



# Naremburn Matters

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Naremburn Progress Association (NPA)



## Nick Tobin, Council's General Manager on WCC's plans for Naremburn Community Centre

The NPA invited Nick Tobin to address its February meeting on this project, first discussed at a 2006 NPA general meeting, and the subject of correspondence between the Association and WCC. He stated that:-

- Work on the Naremburn Community Centre could not proceed until the OOSH (Out of School Hours) facility had been relocated to Bales Park. (OOSH currently occupies the 'hall' at Naremburn)
- Other projects had come into the mix and had to be addressed when good opportunities arose
- Bales Park had posed several problems; the DA for OOSH should be lodged in the next few months.
- Construction at Bales Park is expected to take place in the second half of this year
- He apologised that the plans for Naremburn had not been updated; they need bedding down.
- Work on the Naremburn Community Centre could take place in June-July 2011
- In response to questions from the floor, the General Manager stated that:-
- The configuration of the library/hall's fittings would be flexible and allow for the holding of meetings
- Library hours of opening would be extended but would continue to be part time
- It is intended to foster a variety of activities in the Centre

The General Manager gave a brief overview of The Concourse. He also answered questions on a variety of topics including community gardens, the Waste Depot, the Incinerator and the Leisure Centre.

## Naremburn Progress Association ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 11 March 2010 at 7:30 pm

Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street

Agenda 2010 & AGM 2009 Minutes on [www.naremburnprogress.org.au](http://www.naremburnprogress.org.au)

## Naremburn Library @ 7 Central Street

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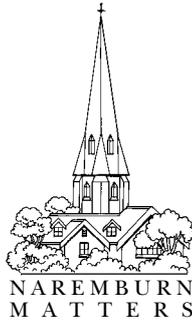
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**Mon: 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm; Thu: 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm; Sat: 9:30 am to 12 Noon – 9439 5584**

### NAREMBURN VILLAGE SHOPS

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#### General Meetings

Second Thursday excluding January and June  
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7 Central Street  
Commencing at 7:30 pm with a  
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## President – out and about

### Don't be a yokel! Be a local! Be an NPA member!

What do you really know about how the NPA works? Rocking along since 1901 it has fought and won many causes that we benefit from – save the shops, being just one!

Office-bearers – we need because of the Associations Incorporation Act (the Act), hence President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. General Committee members are really Centres of Influence – people have their specific interests, be it schools, children's programs, sport. For others – quality of life for adults is a key issue.

When the NPA wants to highlight an issue, the Office-Bearers, the few, need the help of several others. Then there is the loyal band of walkers who hand-deliver Nareburn Matters (NM). Where would we be without them? And what would do without Sue Howes who coordinates distribution?

Other opportunities to be an occasional volunteer? Interest groups. And sometimes we need a show of numbers. Thank you to members and guests for being present, for asking questions at our meeting with Nick Tobin on 11 February.

If you love living in Nareburn and you want to be 'of this community', why not join the NPA? Only \$10 a year puts you on the email list keeping you updated – minutes, agendas, special alerts. There is a concession rate of \$5. You do not have to attend meetings, reality is we only need 7 financial members to transact business, but many more attend to hear what's happening and to offer an opinion. Not on email? There is a delivery to your street mail box each of the 10 months we hold meetings.

We notice an improvement in our influence with increased numbers of new members over the past three years. Membership is retained by paying the annual subscription; easy via Internet banking – in fact we receive most of our payments – membership subs, NM advertisements - via Internet banking; this also saves on 'volunteer' time.

Our Open Forum at the beginning of each meeting provides the opportunity for people to make a brief statement about what bugs them. The NPA has considerable success in following through with WCC on many of these issues. Nareburn Matters welcomes emails to the editor, articles. You may want to have a go with some of the NM process. And there is the need for current local news on [www.nareburnprogress.org.au](http://www.nareburnprogress.org.au).

