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Naremburn Progress Association (NPA)



Earth Hour Event 2012

Naremburn Shops car park
Saturday 31 March 2012

7.00 pm to 9.30 pm – entry is free

For the second year in row, the Naremburn Progress Association is holding Earth Hour Festivities in the Naremburn Shops car park. Mayor Pat Reilly will usher in Earth Hour ahead of 'Soul Drummer'. Walk or cycle – leave the car at home. Bring a picnic or buy dinner from a Naremburn eatery. Bring your family and friends. Eat by candlelight! Have fun!

- Tables and chairs will be set up on the car park area – why not bring a picnic?
- During this year's Earth Hour celebrations there will be an interactive drumming circle 'Soul Drummer' presented by Clearview Communications Management. The whole family will be able to join in and create beautiful music with the community, without using any electricity. We will be joined by a superb fire twirler, Silke, and the world class African dancer from West Africa, Aisha Keita. Earth Hour: 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm
- KICK Performance Group will entertain the crowd: 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm
- Face-painting by Chanelle: 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- Wandering Minstrels Ruth de Rosa and Antony Mutch: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Support from three Sponsors makes it possible for this event to be held:
Willoughby City Council ~ Peter Chauncy, McGrath's Estate Agents ~ the NPA.

Become an NPA member at our NPA stand! Members can renew for 2012.

Please note: Between 6:00 pm and 10:00 pm on Saturday 31 March, there will be no vehicular access to the Naremburn Shops car park. The Willoughby Road entrance and the entrance via Quiamong Street will be closed to all entering traffic. The Slip Road under the footbridge will remain open, providing vehicular access to the area if needed. Vehicles entering the area via the Slip Road will have to exit west along Quiamong Street.



**National
Year of
Reading
2012**

The National Year of Reading, or NYOR, is to be a year of celebrating reading in all its forms and promoting literacy in the community.

The NYOR will link together all the positive things that are already happening around books, reading and literacy, and give them an extra boost with inspirational programs and events taking place across the country. To find out more about the National Year of Reading, go to the official website at www.love2read.org.au.

Willoughby City Library and its branches promote reading by hosting book talks and by putting on children's story times and summer reading programs. Naremburn Library has a preschool story time during school holidays and an excellent book stock for both adults and children. Please ask about the library's great school holiday activities when you visit, or, search www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/Library/ where you will also find more NYOR information. See the back page of this issue for library hours.

Diana Revington
Naremburn Librarian

**NAREMBURN
VILLAGE SHOPS**

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General Meetings

Second Thursday excluding January and July
Nareburn Community Centre,
7 Central Street
Commencing at 7:30 pm with a
15 minute Open Forum

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President – out and about

Best wishes to all Nareburnians for 2012! It's hard to believe that 12 months have gone past so quickly.

The NPA has its AGM on 8 March at which we report on 2011. We also elect the Executive Committee which consists of the Office Bearers – President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer – as well as up to three general committee members. We then elect NPA Delegates to the Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations (FWPA); Nareburn Community Centre User Group; Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group. NPA members are invited to put their names forward for Executive Committee positions, to be a Delegate to one of the above entities, or, to volunteer on one of the Sub-Committees of the NPA, such as Events or Open Spaces.

The Events Sub-Committee organised the NPA's 110th Anniversary Community Street Party held on 27 November 2011 – gallery of photos on the website. This year's team of Martha Follent, Helene Kemp, Joann Morand, Marianne Shaw, Viviane Leveaux, Carmen Loecherer, is busy organising and co-ordinating Earth Hour 2012 to be held on Saturday 31 March in the Nareburn Shops car park.

After EH 2011, the NPA applied for a WCC Small Grant to enable us to hold a 2012 EH event that included drummers. The NPA was awarded \$3,000. WCC is also giving in kind assistance with the organisation of our EH. The actual 'hour' commences at 8:30pm. At 7:00 pm, the entertainment will commence. It promises to be a fantastic evening with drummers, dancers and fire twirlers; there will also be face painting and a clown and more. Mark Saturday 31 March in your diary! What could be better than joining your friends for a candlelit dinner with entertainment included? Help us raise awareness of the need to take action on climate change. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Steven Head, Director Infrastructure Services, WCC, was guest speaker at our February meeting. He reported on and discussed issues confronting our suburb: the Floodplain Risk Management Plan for Nareburn that focuses predominately on west Nareburn around the stormwater channels along Olympia and Park Roads and Artarmon Reserve. This flood study is the first stage in an overall Plan of Management for flood prone areas within the Willoughby LGA; more information on www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au or see hard copies at Chatswood Library. Steven then addressed concerns raised regarding the increase in commuter parking and traffic in our area. Unfortunately we are in close proximity to the CBD and industrial areas. Residents' concerns about illegal parking should be referred to Council – Rangers will investigate. Steven gave an update on the status of the Community Centre Concept Plan on display at the Nareburn Library. Please take time to look at the plan and make comments. Now is our chance to have a say in what we want. The NPA-sponsored, fund-raising Nareburn Amenities Development Association (NADA), was the prime-mover in achieving a community centre and Children's Library for Nareburn.

