



INAUGURAL TASTES OF NAREMBURN

Hundreds of local residents come together to celebrate and support local businesses.

Local food, drink, live music and a healthy dose of spring sunshine set the scene for the Naremburn Progress Association's exciting spring event, the Tastes of Naremburn. The real highlight event, held on 18 September, was the way the Naremburn community came together to connect, socialise and celebrate.

Over several hours on a sunny Sunday afternoon, more than 1000 people visited the event; with toddlers, mums and dads, grandparents and every age in between enjoying excellent food and drinks from Naremburn businesses, local musicians, face painting and even a jumping castle.

Emanating from an idea only proposed by NPA vice president Matthew Smythe in early August, the Tastes of Naremburn developed into a whirlwind of activity in just a few weeks with some terrific support from Willoughby City Council, even becoming part of its exciting Emerge Festival.

The Taste of Naremburn was a sharp learning curve for the NPA executive committee members (all local residents who volunteer their time to help make Naremburn even better).

All in all there were 16 different stalls allocated free to local businesses, and featuring the absolute best of Naremburn local products, services, treats, drinks and food along with three musical performances.

It was an incredible buzz on the day, with local residents and businesses asking at the end if we could put it on every weekend.

It all proved worthwhile in so many ways. Every shopkeeper interviewed said it was the most successful trading day they had enjoyed in years, and The Naremburn Progress Association signed up about 35 new members on the day.

NPA President Larissa Penn & vice president Matthew Smythe both said they loved creating an opportunity for local shops and home businesses here in Naremburn, to showcase how amazing our local businesses are. Matthew said, "We have such a vibrant community in Naremburn, and it was special to see our wonderful neighbourhood all together."

The NPA plans to make the Tastes of Naremburn an annual event to welcome spring each year.

TRUE OR FALSE

The Naremburn Progress Association had 241 members in 1925.

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As always, Naremburn is where the action is! The Tastes of Naremburn event was a huge success, and I would like to thank our wonderful team and

Willoughby Council for their support. We continue to give feedback to local decision makers regarding an array of issues via submissions and attendance at meetings/ planning sessions:

- Council Meetings and Advisory Committees – the NPA advocated for the public forum and to reinstate previous committees, with independence and full scope. We have asked that the Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Committee continue with all projects

included in scope given the compounding pressures on this area.

- Complying Developments – the NPA challenged decision makers to take a more proactive approach. Fair Trading, DPIE and surrounding councils confirmed that councils can intervene.

- Local Environmental Plans / Development Control Plans – we requested that Naremburn's character and shop frontages be protected as new planning criteria comes into force – the outcome will be tabled at the December Council meeting.

- Henry Lawson's Cave – the NPA lobbied for the protection of this important piece of social history. Council has committed to include it in their next review.

- Flat Rock Gully – continued advocacy for the protection of this area, the containment of the tip and banning of synthetic grass.

- Donnelly Rd Development – we presented to the planning panel which denied this DA however the owners have

now escalated this development to Land and Environment Court

- Streetscape Design - we followed up with Willoughby Council to ensure prompt public exhibition. Public consultation is now open till 23 December.

Our members can find more information about these and other developments impacting Naremburn on our website - naremburnprogress.org.au

We need more members to join our committees in 2023 – many hands make light, enjoyable work and the role the NPA plays is important for the future of Naremburn. It's also very educational! Please contact us if you're interested.

Lastly, I would like to wish you a joyous Christmas and very Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Party Meeting, 12 December at Flat Rock Brew cafe. We'll be meeting for a drink at 6.00pm, and will provide an update on the year past and what's ahead.

LARISSA PENN

President



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"The Naremburn Progress Association is a not-for-profit community organisation. The objectives of the Association are to promote the welfare and advancement of the Naremburn community, to preserve and improve the amenity and environment of the Naremburn District and nearby areas, to encourage a spirit of community and mutual help among all residents and to co-operate with other groups in pursuit of these objects. Matters of business will always be pursued on a non-political and non-sectarian basis."

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We welcome ideas regarding topics of interest to the community and letters. Please email naremburn.matters@naremburnprogress.org.au with your ideas and letters.

We do not publish anonymous letters and we will contact you should we need to edit your contributions.