The Public Officer – not elected but appointed by the Executive Committee as required under the Act – keeps the records of the Association. Trisha FitzPatrick, NM Editor, is Public Officer, but is stepping down. Our website has simplified this role as minutes, agendas, NM are all there. Membership Record is an Excel spreadsheet; new members go on to email distribution lists, or on the hand-delivery list, as required. Is this you? Our AGM of Thursday 11 March at the Community Centre gives volunteers an opportunity. The Act requires reports for the year ended 31 December 2009 – one from the President, one from the Treasurer. The action starts at 7:30 pm.

**Kevin FitzPatrick**  
President NPA

### Membership of the NPA

**Eligibility:** Nareburn residents, 18 years old and over; non residents who own property in Nareburn; people who operate businesses in Nareburn.

**Membership Fee:** Due as at the AGM held on the second Thursday of each March; for the calendar year, January to December.

**Renewals:** Fee paid annually to retain status

**\$10 per person per annum**  
**or \$5 per person p.a. concession**

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### Beryl Batterham

Long-time resident of Nareburn  
Long-time member of the NPA  
Active supporter of this community

The NPA representative for the  
Community Centre's User Group  
NPA Life Member December 2008

celebrates her

**90th Birthday, 24 February**

Happy Birthday, Beryl,  
And many more years to come!

### Next Issue – June 2010

*Nareburn Matters* is a quarterly  
publication issued in  
March, June,  
September, December.

#### June issue deadlines

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Articles due: Friday 7 May

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## Do you have the Bug? Maybe your Neighbour has it?

I'm referring to the renovating bug – there are a lot of them when you look around Nareburn, in all shapes and sizes from one-room makeovers to full restorations and extensions.



Before and after



Nareburn as you are aware is a very old suburb and has a lot of history, so when and if the bug kicks in, keep that in mind.

Try to preserve the history, character and charm of your house, some may need to strip and scrape back someone else's messy mistakes – not everyone gets it quite right. Don't get me wrong I'm not saying we should return everything to yesteryear – I don't have room for the horse! It is fun – for some – rewarding and sometimes necessary to make changes and improvements to your home with some modern design and creature comforts.

Some choose to tackle the renovating themselves, like me and my partner; we have been owner building and love it – we have our moments

though. We have been restoring and adding an extension to our 1895 weatherboard cottage and have notched up over 4,500 hours in 18 months while both working full time – with some help from great tradesmen. Others use builders to carry out the work, but whichever way you go about it, please think, plan and do your homework.

So to help with the renovating bug you will need some of the following to survive: motivation, vision, courage, patience, enthusiasm, drive, oh, and of course money.

Happy renovating!

**Andy**  
41 Central Street

**Kevin FitzPatrick**  
Central Street

## True or False

How well do you know the history of your suburb?

- 1** One of the teachers at Nareburn Primary School was called SAO.
- 2** Sporting legend, Fred Stolle, completed his Intermediate Certificate at Nareburn Public School, went on to represent NSW in tennis and football at junior level.
- 3** Foxes kill more native wildlife than cats and dogs combined, hence the occasional fox-baiting programs in Flat Rock Gully.
- 4** In earlier times, houses were known by their names and not street numbers.
- 5** The NSW Premier, Kristina Keneally, visited Nareburn to consider the possibility of re-opening a school there.
- 6** Gaza Road was named after a colourful local character called Gaza.

(Answers on page 6)



## WELCOME TO THE CONCOURSE

The Concourse is the new name for Chatswood's Civic Place development. When it opens in late 2011, it will be a new cultural home for the local community and beyond.

An initiative of Willoughby City Council, The Concourse will be yours to explore and enjoy.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Mynas are not a minor problem

Indian mynas have settled in our urban landscape and are fast becoming a serious problem. They are the second major cause of native bird destruction in Australia after loss of habitat. In 2000 Indian mynas were named one of the world's 100 most invasive species. Indian mynas are sometimes confused with the Noisy Miner (an Australian native honeyeater) as both have a yellow beak and a yellow patch around the eye.

Mynas destroy native Australian birds by evicting animals from nests and tree hollows, making them unusable for other wildlife. They hunt in packs, are very aggressive and territorial and will trample eggs and kill chicks.