We have more guest speakers planned for upcoming meetings this year. Please keep an eye on www.nareburnprogress.org.au for further updates. I look forward to seeing you at our meetings. Remember it's your chance to have your say!

Frances O'Brien,
President NPA

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NPA Meeting Dates

**Second Thursdays
7:30 pm**

8 March 2012
12 April 2012
10 May 2012
14 June 2012

**Nareburn
Community Centre
7 Central Street**

Who can be a member of the Nareburn PA?

- Nareburn residents – 18 years and over;
- Non-resident Nareburn property owners;
- People who run businesses in Nareburn.

\$10 per person per annum

\$5 Concession per person per annum

Fees for the calendar year are set in March and are due for payment by 15 June each year in order to retain membership rights.

www.nareburnprogress.org.au

Don't you just love that sound?

The sound of gravel under foot or under the car tyres, don't you? – You know that crunching sound, well I love it!... Sorry I was just having a moment. So have you ever considered gravel for your path, driveway, laneway, roadway?

OK, let's step back in time... Many moons ago, paths, driveways and roads were just gravel. Then concrete came along and concrete was everywhere! Then some smart person, obviously sick of all the concrete, invented pavers and they too can be a bit much at times and now there is a trend back to gravel – we have gone full circle!

Sure concrete and pavers can look great in the right places as long as they are constructed correctly – straight, level and drain correctly. If you have an area of paving or concrete which pools and drains water the wrong way – back to the house – then why not rip it up and gravel the area? Gravel will allow the water to drain through. Gravel is cheaper, quicker and easier to install/construct – all you need is a firm compacted base such as sand for your path or road base for drive/roadways. If height allows, with some edging, you may be able to spread a layer over the existing concrete. If you have large trees or shrubs close to paths or driveways, gravel is a great option to consider. Concrete and pavers will lift causing tripping hazards and will be expensive to repair – it will look patchy if you have to pull concrete slabs up and re concrete them – with a gravel path or drive you can rake the gravel in seconds – no tripping hazards. With a lot of older style homes in Naremburn gravel is a nice soft look for the house and garden too. Gravel is great down the side of the house. Why spend a lot of money on a path you're not always going to use? If you have someone lurking around outside you will hear them walking across gravel – you will know if Tom is lurking around and peeping in your windows!

Without banging on too much more about how great gravel is, a few closing bits – you can find gravel in many colours, you can place things like stepping stones through paths for interest, mix it in along with cobbles or pavers and hey, concrete for that matter. So if you are about to construct or repair a worn out path or driveway why not gravel it and enjoy that sound. Look – I too have gone full circle with this article!

Andy, 41 Central Street



Old red brick pavers abut the gravel path down the side of the house.



Decorative cobblestones mark the gateway to the garden and help delineate the entry in the middle of the gravel path.



Peter Chauncy and his team at McGrath

Welcome to 2012! To those of you we haven't run into at open houses or around the suburb, we hope you had a wonderful break with your family and friends and that you are enjoying your start to the year as much as we are.

We have seen a much stronger and more positive start to 2012 that is coming off the back of what was a mixed bag in 2011. Buyer enquiry and activity at open houses are up significantly, we have had some strong sales and some excellent new properties come onto the market.

Following an unprecedented period of growth there was some stabilisation if not price decreases throughout the suburb last year. This is a normal trend following high

activity and early signs amongst a wide cross section of our listings now point to the resumption of growth. Although they are still in their infancy, our opinion is that significant local infrastructure projects such as the Gore Hill development and the expansion of the RNSH are now positively impacting our market for the first time.

