

# NAREMBURN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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## MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING OF 10 MARCH 2011

Meeting commenced at 8:25 pm following a 20 minute break after the AGM  
Naremburn Community Centre 7 Central Street Naremburn

### NEWLY-ELECTED PRESIDENT

The outgoing President, Kevin FitzPatrick, presented an old gavel, given to the NPA by the Willoughby District Historical Society, to the incoming President, Frances O'Brien, stating she had become the first elected female President in the 110 year history of the Association.

Frances introduced herself as a 'true blue' Naremburn resident. Many years ago, her grandmother bought a large block in Dargan Street that was eventually subdivided providing space for a duplex at the rear on Ruth Street, an arrangement suitable for her father a wool-classer who was away quite a deal. Fran was born at the Mater Hospital, spent her Kindergarten to Year 12 at Loreto, Kirribilli; did her nurse training at St Vincent's, midwifery at St Margaret's, and another spell at St Vincent's. After completing a Bachelor of Health Management at New England she took up a position at the Prince of Wales Hospital where she is Nurse Manager, Operating Theatres. Her early memories of Naremburn include being taken to sit on the road on Brook Street, the day before Flat Rock Drive was opened; the burning off at the tip that affected household washing, the old shops – the chicken shop on Rhodes Avenue, the suburb's four fruit shops, the haberdashery store whose proprietor Mim, moved to Orange, not far from where Fran's mum lives in Wellington; and Stormont's chemist - now the Framing shop, next to 1<sup>st</sup> Choice. She said "the suburb has been good to me; it is now my turn to give back to the suburb. I am a non-political person - what you see is what you get; there are no hidden agendas."

### 1. OPEN FORUM

No new matters were raised.

### 2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the General Meeting of 10 February 2011, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting

Proposed: Margaret Stewart; Seconded: Helene Kemp.

### 3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Tobias Abbey.

Proposed: David Lendrum; Seconded: Martha Follent.

### 4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

New members nominated at the February meeting were accepted at the AGM preceding this meeting.

### 5. MATTER ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **Ella Street Bridge closure and traffic issues** – NPA correspondence and WCC reply previously referred to various traffic management strategies suggested by the NPA in its report on the Ella Street Bridge Survey to be implemented to improve traffic in this area of Naremburn. NPA to write to Council Officer James Brocklebank requesting an update.
- (b) **Oral History program** – Nothing new to report
- (c) **Naremburn Shops** – See Events – Earth Hour
- (d) **The Roles of Office-Bearers and Committee Members** – A draft Ops Manual of position descriptions and duties of respective sub-committees was sent to the 2010 Committee Members with a request for feedback.
- (e) **Willoughby Local Environmental Plan ( WLEP 2009)** –Item to remain on the agenda until the WLEP gazetted
- (f) **WCC Traffic Committee Meetings** – The meeting on 16 February authorised street closure – Naremburn shops car park for the Naremburn Earth Hour event.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

### In

- (a) 28 02 2011 – WCC – Bicentennial Oval – acknowledgement of NPA letter
- (b) 22 02 2011 – Sisters of St Joseph – acknowledgement of NPA letter and photograph of plaque

### Out

- (a) 22 02 2011 - Peter Chauncy, McGrath Estate Agents - acknowledging sponsorship of Earth Hour
- (b) 07 03 2011 - Gladys Berejiklian MP – Invitation to attend Earth Hour in Naremburn.
- (c) 07 03 2011 - Mayor Pat Reilly – Invitation to attend Earth Hour in Naremburn.
- (d) 07 03 2011 – Nick Tobin. WCC GM Invitation to attend Earth Hour in Naremburn
- (e) 07 03 2011 – Cr Kate Lamb - Invitation to attend Earth Hour in Naremburn
- (f) 07 03 2011 – Cr Stuart Coppock - Invitation to attend Earth Hour in Naremburn
- (g) 07 03 2011 – Cr Barry Thompson - Invitation to attend Earth Hour in Naremburn
- (h) 07 03 2011 – Tara Fermor, Band Master, Cammeray School Concert Band - performance at Earth Hour

## 7. ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer Barry Shaw presented the monthly report.

Opening Bank balance as at 1 February 2011		\$7,249.26
<u>Add: Income :</u>		
Membership subs - new	\$20.00	
Naremburn Matters Advertising	\$155.00	\$175.00
		<u>\$7,424.26</u>
<u>Less: Expenditure</u>		
Stationery and office supplies	\$85.96	
Printing and Supper	\$6.50	\$92.46
		<u>\$7,331.80</u>
Add: Earth Hour Sponsorship – Suspense Account		<u>\$1,500.00</u>
Closing Balance as at 7 March 2011		<u>\$8,831.00</u>