Unlike native birds, Mynas breed twice in a season. Mynas also nest under roofs. Destroying their nests before they breed (and block access) helps control their numbers. Another way to control the growth of mynas is to make sure that pet food is not left outside as up to 40 birds can feed from a single bowl. Mynas also feed from open compost, outdoor eating areas or seeds made available for native birds.

Last, planting native species helps native birds and prevents mynas from becoming dominant in the area.

Some councils provide advice and assistance on how to control mynas, through trapping and humane disposal.

**Pascal Bourgeat**  
Dalleys Road

### Ella Street Bridge Temporary Closure

We had several responses to December's 'Calm on our streets' Excerpts from three of those emails:

It was so good to read what I have been thinking since the closure of the bridge. I have lived on Dalleys Road for 18 years, right near the Ella Street Bridge, and am thoroughly enjoying the traffic free environment. I also thought what an inconvenience it would be to close the bridge temporarily, but I have changed my thinking completely. To reopen the bridge for cycling and pedestrians only, even better! The chicanes built in Dalleys Road have made it an obstacle course and I think dangerous when there is a lot of through traffic. I am dreading the reopening of the bridge in April. It was interesting to read the thoughts of people living along the diversion route. Thank you.

**Linda Barnett**

.... Sure, the traffic volume may be less in the area but I am extremely concerned regarding safety. I live on the junction of Dalleys Road and Station Street and in the last 8 weeks have witnessed 3 accidents where cars turning left out of Station Street into Dalleys Road have not stopped and have slammed into the car in front. Thankfully, these accidents have been minor in nature and probably only reported to insurance companies but how long until something more serious happens? These are the ones I have witnessed but how many more? The amount of near-misses is a daily farce. Quite simply, cars are driving too fast through the area and are often not prepared to stop and it would seem there is nobody out there monitoring the situation.... So yes, the volume of traffic may be less but the care, consideration and quality of driving is shocking. I for one will be happy when the bridge re-opens if it means there are less people turning that corner!

**Kirsteen Daly**

I live in Chelmsford Avenue at the bottom of Francis Street, and every morning I walk 2 children to day care and school. We walk to the top of Francis Street, cross the road onto Lambs Road rail bridge, and then walk through the Artarmon industrial estate. Attempting to cross Francis Street is not an easy task when there is a constant procession of cars from both directions, definitely much more than before the Ella Street Bridge closure. Most of these have now realised they can cut through the industrial estate as well, and have no idea what the 10kph sign means....there is a childcare centre within the industrial estate, but this doesn't faze them. I thought there was a 3 tonne limit on the street, but have also seen a few trucks using the shortcut. When driving up Francis Street, I have lost count of the number of times we have almost been hit by cars not giving way, or even slowing down at the Give Way sign at the intersection of Lambs Road and Francis Street. When driving down Francis Street they just assume we are turning over the bridge and pull out in front of us....

**Wendy Belcher**

### CATHOLIC PARISH OF LOWER NORTH SHORE

**Holy Thursday – 1 April – 7:00 pm**  
At Northbridge - Mass of the Lord's Supper

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Willoughby Road cnr of Donnelly Road

**Good Friday – 10:00 am**  
Stations of the Cross

**Good Friday – 3:00 pm**  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion

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NATIONAL TRUST

## Gore Hill Memorial Cemetery Tour Sunday 11 April 2010, 11:00 am

The National Trust Festival began 30 years ago. This year's Heritage Festival theme 'The Making of a Nation' celebrates 200 years since the commencement of Governor Lachlan Macquarie's 12-year tenure as the 5th Governor of the Colony of New South Wales.

The Festival is a great opportunity for local communities to come together to celebrate their history and local interests. Check out the full range of events on the National Trust website: [www.nationaltrust.com.au](http://www.nationaltrust.com.au). There are over 300 events statewide from 9 - 24 April.

Gore Hill Memorial Cemetery established 1875 as the North Shore's first general cemetery, closed for burials in 1974. In 2001 it was added to the State Heritage Register.