NPA call for member and volunteers volunteers.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

With a new committee and the level of activity in the community, there are new opportunities to contribute for NPA members.

Contact us at secretary@naremburnprogress.org.au to discuss assisting with any of the roles below.

Naremburn Matters Subcommittee: We are seeking contributors so we can better reflect our community, including any students who have an interest in writing or design or photographers who are happy to assist with providing images.

NPA: Website volunteer: We are seeking a volunteer to maintain our website, including updating web content and registering new members.

NPA: Community Outreach Volunteer: We are seeking a volunteer who can develop flyers and event invitations, circulate information on social media and liaise with Willoughby City Council about upcoming events.

Planning Subcommittee: We are seeking volunteers who can assist with tracking local DA's and Major Projects, assist with submission writing, attend briefings and committee meetings (once a month) and develop planning strategies.

NPA Executive - Secretary: We are seeking a secretary to join the NPA Executive. Responsibilities are issuing meeting agenda, taking and issuing minutes & managing (predominantly electronic) correspondence.

Naremburn Progress Association membership: Become an active member of your Naremburn community and have your say

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Naremburn property set for a strong summer

As we wind down to the end of the year, the Naremburn real estate market shows no signs of stopping. Team Chauncy has had some outstanding results over the last few weeks, including several houses that sold prior to auction. These include 69 Brook Street selling for \$2,595,000, 95 Christie Street selling for \$2,850,000 after being on the market for only 8 days, 5 Dalleys Road selling for \$2,975,000 and 40 Darvall Street selling for \$3,108,000.

A number of our vendors are finding that selling off-market to buyers in our database has been an effective way to achieve their property goals. Some notable off-market sales include 5 Apex Street setting a new street record selling for circa \$3,600,000 and 14/20 Dalleys Road selling for \$1,155,000.

We have started to see a trend towards sales campaigns ending later in 2022 and starting earlier in 2023. It is no longer uncommon for inspections and auctions to start well before Australia Day and the return to school with many active buyers who continue to search during the Christmas / New Year break.

Peter and the team also continue to play an active role in the Naremburn community. The team attended the Trivia Night Fundraiser for Willoughby Community Pre-school. It was a fantastic night and our Auctioneer Zak Morcillo auctioned off the children's artwork. Just under \$10,000 was raised with all proceeds going towards supporting the inclusion of children with special needs.

If you are thinking of selling, there is still plenty of time to prepare your home for sale. If you want to know more about Team Chauncy's strategies, please do not hesitate to reach out.



We would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing festive season and a wonderful New Year.

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Tastes of Naremburn

After a rollicking first year, we hope to make the Tastes of Naremburn an annual fixture on the community calendar.



The tasty treats of Cornucopia Bakery brought in legions of peckish punters.



Slices and smiles at Naremburn Pizzeria.



What would a community event be without face painting?



From carpark to community space - the Tastes of Naremburn brought Naremburn to life with hundreds of locals dropping by to connect, chat, dance, drink and enjoy a sensational spring day.



The NPA's Matt Smythe and Larissa Penn with Willoughby Mayor Tanya Taylor.



Live music on a sunny afternoon, thanks to a host of talented local players and performers.



Forsyth Coffee, keeping the crowds caffeinated.



Making memories on the jumping castle.

Willoughby Leisure Centre

The rush to upgrade raises concerns about community safety

With ageing concrete, pumps and filtration there is no doubt Willoughby Leisure Centre needs an upgrade. Like many in the community, we are excited to see the new centre open in 18 months.

That said, the NPA has concerns about community safety associated with the works, as well as questions about the timing of the construction which will leave the community without facilities over two summers.

The pool site sits atop an old landfill area. Testing so far has found high chromium and other heavy metal concentrations in the area. Asbestos and other carcinogenic compounds

are additional concerns given the tip's history. Willoughby City Council has confirmed the tip is "declared as 'significantly contaminated', (and) is regulated under the Contaminated Land Management Act 1997 (CLM Act)." Council has also confirmed that "The current status ... (of) the WLC site, is "under assessment", and is on an EPA list of notified sites." And that "Over the course of time, the status of the site may change ...". This raises considerable questions as to why this assessment has not been completed prior to moving to demolition.

