



**THORNLEIGH WEST PUBLIC
SCHOOL
P&C Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 4th December 2018 at
7.30pm**

1. Opening and Apologies
 - 1.1 Apologies: Emma Fenton, Lisa Pang, Chantal Mamo, Nicole Thompson, Ingrid Leese, Patty Correll and Musette Healey
 - 1.2 Attendees: Julie Tanger, Vanessa Oliveri, Kate McGettigan, Nicci Fishwick, Janine Sherlock, Fiona Greenwood, Cathy Carlton, Joanne McAdam, Deb Flanagan, Leigh Bornstein, Kylie Booth, Robin Beard, Vanessa Erickson, Judy Granville & Donna Hammond
2. Minutes of the Meeting – 30th of October
 - 2.1 Accepted by Deb Flanagan and seconded by Martina Miller
3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes
 - 3.1 Uniform Shop Wheels on Cupboards
 - 3.1.1 Nicky Honeysett had suggested we needed wheels on the cupboards at the last meeting. Vanessa spoke to Chantal and unfortunately the job was delayed. The uniform shop has been relocated to the library and we will need to go through asset to claim on insurance as there is a fair amount of damage to carpets. When the cupboards are assessed for damage we will look at adding the wheels which will then protect the cupboards against further damage IF we were to be flooded again.
 - 3.2 Term Deposit - postponed discussions til new year
 - 3.2.1 Martina and Vanessa have not had discussions so they will roll over to next year
4. Correspondence
 - 4.1 Resignation from Janine Sherlock - Gen Member of P&C Committee
 - 4.1.1 Janine Sherlock has stepped down as a General Member of the P&C Committee as she has taken on the Uniform Shop position and is now a paid employee.
 - 4.2 Email from Brian Ash, Pennant Hills - See Attachment
 - 4.2.1 Amanda read Brian's letter. Vanessa put to vote if committee would like Brian to attend a meeting to discuss. Unanimously passed to thank Brian but we do not require him to speak to the P&C. If anyone would like more information, please contact Brian directly.
 - 4.2.2 Letter attached as Appendix 1
5. Principal's Report
 - 5.1 Principal's Report
 - Term 4 Week 8
 - Band Have a go Day
 - Year 2 enjoyed the opportunity to have a go at a variety of instructions. Thank you to the band committee for organising this and building capacity.
 - Count Us In

As a whole school we are involved in the Count Us In. It is a musical program that offers great resources and a song that students sing on the same day at the same time right across Australia! This was a wonderful experience for us all.

Kindergarten 2019 transition

Our 4 sessions have come to an end. It was lovely to meet our current and new families for 2019. The students were settled. Thank you to the P & C for conducting a great information session for the new parents and to the catering committee who organised a beautiful morning tea. It is great to form positive relationships with parents.

Congratulations

I am pleased to announce that Julie Granville is now TWPS permanent DP and Natalie Bourne is the permanent AP on the support unit. We have a strong executive team who are visionary to ensure TWPS if future focused.

Instructional Rounds

A couple of weeks ago we welcome three other schools to observe our teaching. The problem of practice was around curiosity in the classrooms. We have many things to celebrate but also received effective feedback on how to move learning forward.

Remembrance Day

Thank you to Mrs Granville for preparing a moving Remembrance Day service. Thank you to Jackson Long who invited our special guest. Jackson modelled self- direction and this is what we want at TWPS! It is vital we share history with our students.

NBHS clowning and picture books

The children loved the boys coming from Normanhurst HS who shared their picture books and clowning show! There were many laughs.

3W fundraiser

Mr Watkins has embedded in daily learning service to others. 3W modelled design a fundraiser to help others in need. These skill are vital for students to learn team work and empathy. They raised over \$700. 3W have also been working on a play that they will perform on Friday.

Band afternoon

Thank you to the band committee for I inviting me to the concert a few weekends ago. It was lovely to hear all the bands and their improvement of the year. The concert was a lovely way to celebrate a great year of music!