This year's cemetery tour will take you past the graves of numerous people who made a significant contribution to 'The Making of Our Nation', including:-

- Dugald Thomson MP, representative for North Sydney in the first Federal Parliament
- Alfred Conroy MP, representative for Werriwa in the first Federal Parliament
- Samuel Cornwall, brewer and inventor of Cornwall's Malt Extract and Vinegar
- David Gregory, cricketer, captain of the first Australian cricket team to visit England in 1878
- Maurice O'Shea, pioneer winemaker of the Hunter Valley from the 1920s to the 1940s
- Bernard Kieran, international champion swimmer, 1905
- James Wilshire, tanner
- Rev. William Scott, first NSW Government Astronomer and founder of Sydney Observatory
- Walter Liberty Vernon, Government Architect and soldier. The Vernon lectures in town planning were endowed in his honour.

Of current interest is that Mary MacKillop was initially buried at Gore Hill.

Included in the tour - good walking shoes recommended - is a brief account of the contribution of each person.

Corner Westbourne Street and Pacific Highway, Gore Hill; Parking is available;

Pay on the day - \$20 National Trust Members / \$25 Otherwise.

Bookings Essential - John May on 9906 5106

## Dog's best friend fails!

Nareburn dogs get blamed for some owners' laziness! Not fair!

At *Nareburn Matters* we receive complaints about dogs - unleashed dogs in the streets, dog droppings and so on - but the offenders are some dog owners, not the dogs! And these owners diminish our quality of life.

There are only two (2) off-leash areas in Nareburn the suburb - they are Nareburn Park and West Street Reserve. Owners are required to control their dogs.

All of the rest of Nareburn's public areas are on-leash zones. This means that once the dog and its owner leave the property where they live, the following apply:

- In every street in Nareburn, dogs are to be kept on the leash at all times
- In every lane in Nareburn, even those alongside the Expressway, dogs are to be kept on the leash at all times.

It is only a few dog owners who offend. Those that do are breaking the law. Do not walk your dog off-leash in our streets and lanes, no matter how good a dog-handler you are, no matter how many dogs you have owned, no matter how experienced you are - your dog is to be on a leash - or at home!

Dogs need to poo; the owner must pick it up. How un-neighbourly to leave a dog dropping on a nature strip! It is also illegal. If you do bag it, do not put the bag in the nearest Sulo Bin! Illegal activity by dog-owners attracts fines that range from \$165 to \$1,740.

Fine for unleashed dog on street - \$220.

Fine for not immediately removing dog faeces from a public place - \$275.

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ESTATE AGENTS

## True or False Around our Nareburn Shops ....

### 1 TRUE

SAO was Samuel Arthur Osborne who specialised in carpentry and technical drawing. Many of his former students at Nareburn Primary became craftsmen and builders – chips off the old block.

### 2 FALSE

Fred Stolle achieved Grand Slam victories in International tennis. As a junior, he represented NSW in tennis and cricket.

### 3 TRUE

1080 (sodium fluoroacetate) used for fox-baiting is lethal to dogs – a timely reminder to dog owners to keep their animals leashed in Flat Rock Gully.

### 4 TRUE

House names sometimes indicated region or town of origin, such as 'Kent' in Glenmore Road or 'Surrey' in Merrenburn Avenue. 1920s names for the west side residences in Willoughby Road south from Andersons to the school were 'Elspeth', 'Chelton', 'Arenal', 'Ashdale', 'Koree', 'Kia Ora', 'Araluen', 'Tara'.

### 5 FALSE

Kristina Keneally, as Minister for Ageing and Disability Services, visited Nareburn in May 2007, to open a refurbished Centacare Family Centre located within the former St Leonard's Catholic Primary School.

### 5 FALSE

Gaza Road which provides the only path from Garland Road to Bicentennial Reserve, was named after a way in the Middle East, well-known to Australian soldiers in World War I as 'the Gaza Road'.