Contaminants are safely capped and buried at present, but once construction begins, there is a risk they will be released. We have asked Council about their intentions for air quality monitoring, stop-work/activity measures and how communication to stakeholders will be handled.

WCC intends to allow sporting activities (such as operation of the netball courts) to continue around the site while excavation and foundation works are underway. To our mind, this is placing our kids at unnecessary risk.

We also have concerns around timing. The North Sydney Pool is still out of action, with extensive construction delays. To close Willoughby Leisure Centre now, just before the summer holidays, leaves the community with limited options to cool off. On a positive note, some locals have successfully used our direct active transport links to Lane Cove Pool.

The timing, it seems, is driven by opportunism rather than need. WCC was successful in obtaining a \$5 million NSW Government grant, with the stipulation that work commence in 2022. In order to be eligible for this grant, the scope of the project had to be increased beyond what was originally scoped in community consultation.

So, we're left with a \$5 million grant for works which were not even part of the original proposal. In exchange we're left with a rushed closure, no answers about how contamination risks will be handled, and our community must go without their pool for an additional summer. We're not convinced it's such a good deal.

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Naremburn continues to defy the property market slowdown

Welcome to the final property market update for the year.

Whilst rising interest rates are putting pressure on housing prices across the country, we are still achieving some incredible results locally. A noteworthy sale was 1A McBurney Street Naremburn that sold prior to Auction for \$4,538,000 which is a record for a Naremburn home of that size, sitting on only 468 sqm.

Another great sale was 16/143 Willoughby Road Naremburn which was a two-bedroom unit that sold at Auction for \$1,140,000.

As the market winds down leading into Xmas, we are continuing to offer advice to owners who are contemplating a

campaign in the New Year.

To say thank you for your ongoing support, we are offering homeowners a discounted marketing package whereby we will cover your photos at no cost should you sign up before 25th December 2022.



Wishing you and your families all a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year.

Kind Regards,

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Councillors' reports

Updates from our three Naremburn ward Councillors



Councillor Georgie Roussac

Halt and review the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link toll road project:

In October Councillors supported my motion to call on the NSW Government not to enter into any further contracts or tenders associated with the project prior to the March 2023 NSW state election. The motion also requested that Council engage with other impacted councils to share knowledge and identify measures needed to safeguard our community and environment.

The incoming government and its cabinet must have the opportunity to review the whole program of works to assess its value and viability.

georgieroussac.com:

I've created a website to provide updates on what I'm up to and advocating for, and to hear your views. I'd love your feedback. One conversation I'm keen to start is about a vision for Naremburn. It's about capturing our community's ideas on what's important to us now and in the future. Once developed it can be a powerful tool to influence and guide future decision making.

Scan the QR code to take the survey. It's the first step in an ongoing discussion. I'm also happy to hear your views via email or phone - Georgie.Roussac@willoughby.nsw.gov.au, 0459 879 379



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Councillor Nic Wright

Willoughby Leisure Centre

Our much loved, but very tired Willoughby Leisure Centre has recently closed for a long overdue renovation. I've been advocating for this upgrade for ten years, and I'm pleased to have received Council support.

The renovation will transform the Willoughby Leisure Centre with three new pools, a new sauna and spa, enhanced communal areas and importantly, improved accessibility and sustainability outcomes.

In addition to the modern aquatic facilities, we are upgrading the sports hall that will provide services and expanded programs that are important to our local community.

I appreciate some may be disappointed that it will be close over summer, but unfortunately the pumps we need to operate the pool are very much at the end of their life. If we were to attempt to repair them, we would've been closed for much of summer anyway and lost \$5m in funding for our sports hall. The timing isn't perfect, but I'm confident we'll all be really pleased with the finished result.



Councillor Anna Greco

Naremburn has voiced to Council their desire to see the reinstating of its previous advisory committees. However, on 19 September 2022, Willoughby City Council resolved to propose a new structure consisting of four committees. The previous 13 Committees can form part of the proposed new structure.

The role of Advisory Committees, in my opinion, is for Council to draw from the expertise of our diverse, highly educated and engaged community. Committee members volunteer their skills for the benefit of our City of Willoughby.