This is reinforced in an interesting recent article in the *Property Observer* that listed Naremburn amongst a limited few "hot spot" suburbs for property in 2012:

"Naremburn, where prices increased by 13.5% between December 2009 and 2010 but were softer in 2011, gets the nod because it is strategically positioned to benefit from the development of the Gore Hill mixed-use business precinct, which upon completion will become a large regional employment hub. It will also benefit from the expansion of the Royal North Shore hospital, which will likely bring more medical professionals to the area."

In summary, this vibrant market is well positioned for an exceptional year. We have broadened our strategies to promote the area and expect a new segment of buyers to supplement demand migrating from other lower north shore and metro markets.

For any Real Estate advice please feel free to contact Peter on 0402 036 489.

**McGrath Mid North Shore
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True or False

How well do you know the history of your suburb?

- 1 Naremburn's Post Office was opened in 1926.
- 2 As early as 1902 the NPA requested the Council that a free library be established in Naremburn.
- 3 In 1930 Naremburn Public School was in danger of closing.
- 4 We have only one conservation area in our suburb.
- 5 Naremburn has never had a grocery chain store as part of its shopping centre.

(Answers on page 6)

Kevin FitzPatrick
Secretary NPA



The Gore Hill Memorial Cemetery Trust together with the National Trust is

conducting a tour of the cemetery on Sunday 15 April at 11:00 am

The theme of the tour, part of the National Trust Heritage Festival is 'Amazing Stories: Innovation and Invention'. The tour will last approximately one and a half to two hours. Walking shoes are advised. Parking is available at the cemetery.

Tour cost \$20

Bookings essential

John May 9906 5106

Naremburn Community Centre Refurbishment

[*Editor: The letter below, dated 25 November 2011, is with the Concept Plan displayed at Naremburn Branch Library. The Plan was in the NPA's 110th anniversary exhibition.*]

The Naremburn facility is at an age and condition where intervention is required. The existing library is not a functional space and the lack of meeting rooms and adaptable spaces make it difficult for the local community to best utilise the facility. Council is planning to undertake refurbishment works to the site and a part of the initial design phase is calling on comments from the local community.

Council will carry out community consultation to try and incorporate the comments into the design development. This will be through a range of letter box drops, community meetings and public exhibition of plans such as the Naremburn Progress Association 110th anniversary open day.

The refurbishment project is in its initial design stages and once community consultation has been carried out, the design development with several consultant fields (architectural, structural engineers etc.) will prepare the documentation required for the development application.

Once development consent has been gained, Council will carry out a tender process to appoint a builder to carry out the construction works.

Further community consultation will start early next year [2012] and the whole design, approval and construction process will be completed by early 2013.

The building will be configured as a multi-use facility to ensure the space can be used for a range of activities such as: branch library, community meeting rooms, available for casual hirers of the space e.g. playgroups and other community based groups, a range of fitness classes arranged via Council's Willoughby Leisure Centre will also be available. The existing pre-school adjacent to the community space will also remain in operation.

Members of the public are encouraged to provide feedback on the proposed works. Should you require any further information, Council's Property Projects Officer Steven Farr may be contacted on 9777-7617.

Steven Head,
Director Infrastructure Services

Stay safe on the road

Drive Safer – Drive Longer

10am – 12pm, Tuesday 13 March, WCC 31 Victor Street, Chatswood – Free Event
Up-to-date information on driver health issues, intersection rules, roundabouts and crash factors, as well as licensing for senior drivers including license options and medical and driving tests. A light lunch will be provided on the day.

Child Restraint Checking Day

Saturday 17 March – Location to be advised on booking – Free Event
Ensure your child's safety at Council's free Child Restraint Checking Day, where authorised Restraint Fitters from Roads and Maritime Services will check each restraint is appropriate and properly fitted to your vehicle. WCC residents only.

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Steven Head at our February Meeting

The Director Infrastructure Services WCC was a welcome guest speaker at our general meeting of 9 February. Infrastructure covers areas of concern to all residents. Here are some of Steven's comments.

Flood risk management: Delegated to Councils by the State Government. In 2006, 2007 and 2008, there were studies across the LGA, especially flood prone properties. In 2009 a detailed upgrade took place. The Flat Rock Gully Bridge on Willoughby Road causes major backup. Solutions: Increasing stormwater drainage; more controls on building developments; looking at detention systems like the one operating in Artarmon, to slow water flow. Currently Government Stormwater grants are provided for better treatment/re-use and reducing potable water use: better use of water resources.