## Nareburn Natural

228 Christmas trees were sold! At our Santa at the Shops event on Friday 4 December, as in previous years, Nareburn Natural provided Lebanese goodies for tasting. Delicious! These are made by Anthony Boustani's mother and each Sunday there are samplings, perhaps 400 occasions since the shop opened in March 2005.

## No Ordinary Chicken Café

Their first December here, Marie-Anne and Con of No Ordinary Chicken Café had a Christmas colouring-in competition. The lucky draw prizes awarded were 1st prize a \$100 hamper, including a \$50 family voucher to eat at the café; 2nd prize a \$70 hamper (\$35 café voucher); 3rd prize a \$40 hamper (\$20 café voucher); each prize also included an A&R book voucher and drawing/colouring/painting items. For our Santa event, they generously provided D-Zee the clown who did balloon bending much to the delight of children who gathered around. Thank you, Marie-Anne and Con!

## Chanelle's Beauty Salon

In December, Chanelle, the talented, friendly and fully qualified beautician, moved from that single room she used for the past 2 years to a spacious salon – the door is to the left of No Ordinary Chicken Café. Chanelle offers a range of beauty treatments – facials, manicures, pedicures, waxing, make-up for special occasions, spray-tanning, etc; with an in-salon play area for children, parking and level access at the rear. At our Santa event, Chanelle, using a temporary beauty bar in front of Nareburn Natural's Lebanese goodies cabinet, did complimentary make-up for some of Nareburn's teens.

## Olde Fashion Fish 'n Chips

Had you heard that the relatively new owner of this Nareburn icon, Faraz Demehri has achieved recognition in two areas? The shop was named in the Top 10 Fish and Chip Shops in NSW (*SMH Summer* 01.01.2010) and was named in the Top 3 for Hamburgers Served at a Fish and Chip Shop. Faraz was featured last December in Channel 9's *A Current Affair* highlighting the qualities of the Nareburn burger.

## Harbourside Fitness Studio

This has just opened. More details on this page and page 7. Matt Anderson and Andrew Fisher are proud to be local resident business owners. Matt Anderson is 3rd generation Nareburnian – grandfather Harry, father Terry and Matt all attended Nareburn Public School, Matt was School Captain at Nareburn Public in 1986 before heading off to North Sydney Boys where he was a Prefect in 1992. Matt has 2 sons, Oliver and Taylor, and lives in Willoughby. Andrew Fisher has lived in Nareburn for 6 years, has 2 sons, James and Thomas, a daughter Molly and baby Annie who was born 3 weeks ago.

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# Naremburn Neighbourhood Watch

March 2010

## New dog law

In July of 2009 some new legislation was brought in that has been very under-publicised. This is unfortunate, as many people would not be aware that they are at risk and the fines are quite hefty.

This law relates to the use of dog restraints in cars, not just utes and other tray trucks, but all cars.

From July 2009 all dogs must be restrained in cars using either a proper dog harness or a carrier crate that is then secured.

The reasoning behind these laws is twofold. Firstly, about 5,000 dogs are injured in car accidents each year in Australia due to being unrestrained. Secondly, a flying dog in a car is a solid heavy missile that would be deadly if aimed at head height.

The penalties are as follows:

Unrestrained dog preventing proper control of the car	\$338.00 + 3 demerit points
As above in a school zone	\$422.00 + 3 demerit points
Unrestrained dog in car	\$400 (minimum)
Unrestrained dog on ute	\$500
Unrestrained animal injured in an accident	\$5,500 (max) + 6 months jail

At end October 170 people in NSW had been fined under these new laws.

Even if you are just popping rover down to the dog-off-leash area for a run around you risk a fine if seen by police.

But you can't guarantee that there won't be an accident. Recently a minor accident occurred in Central Street where there were a couple of dogs in the car. While the accident was minor and the dogs in this case were fine and could be walked home, what happens if the accident is a little more severe?

If the police were to be called to the accident there would be a fine for each dog not restrained in addition to the cost of having the damage to the car repaired.

## A word on restraints

When NHW went looking for a dog restraint we had a bit of difficulty finding one that was suitable. We have a large dog that lies in the cargo area behind the back seat of our wagon.