Unfortunately, our community including members of the previous advisory committees have expressed concern regarding the new committee structure. They have outlined its limitations and noted the proposed structure fails to address any material benefits over reinstating previous committees for this short term of Council.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for those previous committee members who continue to offer their skills, expertise and advice and have responded to the Advisory Committee "Have Your Say". The results of the Advisory Committee public exhibition will be presented to Council on 12 December 2022, and the Advisory Committee's future then decided.

Mayor's report

**An update from Willoughby Mayor
Tanya Taylor**

Thank you as always for allowing me the opportunity to update you on a few things that are happening at Council.

Willoughby Leisure Centre

At our 31 October meeting, Council accepted a tender to redevelop the Willoughby Leisure Centre into a stunning new multi-sports complex, delivering new and upgraded facilities for swimming, netball, basketball, volleyball, badminton and one of our newest sports, pickleball.

We'll be closing the pool hall on 19 November to allow the redevelopment process to commence.

We need to begin this work during summer, as the complex's water pump and filtration system has reached the end of its useful life. It is also the case that we need to begin construction before the end of December to take advantage of a \$5 million NSW Government grant.

It is intended that the gym, including group fitness classes, and the school holiday program, will remain open across the entire construction phase. The Centre's indoor courts and crèche will remain open from 19 November but will need to close at some stage during the construction period.

By mid-2024, we hope to be opening a new facility that will represent the very best in modern leisure centres.

You can find out more information at the Willoughby Leisure Centre website.

Henry Lawson's Cave

Also at the 31 October meeting, Council resolved to provide protection to Henry Lawson's cave in Naremburn. We've committed to refuse to give landowner's consent for any application which may damage this cave, and will be calling on the NSW Government to do the same.

We've also agreed that the cave and its immediate surroundings be included in the next round of local heritage investigations. This is an important historical site in Willoughby and deserves to be protected and celebrated.

Beaches Link

We also called on the NSW Government to not sign any further contracts or tenders associated with the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link toll road projects, prior to the March 2023 election.

I have written to the NSW Opposition seeking its commitment that, if elected, it will halt and review the Western Harbour Tunnel toll road and terminate the Beaches Link toll road project.

Council's position remains the same – we do not accept the Beaches Link Tunnel in its current form.

Advisory Committees

I'm looking forward to receiving feedback on the proposed new structure and policy for our Advisory Committees, which establishes four committees closely aligned to our updated Community Strategic Plan priorities. We're keen to strengthen our Advisory Committees to make them work better for both committee members and council.

Wishing all Naremburn residents a happy summer and a fun festive season.

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Federation of Willoughby Progress Association update



Warringah Freeway

The Federation of Willoughby Progress Association has commenced lobbying on the Warringah

Freeway project. For the community the changes are enormous and certainly a source of local rat runs and local street safety issues. The Department of Roads has essentially moved what it considers a safety issue in its domain to Willoughby Councils local streets. The FWPA has made its comments known to the local State Member Tim James. He is the one left with the issue when it is others before him that let the issue reach a calamitous point of no return without apparent intervention.

At present all local traffic arrives on to the freeway where it sorts out what direction is needed to get to its intended exit, Sydney CBD, airport, Eastern suburbs etc.

If one uses Willoughby Road, Brook Street, or Miller Street from Eastern Valley Way, a driver can sort their direction when on the Freeway. This is going to cease. Transport for NSW thinks the current circumstance is unsafe. (One must query the number of traffic accident reports!).

Following the proposed works, travelling south a driver will need to be on Willoughby Road to get into Sydney CBD. There is currently no other approach lane.

If a person in Naremburn or Northbridge wants to go CBD Sydney, what do they do? They must get on to Willoughby Rd, already at capacity in peak hour. Already cross-city traffic in Willoughby is a traffic bottle-neck (east to west does not work due to the north to south priority in peak hour).

The Warringah Freeway works is a recipe for local rat run and traffic chaos. It would be good for Transport for NSW to explain why this analysis is defective.

STUART COPPOCK
PRESIDENT FWPA

Let's have some time out

It's time to reassess housing numbers



New developments in St Leonards

The Greater Sydney Commission was established in 2018 to plan for 'Growing Sydney', and a significant part of that planning was to set targets on the number of new and types of housing in different districts by 2036.

