

# NAREMBURN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 10 APRIL 2008

Meeting commenced at 7:35pm

### 1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **Graffiti** (Vicki Stearn – Meridian): does WCC take responsibility regarding graffiti? Clr Coppock stated that WCC has someone allocated to this position. Graffiti policy and the help line number will be given to Vicki.
- (b) **Photo of Naremburn shops** (Doug Armstrong - Market Street): If the names of any of the shops are known can they please be added to the list that Doug is compiling. Stuart Coppock is interested in the oral history of Naremburn and it is suggested that a meeting be held with older residents to document the history of the area.
- (c) **Lighting of Baseball Diamond** (Brian Norton – Glenmore Street): Brian, a soccer coach with the Northbridge Football Club, stated that the improvement of the sporting facilities should be for all of the community. Vicki Stearn asked if WCC was been paid the usage of the sporting facilities. Stuart Coppock replied no but the groups that use the facilities pay for the use of the lighting. Kevin FitzPatrick asked how the allocation of the oval worked. Stuart Coppock replied that it is historical, e.g., Gordon Rugby Club; the allocation of sport and recreation facilities in Willoughby City will be reviewed by Council in May.

A site inspection of the baseball diamond was held on the 9 April. Howard stated that the ground is not being used to full capacity during the day and at weekends, he asked what is the purpose of the development application, is it for just baseball or can other groups make use of the facilities. Barry Shaw stated that there is a feeling that the residents are stalling the process of the DA; they are not objecting to sport being played during daylight hours but does the soccer have some ambition to use this area at night. This is an amphitheatre type area, noise travels; Barry Shaw asked why Councilor Barry Thompson failed to support the residents and other Councillors; Clr Thompson responded that it is a general interest and therefore he approved it. He stated this allowed for more sporting opportunities for the general community. The approval for the use of lights for 5 nights per week would make better use of the area. Brian Norton stated that peak training time for soccer is between 5 and 7:30pm and that the hump in the middle of the baseball diamond is not a problem for the soccer training as they only use a small area for their training.

### 2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Noted that the Minutes of the General Meeting of 13 March 2008, Item 5(c) needs to include the statement, "*The owners of 10 Bongalong Street intend to demolish the building.*"

That the amended minutes be confirmed. Proposed: Trisha FitzPatrick; Seconded: Howard Townsend

### 3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Joy Baker, Ruth Hope-Jones, Steve Jones, Melanie Junghans, Maureen Kalcher, Andrew Le Marchant, Helen Noble-Foley, Brian Norton, Christina Pender, Vicki Stearn, Christopher Sullivan, Gillian Wells.

Nominated: David Lendrum; Seconded: Barry Shaw.

### 4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

### 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES.

- (a) **Willoughby Symphony Orchestra Free Concert in Naremburn Park** - WCC had given the NPA a stall free of charge. We peopled it for the entire event that commenced at 1:00 pm and concluded around 8:00 pm. Thank you to the members who helped on the day – Howard Townsend, Anthony Pang, Don Swonnell, Robyn Butler, Beryl Batterham, Claus and Julie Blunck, Kevin and Trisha FitzPatrick. For some of the time during the evening the Mayoress sat with us at the stall. The Mayor came to visit, as did Clr Thompson. Gladys Berejiklian paid a flying visit to our stall and the park, in between two engagements; eight residents joined the NPA on the spot and their names are included in the list of members nominated at this general meeting. The pre concert entertainment included the Willoughby City Band. The symphony concert was superb. We were treated to the brilliant playing of violinist Cameron Hill, and the enthusiastic and lively leadership of world-renowned chief conductor, Nicholas Milton. In their speeches, both the Mayor and Nicholas mentioned the NPA's initiative in requesting that the concert be held in our park. WCC's Performing Arts Manager, Tim Long, together with his team did an excellent job in what was for them their largest outdoor event. We appreciated the cooperation and assistance of Allan Rendell and

Cameron Kennedy. On the night, Allan said that over 800 people had attended the concert. It was great to see so many residents relaxing on their rugs, sipping wine and enjoying a picnic. Food stalls did reasonable business but most of the locals brought their own tucker. Minor glitches included the sun in that not only was it a fine warm day, the sun was not sufficiently 'down' for the concert to commence at 6:00 pm. We know that banners in the area would have served to promote the event, and we have included a number of suggestions in our draft report to WCC that will be sent to Council 16 April. We are also conscious of the need for the NPA to acquire some sponsors for next year's concert. On the night several business people expressed interest in sponsoring the event. Our goal is for a concert in Naremburn Park to become an annual event.