The sales assistant tried to sell me a lead that clips onto the harness at one end and has a clip on the other that fits into the seat belt clasp. We were advised to anchor the dog through the split in the back seat into the seat belt point.

There are a few issues with this advice:

- This doesn't work if you have three humans that want to sit in the back seat.
- The only way the dog could lie down with this arrangement was in one position tight up against the back of the seat.

- Importantly, most accidents involve head on connections or braking, in which case the dog would be thrown forward. This anchor point would have resulted in the dog (and if a suitably long lead were used, back seat occupants) being injured regardless of being restrained.

We have now opted for an anchor point at the rear of the car with a lead length that allows the dog to change position but not much more.

If we were in a head on accident, some of the dog would hit the back of the seat, but with much reduced force. With a large dog this can't be helped. She would certainly not travel over the top of the seat and into the kids.

Anchor points are usually available in the floor and back of the seats in most wagons and variously allow leads to be looped through or clipped on.

While the penalties are severe, at least Rover will be safe in the event of an accident if these new laws are followed – and that's got to count for something!

## Email network

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2nd Thursday (except Jan & July)  
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9439 8119 (Kevin or Trisha)

## Playgroup

Wednesday and Thursday  
10:00 am to 12 noon  
Runs through school holidays  
nareburnplaygroup@gmail.com  
0458 990 678 (Narelle)

## Nareburn Over Fifties

Most Mondays  
10:30 am to 2:00 pm  
9436 2607 (Margaret)

## Northern Suburbs Philatelic Society

3rd Thursday, 7:45 pm  
Visitors always welcome  
9419 7354 (Paul Storm)

## Breast Feeding Association

1st Tuesday  
10:00 am to 12 noon  
9966 1591

## After School Care

Monday to Friday  
3:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
(School Term only)  
9439 8814

## Willoughby Pre School

Monday to Friday  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
(School Term only)  
9437 4260

## Nareburn Library

Mondays – 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm  
Thursdays – 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm  
Saturdays – 9:30 am to 12 noon  
9439 5584

7 Central Street



## So, what happened in Copenhagen?

Council's Environmental Program Manager Sally Hamilton provided us with a summary of the outcomes including:

- The "Copenhagen Accord" was prepared, confirming continuation of the Kyoto Protocol and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);
- It recognises the need to limit global temperature rise to two degrees Celsius average global temperature rise;
- Countries are to confirm/pledge their individual reduction target for 2020 by 31 January 2010;
- Developed countries commit collectively to providing US\$30 billion in new funding for developing countries for the 2010-2012 period, establishing a "Green Climate Fund" for the purpose.
- The Accord is however "non-binding, non-committal, non-signed document with no formal targets or mitigation plans."

The full document – <http://unfccc.int/2860.php>. So much for the capacity of our national governments to come to terms with the greatest threat to our children's future!

## Thinking Globally, Acting Locally



Burra Road, 8.40 am. bus drivers Gwyn, Kym and Kirsty, with APS passengers & fellow travellers, including Maggie the dog.

Fortunately the need for local action to reduce greenhouse emissions is not only more readily understood by members of our community but also supported by the Council!

One such initiative is the "Walking Bus". In Nareburn/Artarmon, Melissa Turnock and Alan Jones led the reinstatement of what used to be for many of us, a common and healthy adventure

beginning the school day. Walking the route and being 'driven' by one or two responsible adults are the essential components. A safe route and 'critical mass' support from parents and the school make all the difference to a successful bus.

When the parents involved approached me about the safety risk at the traffic lights on Hampden Road, I was pleased to be able to advocate for construction of the fence, which was installed at the end of last year so 'bus drivers' no longer have to shepherd the young ones away from the roads edge!! The Walking Bus will be continuing three mornings per week in 2010 and welcomes newcomers – contact Melissa [melissa.turnock@pilatesscene.com](mailto:melissa.turnock@pilatesscene.com) or Gwyn on [ggdenton@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ggdenton@bigpond.net.au).

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