effects will remain with us for far more than the seven plus years of construction, indeed the effects will become part of the “background” of the entire Beaches Link/Warringah Freeway Upgrade/ Western Harbour Tunnel (BL/WFU/ WHT) series of projects and once commenced, will be here to stay.

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is the proponent for these massive road infrastructure projects, currently estimated to cost in the region of \$14 billion, and have invited the public to make submissions of support or objection to the proposals. At the time

of writing this article, the submission period for Beaches Link closes on 1 March 2021. (WFU and WHT projects have previously closed for submissions and in fact have recently received final approval from the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.) Several community groups are lodging applications for an extension to the closing date, but they are by no means assured of any success. So in any event, you are strongly encouraged to make a submission – online via <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/10456>, telephone enquiries on 1800 931 189 or by mail to Customer feedback, Transport for NSW, Locked Bag 928, North Sydney NSW 2059. And remember – time is short, submissions close 1st March 2021!

All the best with your reading,

ROGER PROMNITZ
PRESIDENT

WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE WHT ON YOU?

- REVIEW the EIS and make a submission/ objection at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/10456>,
- WRITE to our local State representative Premier Gladys Berejiklian and copy in your local councillors,
- WRITE to the Environment Protection Authority and tell them more about Flat Rock worries and your contamination concerns.

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The back end of 2020 was an encouraging year for the Naremburn property market despite the uncertainty of the global pandemic. Economists predict that the Sydney market will continue to accelerate with record low interest rates combined with minimal supply of property available and high demand. It's the perfect amalgamation.

We have seen this firsthand ourselves with a large number of prospective buyers inspecting open homes within the first week of campaigns. We believe this rapid growth will continue to do so in the short term.

There have also been strong enquiries coming from expats with DFAT figures showing 390,000 Australians returning home since March of last year. This is adding to the already increasing demand for property in blue chip areas such as Naremburn.

Our team were involved in some great results with various records set across the house, townhouse, and apartment sector

in Naremburn. Most notably, just before Christmas we broke the suburb record with the off-market sale of 13 Rhodes Avenue Naremburn, a four-bedroom renovated Federation home selling for \$5,000,000.

Off-market transactions have been a popular choice in recent times with many sellers wanting to test the market before moving forward. Having strong relationships and understanding buyers' requirements allows us to match people to the right property. In December and January alone, we sold eight properties off market achieving some exceptional results for our owners.

If you are thinking of selling and want to take advantage of the favourable market conditions at present or if we can assist you with any of your real estate needs please get in touch.

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ON THE BUSES

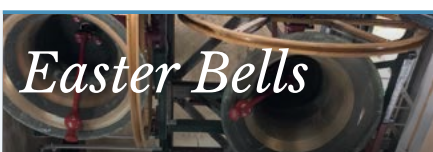
Alterations to some State Transit bus routes and timetables across Willoughby, have been made by Transport for NSW to 'improve the frequency of services on key routes'.

Transport for NSW has worked closely with State Transit (STA), to determine the changes, using Opal data and customer feedback.

Connections for customers travelling to the city or within the local area have had over 700 extra weekly services added to the network.

- In the Willoughby area, existing routes 272, 340 and 343 will be replaced by new routes 115 and 120.
- The new all-day frequent route 120 will replace existing routes 272 and 340. This will serve both Wynyard and the QVB in the city.
- Customers travelling between the Willoughby area and North Sydney can use new route 115, which will replace existing route 343 services. Route 343 will continue to operate between Kingsford and the city with the same service frequency and hours of operation.
- Minor changes have been made to routes 200 and 333 after the withdrawal of route 340. Route 200 will now operate between Artarmon (Campbell Street) and Bondi Junction.

Signs have been installed at bus stops informing customers of the upcoming changes. Details of bus service improvements and updated timetables are now available online and you are encouraged to plan ahead <https://transportnsw.info/trip> to make the most of the extra services.



Easter Bells

As we go to press, we are hopeful that the 2sq metre rule has come into effect, thereby enabling us to ring on 6 bells!