Open Spaces: Naremburn Park – a map of the planned upgrade is available at www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au. This is a major 2012 project, funded by a Commonwealth Government grant. A pathway constructed around the park will provide improved access for prams, young children on bikes and an exercise option for the elderly. A similar project in Willoughby Park has proved popular. There are plans for a remodelled netball area playground on Bicentennial Reserve.

Parking and Traffic issues: Commuter parking in Naremburn is the most frequently raised issue with Council. Before considering improvement options, Council is looking at the area and its issues. Naremburn is impacted by the Artarmon Industrial Area, RNSH and the St Leonards CBD. Businesses and rate-paying residents have to be considered. The residential car parking scheme is drawn up by the State Government through the Roads and Maritime Services NSW. Council cannot make a decision without consent from the NSW Government. Visitor parking permits are a matter under consideration. Parking meters are the best form of parking enforcement. While Rangers are considered negatively by part of the community, others are happy to see them overseeing parking.

Naremburn Community Centre: OOSH will move to a vastly improved site at Bales Park, a facility being upgraded under the Community Building partnership Program. Once completed it must be reviewed before being gazetted. Funds for upgrade of the Naremburn Community Centre have been set aside in WCC's 2012 and 2013 budgets. There will be dedicated meeting spaces. Upgrade will be mostly internal. There will be more secure book storage for the Library.

Roads and Footpaths: Under the Energy Act utilities providers get almost unfettered access to areas to provide services (water, gas, electricity). With the use of sub-contractors, assets are sometimes not returned in the same condition. WCC would prefer to provide the remediation service and has been in vigorous discussion with the providers. Sometimes there are long delays in waiting for a formal order from the utilities company. The legislation is not necessarily on the side of Council. Ausgrid are involved in a major mains upgrade, replacing ageing infrastructure in Herbert Street, Dalleys Road and the south western end of Naremburn Park. WCC has asked Ausgrid to give 14 days' notice of intended work. A couple of streets, Ella Street Bridge and the rail line will be closed for a short period. On completion of this work, the upgrade of the pathway on the park will follow; a map of proposed work is on Council's website.

Mobility Parking Scheme (MPS) abuse

The 2,585 fines given for MPS offences in the Willoughby City area during 2011 (up from 1,526 in 2010) make WCC one of the leading councils in Sydney to enforce the program. Council is committed to enforcement against fraudulent use of MPS permits.

Mayor Pat Reilly said, "The Mobility Parking Scheme is designed to assist some of the most vulnerable members of our community. Misuse of the system by drivers without a genuine disability ultimately disadvantages those people the system is intended to support. We have zero tolerance toward drivers who misuse MPS spaces and drivers who fraudulently use MPS Permits."

WCC is also leading the way in education, working with the Roads and Maritime Services and other councils in NSW to combat the widespread problem of MPS permit abuse. Several staff are members of the Roads and Maritime Services' Disabled Parking Steering Committee; and the 'MPS Watch List' – used successfully in Willoughby for the past two years – was recently implemented by the City of Sydney following recommendation by WCC.

Mayor Reilly said that while council's rangers have found the problem to be the most significant in the Chatswood CBD and St Leonards, monitoring occurs across the city.

"Council will continue to investigate suspected cases of misuse, and we are also looking to work with businesses to enforce disabled parking conditions within non-council car parks and shopping centres," Mayor Reilly said.

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True or False

1 TRUE

NPA Secretary of the time, David Martin, an ex-Serviceman, used the influence of the many ex-Servicemen members of the NPA to prevail upon Federal Member Billy Hughes, 'the Little Digger' to approach the Director of Posts and Telegraphs. The deputation of 19 April 1926 led to a successful outcome. The Post Office was on the eastern side of Willoughby Road .

2 TRUE

At the NPA meeting of 7 May 1902 a motion was put and carried: 'That the Association respectfully requests the Council of the Borough of Willoughby to take such steps as are deemed necessary for the establishment of a free library at Naremburn, under the powers conferred by Section 141 of the Municipalities Act.

3 FALSE

In 1930 there were 1,774 pupils with average attendance of 1,404. Principal Kingston, what were those absentees doing?

4 FALSE

We have two Conservation Areas: Central Township Conservation Area includes part of the north side of Garland, King, most of Market, Adolphus, Probate, Rhodes, Slade and the eastern side of Central. The Naremburn Conservation Area includes Martin, Oxley, Darvall, Mitchell, Plunkett and Ross Street.