Naremburn, in the Northern District, is affected by targets set in the subsequent Crows Nest / St. Leonards Plan >2036 (6,683 new dwellings), part of three Local Government Areas and the WCC Willoughby Planning Strategy >2036 (6,758 additional dwellings).

The Special Infrastructure Contribution by developers was part of the State Government plan so that infrastructure "happens in tandem with development" (NSW Government Proposed Special Infrastructure Contribution October 2018).

It's time now in 2022/23 that these two issues of dwelling numbers and infrastructure are assessed to give an indication of how developments are occurring in relation to the State quotas. Current reporting on Development Applications (DAs) by Councils every quarter does not account for the number of dwellings and cumulative numbers against the quota to 2036.

At our October Naremburn Progress Association meeting there was

discussion about growth and the effect it had on community amenity. Concerns were raised about the need for space to enjoy active and passive recreation. Protection of Flat Rock Gully was crucial. Without any real time data about housing numbers and associated infrastructure, residents are left wondering if all the development is happening in a 10 year timeframe and not 20!

In April this year The Greater Sydney Commission changed to The Greater Cities Commission (GCC). The Greater Sydney Region has expanded to become the 'Six Cities Region' and we now live in the Eastern Harbour City! The focus has changed. The GCC is working with Councils to develop 6-10 year housing targets. How do these targets relate to the plans to 2036?

Our community would benefit from some time out for a review of the State Planning decisions of 2016-2020 in regard to residential growth, commercial developments, open space and infrastructure. The vision for St. Leonards in the Crows Nest / St. Leonards Plan (finalised in 2020) is that it will be "a jobs powerhouse". Where that vision fits today is a timely question when how and where we work has changed, with the resultant focus on community amenity.

JULIE WADDINGTON,
NPA Planning subcommittee

5 steps to stop crime this Christmas

Home break-ins always surge over the holidays. Follow these tips from Naremburn Neighbourhood Watch to stop crime during the holidays.

1. Lock your car and keep the remote for your garage out of your car.

North Shore Police have reported a recent increase in thefts from cars in our neighbourhood. If your garage remote is in the car the thieves can also access your property to steal belongings and often the car keys to steal the car itself. This is a multi-level Christmas gift to criminals.

2. Keep your front door locked and accessible windows closed.

Even when you are at home you need to be aware of the security of your property and yourself. If you are going away, double-check everything is locked.

3. Empty your mailbox

A full mailbox is a signal you're not home. If you're going to be away, ask a neighbour to empty your mailbox and do the same for them if they are away. Or redirect your mail.

4. Keep your plans quiet

Consider toning down the holiday chat on social media. The savvy thieves can use this info to plan their break-in.

5. Get to know your neighbours

Just say hello and once you have a bit of a relationship they can keep an eye on your property when you're not there, maybe take in mail or parcels and help in an emergency. Some people are lonely during the festive season – maybe make an effort to have a Christmas chat.

For more tips to stay safe and prevent crime join us on Facebook.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WilloughbyNeighbourhoodWatch>

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Naremburn Library

Our local library is back open for you to enjoy this summer

Christmas is just around the corner and it's a wonderful time to stock up on your holiday reading! Located at 7 Central Street, Naremburn Library has re-opened (Mondays 2pm – 4.30pm) with a great collection of the latest fiction and magazines, as well as children's books.

Naremburn Book Locker

Access is available Monday to Friday 7.30am- 5pm or apply for after-hours access to use this free service seven days.

Naremburn then and now photographic display



Have you ever wondered what your local streets and iconic landmarks looked like back in the old days? Check out our photographic display of days gone by.

Viewing available at Naremburn Library from 14 November – 24 December 2022.

Activities over the holidays

■ **Summer of Pow!** Our Summer Reading Challenge for kids is on again from 20 December. Keep the kids reading - they can submit book reviews, drawings and jokes to our special website and enjoy a final celebration with the Mayor on 24 January with prizes to be won.

■ **Get creative with Council's Bushland Team** for special summer holiday activities at our branch libraries. Check the library events webpage for more details.

Book Reviews



Love and Virtue by Diana Reid

Winner of the ABIA Book of the Year Award 2022, this is a debut by talented Australian writer Diana Reid. It's a unique take on a powerful

story about relationships and consent.