What a joy that is for us as bell ringers

and, we trust, for the community. During restrictions the handbell group has been developing its skills, ringing various methods under the tutelage of two of the best handbell ringers in Australia.

Ceremonies at St Leonards Catholic Church over the Easter period will be held on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

You are most welcome to come.

On Good Friday the tenor will be tolled before the 3pm ceremony. The bells will be rung before the 10.30am Mass on Easter Sunday.

Bells Inspire!

GEOFFREY GEMMELL

Cammeray's golfers happy, for now ...

The widespread predictions that the Northern Beaches- Beaches Link Tunnel excavations would be a near-fatal blow to Cammeray's golf course seem to have been exaggerated - at least in the short-term.

Although the layout of the nine-hole public course will initially be disrupted, as it is beside one of the project's major construction sites, the good news is the bad news could have been worse.

Transport for NSW will resume some of the course from June 1, but says, in a media release, that it is "continuing to work with the Cammeray Golf Club to minimise impact to the use of the course".

The Cammeray Golf Club, on its website, says it is up for any challenges of adapting the layout of the course for about five years, but, strangely, club manager Layton Gauld, when contacted by NM, would only say "no comment". Gauld would only say that all information regarding changes to the course will come from Transport for NSW.

"This will be a disrupted year at Cammeray but it is not a cause for alarm," the club says on its website.

According to Transport for NSW, Cammeray's members and thousands of social golfers who throng the course, have been assured it still will boast nine holes for play.

Members say only a few holes will be seriously affected, the worst being the loss of the sixth hole, the famous over-the-water challenge, due to the dam being used for construction purposes.

"A portion of the course, next to the Warringah Freeway, will be resumed during construction and for setting up some permanent facilities, the Transport for NSW release reported. "We have adjusted our sites and included provisions for the course to stay open as a nine-hole layout, the design of which will be decided by the Cammeray Golf Club."



More good news is access to the site mainly will be by way of the Warringah Freeway. Two construction-vehicle-only access points will be built for direct entry from and to the motorway, so no vehicles will cross the course. There will be a second entry/exit point on Ernest St.

"From June 1 parts of the course may be closed. We intend to keep as much of the course open and playable, but limited, in this period," the club website reports.

Transport for NSW says on completion and commissioning of the tunnel and facilities the site will be rehabilitated and returned to Cammeray Golf Club.

However, as spokeswoman for the Stop The Tunnels campaign, the golf club members should be aware of many other problems which will affect the club for years to come.

There will be massive dislocation of traffic and parking in the area with thousands of workers involved at the Cammeray site.,

The club members should realise the Beaches Link project is still under consultation and that the construction impacts will continue long after the Western Harbour Tunnel is complete.

The Beaches Link project's Environmental Impact Statement shows construction continuing to 2028 and that's only if they are able to achieve the overlapping of the two projects - which we doubt.

It is good news the department is allowing the club to redesign the course, which wasn't the original plan. Green space must be returned to the community.

The club and Transport for NSW have signed a confidentiality agreement, over the project, which we believe is unhealthy from a community viewpoint.

LARISSA PENN

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FLAT ROCK GULLY SITE

LETTERS

As the mother of two children nearing school age, I am distressed to think that pupils at Cammeray Public and Cammeraygal schools will be exposed daily to harmful emissions from unfiltered smoke stacks attached to the Northern Beaches Harbour Tunnel for almost their whole school-life. As Larisa Penn, a writer in Naremburn Matters, said on the ABC website in late January on the government approval; "The route of these tunnels goes through Sydney's largest school zone. About 20,000 kids will experience really high-level construction impacts for over 10 years. Those impacts aren't a passing inconvenience, they're significant. The kids will have a dozen unfiltered smoke stacks around them between Rozelle, Cammeray and Balgowlah by the time these projects are finished" And all the Minister for Transport could offer on the ABC was to tell residents the Government's Chief Scientist "had considered the health and environmental impacts of the ventilation stacks". And what did the Chief Scientist offer after these considerations? According to the Minister, nothing worth repeating: "The reason the Government engaged the Chief Scientist to assess ventilation is to give that confidence so that people know the

Government is not going to do anything unsafe or detrimental to the health of school children or the community." he said. Please filter the tunnels.