### Expenditure Approvals Requested

Robin Phelan & Assocs, NM Mar production	\$2,039.89
B Shaw, reimburse for EH toilet hire – Suspense Acc	\$555.50
Australia Post, POB rental 31 03 2011	\$145.00
Office of Fair Trading – NPA Annual Return fee	\$48.00
Kennard's Hire – lights, leads, Earth Hour	\$184.00
Anthony Mutch – 2 minstrels, Earth Hour	\$250.00
Martha Follent – Earth Hour expenses reimbursement	\$320.18
David Lendrum – printing, postage to 10 March	\$21.90

That these expenditures be approved:

Proposed: Margaret Stewart; Seconded: Beryl Batterham.

## 8. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS (FWPA) REPORT

Kevin said that the next FWPA meeting will be on 12 March with Naremburn providing morning tea. Each of Willoughby City's nine Progress Associations can have three delegates. NPA newly-elected delegates are Frances O'Brien (ex officio); Kevin FitzPatrick; Trisha FitzPatrick. Matters to be discussed will include planning a Workshop 'Growing your Progress Association' and the proposed development of the Channel 9 site.

## 9. WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT

### **Councillor Barry Thompson**

Barry who earlier had acted as Returning Officer at our AGM reported that the WCC officer before ICAC was still under investigation; there could be court proceedings; it has been a sad reflection on WCC but is not endemic. The Incinerator: there is an exhibition running at the moment; official opening is 2 April; external finishes are the best we could do to bring it back to the Griffin design. The elevator with its unique design will give access to each level. Council is proud of its effort in what was not a cheap program. It will be an iconic part of Willoughby's heritage.

PBL: Channel 9 is moving, hopefully to a site within Willoughby City. A Part 3A submission has been made to the State Government to establish a large residential development. They wanted the proposal accepted before the coming Election in case a new Government changed Part 3A status. There is now nothing likely to happen till the new Government is established. There will be public consultation. There was a question re the tower which looks like being retained because it is owned by another company. It provides backup if other towers fail.

The Chatswood Mall is more or less complete. The Chatswood Market in the Mall now operates on Friday as well as

Thursday. Council approved this in the hope of injecting new life into the area.

The Concourse builder, A W Edwards, is still weeks ahead of schedule. All tenancies for food and beverage have been filled with a better than expected return. Venue management was awarded to a company that manages the Enmore Theatre and similar bodies in Sydney's inner west. It comes in \$750,000 inside budget. WCC's borrowing of \$30 million was a result of the GFC. The Concourse will take time to gain momentum because of initial and non-recurring expenses. Developer of the proposed hotel at the site could not complete ceding its \$13million deposit. The eastern end may be developed as a single project.

## 10. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

### (a) Development Applications received since the February meeting

DA 2011/41	6/9-11 Olympia Road	Metal pergola over existing 1 <sup>st</sup> floor balcony
DA 2011/73	11 Probate Street	Alts and adds, demolish garage, new carport

### (b) Naremburn Community Centre:

Kevin reported that a new Out of School Hours (OOSH) Director and Centre Manager Knud Heldt has been appointed by WCC and will take up this role on 21 March.

### (c) Events – Earth Hour:

Martha reported: arrangements for Earth Hour are progressing well. I'd like to thank everyone who has helped and continues to help. It really is a team effort. Special thanks to Robyn Read. On Saturday, 26 March 2011 the Naremburn shops car park will be closed between 5:30 pm and 10:30 pm. Council will begin to close the car park at 4:00pm. The car park will re-open at 10:30 pm.

We are very grateful for the generosity of our sponsors and supporters. Willoughby City Council, our major sponsor, is giving in kind support to the value of around \$4,400 covering among other things, the cost of the car park closure with staff to control it, printing of posters and flyers, extra garbage and recycling bins and street cleaning. Peter Chauncy from McGrath Estate Agents has sponsored us to amount of \$1,500. Any shortfall in finances will be picked up by the NPA.

We have also received generous support from a number of local businesses. Kris Andersen from Greener Cleaner has donated \$100 for post-performance refreshment for the children in the Cammeray Public School Concert Band. The NPA will also contribute to this so that each child will have a voucher to the value of \$3.00.

Other support and donations received include: For our Lucky Door Prizes - discount dry cleaning vouchers from Greener Cleaner (with \$5.00 donated to NPA for each voucher presented back); coffee samples from Forsyth Coffee House; dinner-for-two vouchers from barCelos; a hemp shoulder bag from ecoHome in Willoughby.