The main character Michaela explores friendship, class and privilege during her first year at university. Mainly set in Sydney, readers will find familiar locations and a very relatable storyline. A fantastic debut that is not to be missed.

Reid's new book "Seeing other people" is being released before Christmas 2022.



I'm Glad My Mom Died by Jennette McCurdy

"Why do we romanticise the dead? Why can't we be honest about them?"

What a daring title! This notable coming-of-age celebrity memoir takes you on a journey that touches on the pitfalls of childhood fame, emotional manipulation and abuse by a narcissistic mother.

It covers McCurdy's personal struggles with eating disorders, addiction and relationship issues while trying to find her own voice on the pathway to healing.

Summer lovin' for your garden

The Naremburn Community Gardens team has great advice for health, happy summer gardens

Planning to care for your garden in summer really starts before you plant anything. Of course if you already have a garden, you can adopt one or more of these tips to care for your plants in the heat:

- Take note of the number of hours of sun your garden receives each day and buy plants according to this - if your garden gets a lot of summer sun you'll need plants that can tolerate this. Your local nursery can help here or you can get in touch with us.

- Choose plants that are dry summer-friendly or drought resistant. Australian natives are becoming increasingly easier to source (Indigigrow and two favourite suppliers of natives. If you're looking for a fun edible native to try, native oregano is our current favourite. You can source it from Indigigrow and it is easy to grow for beginners.

- Use a wicking bed system. Wicking beds don't require watering as regularly as a conventional garden bed or planter box, as the plants draw water up from a water reserve under the soil, so they're ideal for hot weather.

- Mulch using dried leaves atop the soil of your plants to stop soil getting hot or drying out. You can easily collect freemulch from leaves blown into your garden or collected from a walk.

Come see our new Flat Rock community garden at 338 West Street.

All tips above were utilised in the build to ensure its future and survival in serving you, our community, for many years to come. We'd love you to visit us at one of our three locations on Bongalong St, Station St and West St. Email naremburngardens@gmail.com for more information or head to the community gardens pages on the council's website.



Volunteers at the Flat Rock community garden build day.

SANTA IS COMING TO NAREMBURN SHOPS!

Come see the man in red, 9 December at 5pm.

Join Santa, and your neighbours too, for an evening of festive fun. Food, drinks and Christmas cheer with your community friends.

Kids, have you got a letter for Santa? You can drop it off in his special letter box from now till 9 December. You'll find the letterbox outside Forsyth Coffee.

Ho ho hope to see you all there!



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Cammeray Park and Tunnel Update

Hundreds of residents gather to demand action

On 7 September 2022 hundreds of local residents converged on Green Park, Cammeray to demand action from the government over destruction at Cammeray Park.

The 136 year old heritage listed park has recently seen the destruction of 750 trees and the permanent destruction of 15,000sq metres of parkland with a further 27,000 sq metres at risk due to early works for the Western Harbour Tunnel.

The meeting, organised by Bay Precinct, was addressed by guest speakers from Willoughby Environmental Protection Association, Stop the Tunnels group and North Sydney Mayor, Zoe Baker.

Residents, including many children, planted over 1,000 "ghost trees" with messages to politicians in a bid to stop further destruction. The overwhelming consensus was that residents demand an immediate halt and reassessment of the Western Harbour Tunnel in light of the very poor business case and the environmental destruction.

A delegation from Bay Precinct, Willoughby Environmental Protection Alliance and Stop the Tunnel visited relevant MPs, including local member Tim James, with a selection of trees and messages as well as a letter outlining why the project must be halted and reassessed.



Cr James Spenceley, Cr Shannon Welch, Cr MaryAnn Beregi, Mayor Zoe Baker and NPA President Larissa Penn at Green Park, Cammeray.

The outcomes of the meeting with Mr James included commitments:

- 1) to produce a plan detailing the promised 2:1 replacement of trees and follow up the contamination results
- 2) to ensure Beaches Link would not be signed off before the March 2023 NSW state election

Both North Sydney and Willoughby councils recently passed a motion calling for the \$22 billion+ program of works to be halted and reassessed. Tim

James was aware of the motions but did not support a total re-assessment.