KATE STEWARD CROWS NEST

A blowhard friend of mine was saying that all the road-tunnel pollution soon would be eliminated with the planned dominance of electric vehicles (EV). However he thought more soberly when I pointed out that the earliest projection of any total EV takeover in Australia - given the current government's total lack of any EV-introduction policy - is decades away. It will be our kids and grandchildren who suffer over that time before they have to fix another life-threatening planet problem left to them by their petrol-pampered parents.

JOHN DAVIDSON NAREMBURN

How is it that the following advice is online at the NSW Health's "Road Tunnel Air Quality" page: "While Sydney's tunnels meet air quality standards set to protect public health, NSW Health advises that closing your windows and switching your vehicle ventilation to re-circulate will further reduce your exposure to vehicle emissions." The M5 tunnel belatedly had road signs fitted with the same advice. And

a Stop The Tunnels supporter tells me that "buried" in the current North Connex and Northern Beaches tunnels formal proposals are instructions that such road signs will be mandatory. What do these signs tell us? Tunnel pollution and unfiltered stacks are dangerous, that's what.

FELICITY THOMSON CAMMERAY

Given the complete traffic chaos that has been caused by the minor construction of the Amherst Sound Wall over recent weeks, with traffic backed up Brook St and the local school drop-off run tripled in time, one can only imagine what will happen if construction for the Northern Beaches Tunnel goes ahead.

Naremburn residents, many of whom can only exit their streets via Brook St, can look forward to years of sitting in traffic behind the constant stream of trucks, if they want to leave their homes. And I certainly wouldn't feel confident letting my school kids cross that busy road alone to walk to school, once trucks block all visibility.

For Naremburn residents, it really is all pain, no gain!

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These before-and-after pictures of the tree-clearing at the huge *Willoughby by Mirvac* residential development in Artarmon Road clearly show the initial environmental impact of such a project on an admired leafy area.

No doubt there is a strong argument that such a levelling of the landscape will ultimately provide much-needed accommodation for about 460 families to enjoy the local wonderful lifestyle Willoughby offers.

And there is no suggestion that the highly respected Mirvac developers were operating outside the confines of their development application for the site.

In fact an integral part of the already popular stylish project will be the 6000sqm green space which has been set aside for the residents' outdoor pleasures.

It's just that many local people were shocked that the quaint old tree-dotted Channel Nine compound with its 20-plus quirky cottages, housing individual show productions, could disappear almost

overnight as occurred over several days in late January.

As a US popular singer of another era, Joni Mitchell, wailed in her long-standing hit *Big Yellow Taxi*, "Don't it always seem to go. That you don't know what you've got till it's gone."

Development cynics possibly can take heart from the long-standing success of the leafy 50-year-old Castle Vale complex – which stands directly below and east of the *Willoughby by Mirvac* project.

To quote from the Castle Vale official internet website, "The complex has been the recipient of several housing and landscape awards, including the prestigious Housing Industry Association award."

Castle Vale was developed by Mirvac in the late 1970s.

BILL COLHOUN
NAREMBURN RESIDENT

Insider's Outlook *on real estate*



Have you noticed how Styling is changing the whole look of real estate, and it's fast becoming what people now expect when they go to an Open Home.

Some owners have lovely furniture that photographs beautifully, but for others, sometimes it's hard to give up the old family favourite couch or dining table.

The challenge though is that for buyers to fall in love with a home, it's got to feel like they could live there, not having to visualise living with you to live there.

Here's the trick, styling doesn't have to cost a lot, and styling doesn't have to occur only when you're selling.

You can style your home now, and live in a home that has a beautiful magazine feel that you've always wanted.

There's inexpensive ways to get a luxe look too for your home, utilising companies such as Lounge Lovers or James Lane for example.

For selling, that's where we can help you, and sometimes it's just a partial style.

Either way, staying or selling, enjoy the home you're in even more.