(b) **NPA Website** - Kevin and Trisha FitzPatrick attended the Community Geographic Domain Names Workshop on 18 March. A fee needs to be paid and CGDNs will set up a website. The name 'Naremburn' has been reserved. Information to be forwarded to Nigel and Rebecca and a meeting will be organized.

(c) **10 Bongalong Street – DA** - nothing further to report

(d) **Baseball Diamond Lights - DA** - discussed at length in the Open Forum.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

### In

(a) 31/03/2008 – email from Deanne Hardwick re Baseball Diamond Lighting.

(b) 04/04/2008 – email from Victoria Stearn re sub-committee

### Out

(a) 31/03/2008 – email to Members - Author Talk at Library on 2 April

(b) 01/04/2008 – 13 emails to welcome new members.

(c) 01/04/2008 – email to all members notifying them of NPA Office-Bearers.

(d) 01/04/2008 – email reminder for renewals.

(e) 08/04/2008 – letter WCC - Planter boxes and maintenance of area around shops

(f) 09/04/2008 – letter WCC – querying delays in installation of pram ramps at the corner of Slade and Central Streets.

## 7. ACCOUNTS

Carried Forward	\$4,059.87
Income	
Subscriptions	\$ 300.00
Donations	\$ 50.00
Naremburn Matters Advertising	\$1,290.00
Bank Interest	\$ <u>3.77</u>
Total Income	\$1,643.77
Expenditure	
Expenses K FitzPatrick Mar '08 approvals	\$ 50.32
Australia Post PO Box 393 Mar '08 approvals	\$ 123.00
NNHW – Donation L Jenney incl with NPA sub	\$ 20.00
Robin Phelan & Assocs – NM Mar production	<u>\$2,625.70</u>
Total Expenditure	\$2,819.02
Brought Forward	\$2,884.62
Expenditure Approvals Sought	
Cash Receipt Books x 2, K FitzPatrick (KF)	\$ 8.58
Water x 6, NPA stall at WSO, milk (KF)	\$ 10.28
Lever Arch Files x 4 (KF)	\$ 4.75
Envelopes x 25, Lever Arch x 1 (KF)	\$ 5.40
Ice, Film, NPA stall at WSO (KF)	\$ 5.99
Photocopying Officeworks (KF)	\$ 4.00
Milk, biscuits April meeting supper (KF)	<u>\$ 5.45</u>
Total Requested	\$ 44.45

Julienne reported that there is \$300.00 in Naremburn Matters March issue advertisement payment still outstanding.

## 8. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS & WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT FEDERATION

Claus Blunck, our newly appointed Delegate to the Federation, was introduced to the Federation meeting of 15 April. Claus joins Kevin FitzPatrick and Don Swonnell as NPA Delegates to the FWPA. Changes to the NSW Planning System - there was clarification of the Section 94 proposal. Planning Minister, Frank Sartor had clarified this would only affect the 6 councils in the South West of Sydney. The Federation had written a letter to the Planning Minister. The public response had an impact and there were likely changes in the planning reform. Councils concerned about the problems of the sub-prime mortgage impact on their long-term financial investments – Nick Tobin, WCC General Manager represented the Council on this issue. Kevin had the issue of Council upgrading Delegates records following each PA's AGM; Clr Thompson to follow up. Built Heritage - plans were displayed of the Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator, site to be developed as a café, exhibition/meeting rooms and artist studios, total cost \$1.87 million, \$454,000 from a Commonwealth Grant. Heritage Week is 5 to 20 April. Civic Place - demolition of old Civic Centre and Library is in progress. Major construction contract has been put out for tender; decision in December. Transport