5 FALSE

Goodlands with its jingle 'There's a Goodlands Store right near your door' was on the corner of Quiamong Street and Willoughby Road with Moran & Cato opposite and Derrins a few doors up from Slade Street.

End of an Era – the Naremburn Over 50s Club

Late last year the Over 50s Club, formed in 1991 with a membership of approximately 40 members, ceased operating.

Following the deaths earlier that year of Treasurer Joyce Taylor and President Margaret Wellington, together with membership being down to 6 or 7 members, all of them over 80, those remaining decided it was time to 'call it a day'. As the Club's Public Officer I had the responsibility of dissolution of the Over 50s as required by the Office of Fair Trading.

For 20 years members had met regularly on Mondays at the Naremburn Community Centre, the usual format being – 10:30 am a cuppa to open the meeting, a chat among members; 11:00 am guest speaker; 12:00 lunch time; 1:00 pm indoor games such as Bingo, Dominoes, Scrabble; 2:00 pm – time to finish. A couple of times a year members would go on a bus trip. In months with a fifth Monday members would have a 'lunch out' at one of the local sporting clubs.

Over the years, members made various craft goods some of which were donated to Ronald McDonald House. At the annual Community Centre Open Day the Club sold the remaining goods, held raffles and a Sausage Sizzle and donated the proceeds to a number of worthwhile charities. During their 20 years of operation, the Club donated thousands of dollars to various charities such as North Shore Heart Research Foundation, Cystic Fibrosis Australia, Ronald McDonald House, RSPCA, Taronga Zoo, Guide Dogs NSW, The Deaf and Blind Association, NSW Rural Fire Service, Australian Red Cross, The Cancer Council, Cochlear Implant Centre and Constant Companion.

Although the Club has officially closed, the few remaining 'members' now get together once a month for lunch at one of the many local cafes.

Cyril Clark

Former Public Officer, Over 50s Club

What does our Progress Association do?

The NPA 'promotes the welfare and advancement of the community in the Naremburn area' that in addition to Naremburn itself includes a section of St Leonards from the train line and bounded by the north side of Chandos Street east to Oxley Street.

Incorporated in June 2004 under the Associations Incorporation Act, we operate with a registered Constitution. Decisions are ratified at general meetings – there are 10 a year. We submit an annual summary of financial affairs to the OFT. We are one of the 9 PAs of the Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations. Although not a social club, good friendships are made volunteering in the NPA.

Apart from major events – the Community Street Party, Sunday 27 November 2011 to celebrate the 110th anniversary of the NPA's foundation, Earth Hour Festivities at Naremburn car park – we write to Council on issues with our parks, roads, footpaths, community centre; we monitor multiple dwelling developments, and single dwelling DAs. We enjoy doing this, and yes, 'we keep an eye on our patch'.

Trisha FitzPatrick

Public Officer NPA

NAREMBURN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 8 March 2012

7:30 pm

Naremburn Community Centre
7 Central Street

President's Report Y/E 31 Dec
Treasurer's Report Y/E 31 Dec
Election of Executive Committee
Election of Delegates

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Naremburn Neighbourhood Watch

March 2012

Recent activity

In February police raided a storage unit in Artarmon that contained \$25 million worth of drugs (ice and heroin) and additional cash, jewellery and securities. They have arrested a man and as yet have another 1 tonne of juice cartons to investigate to see if more drugs are still hidden.

In January police raided a storage unit in Waterloo and discovered around \$4.5 million of stolen jewellery, cash, foreign currency and bullion. They believe these to be the proceeds of break and enter activity in Castlecrag, St Ives and Wahroonga.

Two men, a 56 year old father and his 33 year old son have been arrested but not yet charged.

Good security? – know thy neighbour

You don't have to love them, you don't have to know everything about them, but knowing a few things about your neighbours and letting them know a few things about you certainly brings our crime statistics down.

Here are some tips on how to implement Neighbourhood Watch in your little bit of paradise:

- Meet your neighbours and have a chat;
- Let them know when you are generally at work;
- Encourage your neighbour to either

enquire with you or contact police if they hear or see anything unusual when you are generally out;

- Encourage them to do this even if they think what they have noticed is tradesmen, as thieves have been known to masquerade as tradesmen;
- Swap phone numbers and mobile phone numbers so that if they are suspicious of anything they can ring you and ask you;
- Let neighbours know when workmen are coming so that they will be aware of the activity and different people in the street;
- Provide help to elderly residents in your street – this improves safety and encourages interaction. Remember, the elderly are usually at home when you are at work;
- Maintain a street email list – see below.