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Naremburn Community Gardens

The rain has been wonderful for the garden. Now is a good time to mulch the garden to keep the temperature and water content even into the cooler months. Plenty of free mulch is available at the Council depot at the corner of Punch St and Lambs Rd Artarmon.

The New Year has brought the gardens some new volunteers. We are always ready to welcome new gardeners and have plenty of work to be done. We are also happy to organise classes to teach various garden skills, such as transplanting seedlings. If you are interested please drop me an email or swing by on a Sunday morning.

The Naremburn garden usually has plenty of compost available. Please drop by on a Sunday morning if you would like some.

If people have prunings or lawn clippings we are happy to take them at the Bongalong St garden in the wire cage next to the Aerobin.

Lost Property

This quarter we have a clip-lock container.

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SEVEN WAYS TO 'WELCOME' BURGLARS

Thefts from houses and units unfortunately are on the rise in our area and if, perversely, you would like to 'assist burglars' here are some tips:

1. Leave empty boxes from recent deliveries of new products in view outside, so that burglars are able to see what new items you have just bought.
2. Leave any doors or windows unlocked to 'assist' unlawful entry.
3. 'Hide' your spare keys in popular spots such as under door mats or under real or fake rocks.
4. 'Ensure' that car keys are visible to anyone illegally entering your home. That way they also can take your car.
5. 'Ignore' any people you don't know loitering near or entering a neighbour's

house and do not phone the police. Just post about this suspicious behaviour on Facebook.

6. 'Allow' mail or parcels to build up in full sight of the road while you are absent from your house or unit.
7. Leave a message on your answering machine, or on Facebook, to 'advise' any would-be burglars that you are on away on holiday.

OR, seriously, we could all actually try to be less 'helpful' to burglars in 2021 and do none of the above.

Join Willoughby Neighbourhood Watch on Facebook for useful tips to prevent crime. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WilloughbyNeighbourhoodWatch>



**DAVID AND
LINDA STICKLAND**

COUNTING OUR LOSSES

In September I wrote about the benefit of our Long Gully Reserve, to me and to our community. We await and carefully scrutinise the planned Northern Beaches Tunnel Project that will impact our local area, its natural resources and bring increased pollution.

To have achieved its present state, nature has survived vandalism but has survived. In the early 1900s Flat Rock Creek or Long Gully Creek formed a natural northern boundary to Naremburn. Its waterfall just east of Willoughby Road was a popular tourist attraction. Children bathed in the unpolluted pools along the creek. In the 1930s Depression retaining walls were built along the creek, past time work undertaken to qualify for sustenance payment. The introduction of the Incinerator on Small Street in 1934 led to dumping of excessive rubbish into the gully area. The area, home to foxes, echidnas and tortoises, flora such as Christmas bells, waratahs, native orchids, and boronias degraded. Fortunately a newly formed body called F.R.A.C.A.S. the Flat Rock Area Conservation Action Society photographed much of the prevailing flora. These records are kept at the Willoughby District Historical Society.

In 1976 there was another crisis when Council gave permission to TCN9 for helicopter landings along the eastern area of Flat Rock Gully Drive. The NPA opposed this on the grounds of excessive noise, dust and unauthorised landings. Council withdrew its permission.

Since writing the September article I have seen the regulars at this beautiful area, young and old walkers, family groups, cyclists on the shared pathways and only recently became aware of the Saturday morning group of some 500 joggers who do the 5km circuit commencing at the Leisure Centre.

Nature has been very forgiving in its revival to its current status. Are we facing its destruction?

KEVIN FITZPATRICK
CENTRAL STREET

Autumn news from Naremburn library

Refreshed library open on Wednesdays

Naremburn's Library has been included in a new rotation system which will allow some of the collections to be shared among all of the Willoughby City Council libraries.

This will allow a regular refreshing of new items available to be borrowed.

All branch libraries are now open weekdays at a reduced capacity so please follow the guidelines of NSW Health. Check opening hours and available services before your visit.

The Naremburn Library hours at 7 Central St are: Wed 1.30pm–5:00 pm.