Interchange - Woolworths Supermarket is an anchor in the Interchange site; Delegates raised issues of truck delivery access and pedestrian access; Thomas Lane described as "a disaster in planning". Northbridge Plaza Master Plan - Technical Work Group (TWG) has met 10 times. Residents Committee (RC) met twice. The TWG is finalising the technical reports. RC has had little information from these meetings. Community wants Northbridge to remain a community shopping centre. AMP, on behalf of the owner, wants a substantial expansion beyond the 10% increase recommended. Meetings to discuss this are planned. Northbridge and Castlecrag Chamber of Commerce first meeting planned for 18 March. Environmental & Natural Resources - Kevin FitzPatrick reported on the Council's e-restore launch and how small business owners could access energy audits arranged by Council, but that they often did not have the time to attend such a session. A question was asked of Council to identify financial saving through energy conservation and how this saving could be redirected; Councillor Thompson responded; Claus Blunck raised the issue of excessive lighting at public car parks overnight. Cultural Events; - Don Swonnell reported on the recent Henry Lawson Bush Poetry afternoon and the upcoming WSO performance the following day in Naremburn Park; Kevin advised of the author talk in Naremburn Library on 2 April; he queried whether other PAs were sending a copy of their newsletters to the State Library. Recommended that one of the lanes in Naremburn be called 'John Allen Lane'.

#### **WARD COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Kate Lamb spoke on the sporting facilities in the area and the concern that she has that the Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group has not been reconvened by Julie Whitfield. This Committee may have helped in the planning development. The issue of the Lighting towers is still to be debated at Council. More open negotiation is needed with the residents about this development.

Councillor Stuart Coppock discussed the Lawson Lane Ward Council meeting that took place; a speed hump was agreed to; further review to deal with traffic speeding up lane; speed hump similar to outside Mandarin Centre should be installed. He is happy that the NPA is trying to improve area around the shopping centre. Baseball Diamond – his personal reflection is that the process of looking after constituents has not been taken as far as it should have in representing the community, we need to work together; not enough preparation time leading up to the meeting; not much talk on noise, not ventilated. Concerns must be addressed at all times. Long grass issue at the corner of Grafton Ave and Brook St is going back to WCC.

Councillor Barry Thompson – Symphony in the Park was a great event; PA now needs to think now what will be done in park next year; it has the potential to become an annual event and therefore a strong community event. At last council meeting, the DA for bulky goods warehouse worth \$50 million when sold " " to fund Civic Place, was passed. Development of Community Centres. – Some residents have problems, others at meeting about parking, congestion on weekends. Perhaps need better transport to the area. Naremburn Matters need to get group together to push for reinstatement of school area.

Clr Lamb notified the meeting that on Sunday 18 May the shared pathway on Gore Hill Freeway should be opened and the ride from Lane Cove to Bicentennial Park was expected to take place. The ABC Site will become the Gore Hill mixed industrial park and the DA has been lodged, and included indoor soccer field, pool, and cycle area.

Cogeneration energy will provide energy for RNSH; 400 cars on site; tower stays; Channel 9 tower will also stay due to the telecommunications installations.

### **9. SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS**

**(a) Naremburn Matters** – Kevin reported that the Office-Bearers have been involved in the development of policy documents for each of the Sub-Committees. As with the elected committee at the recent AGM, all positions on each Sub-Committee were declared vacant. Kevin has been selected as Convenor of the NM Editorial Committee and he has yet to secure the involvement of other members. The March issue has been well received and certainly has been a factor in increased membership in the past month as well as attendance at the WSO concert. A 12 page issue, a 50% increase on our regular 8 page issue, requires a greater amount of work in its preparation. The increase in size enabled the NPA to fulfil its commitment to WCC's Performing Arts Department to have a 2 page spread promoting the WSO concert. Advertising sales support our production costs, and we were pleased to have acquired sufficient advertisers, 12 in all, to cover the cost of production. Distribution is handled by Naremburn Neighbourhood Watch, and we thank them for their help. NPA members assisted with distribution to any gaps – thank you to Barry Shaw, Martha Follent, Margaret Stewart, Claus & Julienne Blunck, George Farrell, Kevin & Trisha. George Farrell's photos are a major part of the effectiveness of NM. Trisha's proof-reading and editing skills are much appreciated. The May meeting report will include information on the June issue.