In our street we have an email list that is maintained by the most organised person in our street. Strictly speaking it covers our street and the surrounding 5 or so streets, but this is because it works so well.

We use this email network to organise the Street Christmas party, find convenient new owners for all manner of furniture and goods, ask if anyone has a something-or-other they don't need any more and distribute any excess garden produce that is going.

We also organise tradesmen such as fencing contractors, chimney sweeps, gardeners and cleaners to turn up and do all of us at once.

We do have some residents not on email – for important things they get a printed email dropped in their letterbox.

And finally we also have what we call the 'Street Recycling Program'. Everyone knows when a new person joins the street (there's a welcome email) and how many children/pets they have and of what ages/types. This allows any clothes, books, CDs, DVDs and bunny munchings to be dropped on the doorstep of the house with the next youngest appropriate child/pet. This particularly saves a phenomenal amount on school uniforms.

So, why not try it. All you need is one organised person and some community spirit!

Email network

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No Internet access?

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Membership Fee:

\$10 per person, paid each year
\$5 Concession, per person, paid each year

Nareburn Community Centre Activities

Nareburn Progress Association

2nd Thursday (except Jan & Jul)
7:30 pm to 10:00 pm
9439 8119 (Kevin or Trisha FitzPatrick)

Playgroup

Wednesday
10:00 am to 12 noon
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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



The key to us improving the public transport system is making the customer the centre of everything we do. This philosophy will drive our reform agenda designed to deliver customers more and better public transport services.

It's been a busy year but looking back over the past 12 months shows we've made a good start in terms of tackling the many problems left to us by the previous government.

North West Rail Link: After 16 years of the previous government's inaction, the North West has a State Government committed to delivering their rail link. In

2011 we officially fast-tracked the project; provided \$314 million to get the ball rolling; a project team was formed; a community information centre established; geotechnical drilling began; after close consultation with the community a revised 23 km route with 8 stations, 2 of them new, was released. We look forward to continuing to advance the project this year.

Transport for NSW established: In a first for NSW we established an integrated transport authority to improve transport in our state - Transport for NSW. This new body is now in charge of all transport planning, service delivery, transport projects and most importantly of all; improving customer service. This integrated approach will ensure separate transport organisations won't be doing their own thing or operating in silos. It is designed to ensure there is seamless public transport for customers whether you catch a train, ride on a bus, drive a car, walk, use a ferry or ride a bike.

Light Rail: We continue the planning to extend light rail from Lilyfield to Dulwich Hill on the Inner West extension which will go ahead. We commissioned a project team to devise a Light Rail Strategic Plan to examine the feasibility of further extending light rail through the CBD, to UNSW and the University of Sydney. Light rail does have a role to play in Sydney's transport future. I want to ensure the government does its homework so it provides excellent services for years to come. We also incorporated the existing light rail into the MyZone ticketing system, making it easier for people to use. People can now buy a MyMulti ticket and use it on trains, buses, ferries and the light rail system.

Ferry Services Restored and Expanded: We restored 140 weekly ferry services to the North Shore. We added 25 new weekly ferry services on the Parramatta River. We began the process to franchise Sydney Ferries: a private operator will run the services, the Government will retain power over fares, routes and the level of services – designed to deliver better ferry services. We allowed the private sector ferry operators to open four new routes where they can run peak services: (1) Manly–Milsons Point–Darling Harbour, three AM and three PM peak services, provided by Manly Fast Ferry; (2) Kirribilli–Rose Bay–Milsons Point–Darling Harbour, two AM and three PM peak services, provided by Sydney Fast Ferries; (3) Pyrmont–Darling Harbour–Circular Quay–Balmain East (loop), three AM and two PM peak services, provided by Sydney Fast Ferries; (4) Balmain West–Woolwich–Greenwich Point–Birchgrove–Darling Harbour, three AM and two PM peak services, provided by Sydney Fast Ferries.

Extra Public Transport Services: We've already added 63 extra rail services each week, 91 additional NightRide bus services and 165 more ferry services.

Cheaper Periodical Tickets: We have made periodical tickets - monthly, quarterly and yearly - more attractive to commuters by increasing the discounts passengers receive when they buy them, making them even better value.

Space does not permit a full list of our projects. I'm proud of what we have achieved so far and look forward to adding to the list over the next year.

Gladys Berejiklian MP

Member for Willoughby, Minister for Transport