And remember to keep a lookout for the return of other interesting activities on our website or at the library.

In the meantime: Talks@Willoughby are continuing online, the Tech Bar at Chatswood is open every Friday 11am–12pm either online or face-to-face with a booking, and preschoolers storytime has returned to Chatswood for 2021.

We appreciate your patience as we evolve our library service to maintain a safe and healthy space for our community and staff.

And sadly, the Naremburn Library has been missing one of its friendliest staff members since it has reopened following the retirement of the very popular long-term librarian Diana Revington in December. Naremburn Matters hopes to have an interview with Diana in our June edition.

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Furthermore, Sydney-siders have been cooling down at the beach or at public swimming pools in the recent summer months, leading to an increase in the amount of people sharing public showers, which can increase likelihood of developing these fungal infections.

If you notice any discolouration of the nail, brittle nail, nail thickening or

any odour coming from nails. If you are experiencing: itchy, dry, flaky or blistering skin, visit one of our friendly podiatrists for advice and management.

Additionally, kids are heading back to school after a long summer break. If your child has any aches or pains which is restricting participation in sporting

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COVID-19 VACCINES

Are we ready?

As we prepare for the COVID-19 vaccination program, it is time to talk about the readiness of the vaccines.

Q: Why are there different COVID-19 vaccines?

A: We have been waiting for the effectiveness of the different vaccines, which needs to be scientifically proven. The first vaccine to meet the Australian standard is the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine.

Q: How safe are these vaccines?

A: The vaccine safety regulator, the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) of Australia, has high standards for screening new vaccines.

Q: What about other vaccines?

A: Only a minority of vaccines have made it to the final phase. Hence the vaccines approved by Australia, would have met the highest possible safety profile.

Q: Does having the vaccine stop me from social distancing and wearing masks?

A: Not yet.

Q: What side effects are expected?

A: Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine has caused local reactions like redness, to mild flu like symptoms. You can find further information on US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> and Australian site: <https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines>

Q: Will I get COVID-19 infection from the vaccine?

A: No.



Q: Do the vaccines prevent severe COVID-19 infection and death?

A: Both Pfizer/BioNTech and Oxford University/AstraZeneca vaccines provide protection from covid-19 infection but may not prevent the spread of infection between silent carriers. The vaccines are given in two doses.

Q: Who will receive the vaccine first?

A: National covid-19 vaccine strategy, will take place in three stages. <https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/about-covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccine-and-treatment-strategy>

Q: Which vaccine is suitable to have?

A: Most in the community may receive the Oxford University/AstraZeneca vaccine.

Q: Is the vaccine safe in pregnant women?

A: There is insufficient information at present.

Q: Do I have to have the vaccine?

A: No. It is free and voluntary. It is important to make an informed decision.

Q: What do I do if I have had previous allergic reactions to vaccines?

A: It is important to discuss these issues with your GP who will provide further information.

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

MULTIPLE MOGGIES



I have been a happy resident of Naremburn for 40 years, but am currently struggling with the problem of multiple pets next door. My neighbour is a very elderly woman, and in September her daughter moved back to look after her, bringing a retinue of

cats and dogs. She assured me that this was only temporary, she would be giving some away. I have counted 20 cats and four dogs on the premises.

The first impact was on my two cats - they found their territory overrun and were too fearful to go out - but by November the situation was severely impacting on me and my visitors. There is the constant stench of urine outside my house and coming in through my windows, the cats

are trampling on my garden beds and digging them up to cover their excreta, and that, plus the dog dung on my lawn, attracts flies. I have found bird feathers. At night I am woken up by cats yowling, dogs barking and my outdoor lights tripping. And on a sunny morning a passer-by can see a collection of cats basking on my front lawn as if they owned it! All this is very stressful, and constitutes not only nuisance but also health issues. I contacted council and suggested to my neighbour that she do so too, to help her place some of the pets. I initially also wanted to help, but it is becoming clear that this a case of pet hoarding.

The council ranger, Chris Delaney, has been understanding, but he is restricted by regulations regarding cats/pets. He says numbers are irrelevant and I need to gather evidence of impact to mount a case... can anyone give me some advice?