**(b) DAs** – 13 DAs tabled,

- DA 2005/438/C 44 Garland Rd - S96 - Minor changes
- DA 2007/393/A 37 Dalleys Rd - S96 - Minor changes
- DA 2007/775 10 Rhodes Ave - Alts and Adds – amended plans
- DA 2007/937/A 2 Remah Cl - S96 - Minor changes
- DA 2008/11 40 Northcote St - Alts and Adds – amended plans
- DA 2008/23 2A Dargan St - Alts and Adds – amended plans
- DA 2008/82 72 Chandos St - Mixed use commercial/residential
- DA 2008/127 219 Pacific Highway- Temp Billboards – ABC
- DA 2008/129 24 Olympia Rd - Alts and Adds – renotification
- DA 2008/137 2 Adolphus St - Alts and Adds
- DA 2008/150 14 Artarmon Rd – Channel 9 proposed subdivision
- DA 2008/153 73 Northcote St - Alts and Adds
- DA 2008/162 16 Hamilton St -- Alts and Adds

David Lendrum commented that he and Trisha FitzPatrick had, that day, been to the Council Chambers to view the paperwork lodged by TCN Channel 9 for the proposed subdivision of the site and on the way back to Naremburn had detoured to look at some of the land in question.

- (c) **Landscape and Open Spaces** – Kevin reported that National Tree Day is Sunday 27 July – it is always the last Sunday of July; he has also been in touch with Council regarding the ‘bibs and bobs’ around Naremburn and their maintenance and the NPA needs to monitor these small open spaces.
- (d) **Membership** – Margaret Stewart stated that she had joined the NPA in June 2006 not long after she moved to Naremburn. She thanked the Office-Bearers for inviting her to be the Convenor of the Membership Sub-Committee, and said that the other members invited to join this Sub-Committee are Anthony Pang and Don Swonnell, and the others involved are the Treasurer Julie for handling subs, the Secretary Fran for correspondence, and the Public Officer Trisha for the records. Margaret said that renewal notices have been emailed and hand delivered to existing members and there are 17 new members so far this year. Membership subs are due from the AGM, i.e., 13 March. Our 2008 membership list, fees paid, numbers 48 and there are 47 current members yet to pay their 2008 sub that needs to be paid before 13 June otherwise membership lapses meaning that you cannot vote or engage in NPA business. We want a strong NPA with more residents becoming financial members. Margaret invited attendees to see her and her receipt book after the meeting.
- (e) **Library** – Author Talk with Jonathan Drane speaking on his book ‘The way of a thousand arrows’ took place in the library on Wednesday 2 April 2008.
- (f) **Events** – see Item 5(a) above

**10. CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK** - 22 Members present; 5 Apologies from Members; 0 visitors.

#### **11. MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

- (a) **RESOLVED** that the Naremburn Progress Association (NPA) form a new Sub-Committee, working title ‘Young Parents’, that will work on the pressing issues for Naremburn, provision of child care, schooling, recreational opportunities for children, and that will liaise with other interested parties and residents in Naremburn; that the members of this Sub-Committee devise an appropriate name and develop a draft policy for review by the Office-Bearers.
- (b) **MOTION LOST** – *“That Naremburn Progress Association (NPA) give 14 days notice to its Members of a Special Meeting to be held at the conclusion of General Meeting of 8 May 2008 for the purpose of considering the Membership Year with regard to Membership Subscriptions, from the existing arrangement stated in sections 8(a) (b) and (c) of the Constitution of the Naremburn Progress Association, where Membership Subscriptions are due and payable each year from the March AGM, with the view to changing to a Calendar Year, meaning that, as of 2009, the Membership Subscription would cover the period 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009, and would be due and payable from 1 January 2009”.*

**11. NEXT MEETING:** - Thursday, 8 May 2008 at 7:30 pm, Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street.

**12. CLOSURE:** - The meeting was extended by 10 minutes; the meeting concluded at 9:40 pm

**13. SUPPER**