If the projects proceed we will witness an escalation of destruction up and down the Lower North Shore for many years including destruction at Flat Rock Gully. Let's hope the ghost tree messages & motions are heard and actioned!

JOHN BERRY,
BAY PRECINCT

IS THE BANK A BETTER OPTION?

Hi Jane,

Considering how shares and property have performed this year, isn't it safer to just keep my money in the bank? Thanks
– Bernie, Crows Nest

Hi Bernie,

When you look back at what's happened this year it's easy to think this way, but ironically, just keeping money in the bank is a risky long-term investment approach.

Why?

1. Due to the low rate of return, you're unlikely to produce enough passive income to cover your lifestyle, especially after you stop working
2. Inflation. Cash has rarely beaten inflation over the long-term, so just staying in cash due to fear of the unknown is not a good long-term strategy. You will get beaten eventually.

Here are some tips:

1. Focus on the long term and diversify
2. Be disciplined and don't act irrationally to short term volatility
3. Use market declines to your advantage and consider systematic investing, like dollar cost averaging

JANE RIDDER

* This information is general advice and does not take into account any person's particular financial objectives, situation or needs. You should consider whether it is appropriate to your particular circumstances.

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Community activities

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Contact the Centre, for room availability
Current Face-to-Face Activities
at the Centre:

Willoughby Community Pre-school

Ph: 9427 4260

director@wcp.org.au

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

Naremburn Progress Association

The NPA meets on the 2nd Thursday of February, April, June, August, October and December at 7.30pm.

Next Meeting: 12 December 2022 (combined with Christmas Party at Flat Rock Brew Cafe)

All members and residents are welcome

Please see www.naremburnprogress.org.au for more details.

Volunteers urgently needed -

Naremburn Community Playgroup

Volunteers needed to help us get the Naremburn Community Playgroup up and running again. We are looking for parents or carers willing to form the committee to run the playgroup, otherwise we may need to close this valuable community group.

Please contact Pooja at

naremburnplaygroup@gmail.com

Bushcare

Bicentennial Reserve Bushcare:

Meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month
9am-12pm. Sue: 9958 2122

The Drive (Flat Rock Gully) Bushcare:

Meet on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month.
Heidi: 0405 454 300

To join a group please fill out
Willoughby Council's Bushcare Volunteer
Application Form found at:
bushcare@willoughby.nsw.gov.au

Willoughby Community Men's Shed

Warners Park, The Outpost, Northbridge

Mon-Friday, 10am-3pm

(Women attend on Wed)

See willoughbymensshed.com.

Naremburn Community Gardens

Bongalong Street 9am-11am Sundays

Station Street 9am-12pm Sundays

Flat Rock, West Street - 9am Sundays

Email: naremburngardens@gmail.com

The ugliest bridge in Sydney no more?

Our community has some mural ideas to beautify one of the main gateways into Naremburn.

The Ella St Bridge might be a fugly lump of concrete right now, but the local community has some great ideas to transform it into something Naremburn can be proud of.

The NPA called on the community, both adults and kids, to come up with designs for a new mural that would let passersby know what Naremburn was all about.

Here are some of the top ideas we received. These will be presented to Willoughby Council and our local State MP for appraisal.



Kirsten Tamar's designs all depict eucalyptus leaves, a symbol of the leaving the light industry of St Leonards and transitioning into the picturesque leafiness of Naremburn.



Jesse Harrison's design is an expressive take on the lines and markings of the scribbly gum tree, which is endemic to Naremburn. Her work is titled Tarriny/Wongnary, Aboriginal words for scribbly gum.



Rivah, 10, with some floral flair for Ella Street.



Chloe, 11, calls on us to 'be kind'. Good advice!



Olive Robertson, 8, with a nature-inspired design

THE NPA NEEDS YOUR HELP

Can you spare some time to get more involved with your community?

Do you have experience that could be valuable to the Naremburn Progress Association?

We need help:

- On the committee
- Organising local events
- Editorial and design of Naremburn Matters
- Any creative ideas to help benefit Naremburn

We'd love to hear from you.

secretary@naremburnprogress.org.au

True! The post-war era was a time to rebuild our society after the devastation of World War One. NPA membership swelled to 241.



Remember to follow us and tag @Naremburn on Instagram to share glimpses of your life in Naremburn :)