**CATHERINE JONAK
NAREMBURN**



CATS AT NEIGHBOUR'S BACK DOOR IN NOVEMBER

EDITORS NOTE:

If you would like to know more about rights and regulations for cat/pet ownership in Willoughby follow these links:

<https://www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/Residents/Pet-ownership>

<https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/sl-2018-0441>

If you have an issue with your neighbour's pets, please contact Council.



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From Dr Peter Chitty and the team @ North Shore

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EASTER BUNNY CUPCAKES

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INGREDIENTS

- 450g pkt vanilla cupcake mix
- 60g butter, softened
- 2 Eggs
- ½ cup (125ml) milk
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 12 white marshmallows
- 6 pink marshmallows
- 24 brown M&M's Minis
- 12 pink M&M's Minis
- 145g pkt Creative Kitchen Fairy Sweetheart Toppings, 24 pink hearts only
- Dark chocolate writing icing

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- 180g unsalted butter, softened
- 1½ cups icing sugar mix
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla essence
- 150g white chocolate, melted



METHOD: Preheat oven to 180°C. Line muffin pan (12 x 80ml) with paper cases. Mix cupcake batter according to the packet directions. Bake. Set aside to cool.

Icing: Mix butter in a bowl of an electric mixer until pale. Add icing sugar in batches, mixing well after each addition. Add milk, vanilla and chocolate, beat until combined. Place coconut in a small bowl. Reserve one tbsn of icing. Spread remaining icing sugar on the cupcakes. Dip each cake in coconut. Cut marshmallows in half. Cut the pink ones in half again. Attach pink to white with icing mix to make ears. Use reserved icing to attach ears, brown M&M's for eyes, pink for noses and pink hearts for a mouth on each cake. Use writing icing for whiskers.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR NAREMBURN MATTERS TO KEEP IT GOING

If you have some free time and have some experience in producing a newsletter, we would like to hear from you. You don't have to live in Naremburn.

- Editor
- Article co-ordinator
- Writers
- Production assistant
- Advertising manager
- Walkers to deliver (urgently required)

Email naremburn.matters@naremburnprogress.org.au to chat about the roles.

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Please note, this is general advice only and does not consider your personal situation or needs. You should seek personal advice prior to implementing any strategies mentioned here.

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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

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

The next NPA General Meeting
and Annual General Meeting

7:30pm - 8 April 2021

Naremburn Community Centre
7 Central Street

All members and residents are welcome

Next issue, June 2021

issue deadlines:

Advertising: 1 May 2021

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ARTISTS IMPRESSION OF PROPOSED FLYING FOX

Message from the Mayor



The new year has got off to a positive start with the construction of the revamp of Naremburn Park Playground commencing at the beginning of February. The upgrade includes a new quad swing, wide embankment slide, insect rockers and timber balance logs. The playground extension area includes a flying fox, climbing net, hill slide and hammock swing.

There are also new picnic settings, shelters, planting and additional paths to improve accessibility. A new higher ball fence has been installed along Dalleys Rd to prevent balls running onto the road. The works are due to be completed by early April.

Council has made a 'Your High Street' grant funding application to the NSW Government for streetscape improvements around the Naremburn shops. The program aims to enhance the amenity and functionality of high streets to support local business, improve the experience for the community and enable permanent improvement projects. If successful, the grant will allow a more ambitious program of works and activities than originally planned with the current \$350,000 budget. Council expects to receive news on the grant funding in May. This will then allow planning for the design and community consultation phase to commence.

I'm keeping a close eye on the Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Connection project. I wrote to the Premier and relevant Ministers to express council's disappointment at the short turnaround time in which to view and make comment on the Environmental Impact Statement. I'm asking for an extension to the March deadline to allow the community and Council enough time to properly consider it and make a submission. Given the impact on local traffic, I encourage you to view it and make your own submission to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

All the best for a safe and happy 2021. Please get in touch if you have any questions or comments: Gail.Giles-Gidney@Willoughby.nsw.gov.au.

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