Our Lucky Door Prizes will be eco hampers. We will not run a raffle or guessing competition as we do not have time to obtain the necessary permits; barCelos has agreed to let us use their electricity for the evening for which we will reimburse them.

Onsite Hire has given us a special discounted price for the hire of a Port-A-Loo.

The St Leonard's Catholic Church Hall and the Northside Philatelic Society at the Naremburn Community Centre are lending us tables and chairs. NPA member Andy Cichanowski is lending us his utility to transport the tables and chairs.

Chanelle from Beauty by Chanelle will donate her time to do face painting for the kids during the event.

All Naremburn shops will display posters of the event and many will stay open late especially for the event. These include Naremburn Food Store, Forsyth Coffee House, Olde Fashion Fish n' Chips, Cream and Delicia.

Kevin FitzPatrick is our MC for the evening. Activities planned are: the Cammeray Public School Concert Band; Wandering Minstrels; face painting by Beauty by Chanelle. Sustainability interviews will be run by our MC with two Naremburn children (Emily Appleton and Alex Singhi) who attend Cammeray Public School and possibly one child from Artarmon Public School. Rob Forsyth from Forsyth Coffee House will be interviewed about his business sustainability and we will report on the sustainability programs of Greener Cleaner.

Mayor Pat Reilly and/or the General Manager Mr Nick Tobin, of WCC will come for part of the event.

Flyers advertising the event will be letter box dropped around Naremburn and we are grateful to Sue Howes and the Naremburn Matters walkers who will do the letter box drop. The WCC Earth Hour Poster and the Naremburn Matters EH article will be uploaded to the NPA Website.

NPA will set up tables and chairs in the closed car park and we are encouraging people to bring a picnic. The NPA will have a stand. We need people to help man this stand. Kevin FitzPatrick and Helene Kemp will coordinate the manning of the NPA stand.

We will ask for volunteers to take photos during the evening for NPA website, the Earth Hour website and for Naremburn Matters.

Earth Hour will finish at 9:30 pm. At 9:45 pm we will bump out, and this will be completed by 10:30 pm when the car park will re-open. Garbage bins will be removed and Council will send a street sweeper to clean car park early Sunday morning

(e) **Naremburn Matters:**

Trisha reported that the eight page March issue with a front page promotion of Earth Hour 2011 in Naremburn is now out. Unfortunately Delicia cancelled their advertisement space with little notice; the ad space was used for a free listing of all the food outlets that will stay open for our Earth Hour. This is the equivalent of \$50 free advertising per shop. In response to a comment from Fran, Trisha stated the regular issue of NM is 8 pages; there have only been three issues of 12 pages. Trisha stated that although a 12 page issue is a lot of work, she plans to make every second issue a 12-page.

(f) **Open Space** – Nothing new to report.

(g) **Website:**

Trisha stated that Nigel Smith has said that he wants to cease being webmaster; the NPA will need to canvas among its members for someone to take over this role. Nigel said that when we do get an NPA member to replace him, that he will spend time with his replacement to ensure a smooth changeover.

(h) **Naremburn Park** – Nothing new to report

(i) **Bicentennial Reserve & Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group:**

Kevin reported that this Advisory Group met on 24 February. In attendance were Cr Barry Thompson and Cr Adrian Cox, WCC Officers Steven Head, Julie Whitfield and Kate Day, representatives of Naremburn and Northbridge PAs, Northbridge FC and Northern Suburbs Netball Association. Traffic control and parking were discussed; the option of a shuttle bus for participants was considered too expensive. An overview of Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC) regional sports ground strategies was discussed particularly equitable sharing of local facilities. Many NS Netball Association players come from Mosman and Lane Cove. The synthetic field at Northbridge Oval will open at the end of March. Synthetic sports fields are very expensive; Northbridge will be the only one in our region. Another field could become possible by NSROC bodies making a combined financial contribution. NFC gave a brief overview of the proposed change room for players and referees on the existing canteen/toilets site. Kevin said that it was unanimously agreed at our February NPA general meeting to send a letter to WCC opposing increased building on parkland given the importance of open spaces with the proposed development of the neighbouring Channel 9 site. There is also traffic, parking, noise and potential light pollution impact on that area of Naremburn which adjoins the sports fields. The Incinerator is hosting an Art Exhibition launched on 5 March. The official opening of the Incinerator will take place on 2 April. Next meeting of the Advisory Group will be in the newly-opened Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator complex on 26 May.

11. **CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK** - 20 Members; 7 Apologies; 1 Visitor

12. **MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN** – None for this meeting

13. **NEXT GENERAL MEETING** - Thursday, 14 April 2011, at 7:30 pm, Community Centre, 7 Central Street.

14. **CLOSURE** – The meeting closed at 9.45pm