Dance group 2019

Ms Lundstrum has formed the dance group for 2019. This was a very rigorous process. Over 120 students tried out and only 22 made it! There were a few disappointed students. I was part of this process and thank Ms Lundstrum for her many lunchtime sessions she devoted.

Farewell

The last few weeks we farewelled Finbar O'Doherty and Sue Starreveld who have both retired. We thank them for the contributions and difference they have made to TWPS over many year. We wish them well in the next chapter of their life!

Excursions

Kindy had a fab time at the farm! There was a little bit of rain. Thank you to all the parent helpers who attended. Year 4 loved the observatory! Thank you MS Dowd for organising this experience for our children.

EdSmart

You will receive a letter explain the new system we will be implement. It is digital permission notes. All notes will come via email and you can electronically sign. This will save paper and helps at our end for reporting. Years 3 – 6 will soon receive their swimming survey for 2019.

School Leaders

I am proud of all the students who put themselves forward to be leaders in 2019! Their speeches were well delivered and their love of TWPS very evident! All will be revealed.

Parking

The neighbours have complained about many parents double parking. A friendly reminder please be road safe around the school.

Dylan Langhorne

I shared the sad news of Dylan Langhorne with the school community via email. The family are extremely grateful for the amazing community support. The funeral will be on Friday at 12pm Baptist Church Thornleigh – after the service at Pennant Hills bowling club.

Dates:

10 Dec tree Tops and principals morning tea 12 Dec scripture service, Year 6 fun day

13 Dec Presentation Day

14 December 3 – 5 Oliver, Year 6 farewell and teacher lunch (thank you) 17 Dec reports home, class party and helper's morning tea

18 Dec kindy grad

19 Dec Variety show

6. Reports – P&C Subcommittees

6.1 President and Fundraising - Vanessa Erickson

6.1.1 **Presidents & Fundraising Report – 4th December 2018**

Welcome to the last meeting of 2018!

I can not believe we are at the end of 2018 already! I am really asking myself how did we get to December already! I am incredibly proud to be part of the TWPS P&C. We have had a busy but successful year and I am looking forward to planning 2019. This year we have definitely have spent a lot of money this year but we have worked hard as a team to raise an incredible amount of money to pay for it. Total amount of P&C Contributions so far this year is \$29479.51 which is fantastic. Thank you to all families who paid this voluntary contribution.

On a personal note, I am super proud of everyone's involvement within the school community, to ALL those who have given up precious time to help in the Canteen or for an hour here or there; for mufti day BBQ sizzles to handing out 950 slices of Pizza; to class parents who totally rocked Spring Fair to all the sub committee convenors. It really is a huge team effort.

I would also like to thank the Executive Committee for being incredible support as always this year - Susie, Patty, Amanda, Michelle, Martina & Deb. Each have gone above and beyond - and I think they are now used to my random 11pm text messages (especially Amanda) to ensure that the job is done well. Thank you to the subcommittees who also work tirelessly throughout the year. We are all busy parents, and we are all volunteers and yes it can be exhausting at times but for me it is incredibly rewarding and we all do it for one common goal - to ensure our kids have the best.

A massive Thank you to Chantal - she was unable to make it tonight and I am so glad she is spending the night with her family to celebrate her Baileys 5th Birthday. Chantal is an amazing Principal and really an amazing woman. She totally goes above and beyond and she really believes she actually has 600 children, not just 2. She is available,

passionate, hard working & caring and we are so lucky to have her lead our students - their future is in excellent hands. In my eyes she IS Principal of the Year!

Thank you also to Julie Granville for her ongoing support of the P&C. I am thrilled that Julie is now officially Deputy Principal at TWPS. Thank you Julie for inviting me as a VIP guest to this year's Remembrance day assembly. I was very honoured to be a part of it. It was an amazing service and I loved meeting Damien and enjoyed my groupie/selfie moment! Julie is a passionate teacher & mentor who is so committed and selfless when it comes to TWPS. Together with Chantal their team vision for TWPS is so strong. I really am excited to be a part of this amazing school.

I would also like to extend a huge thank ALL the amazing teachers of TWPS. We are so lucky to have such a great bunch of passionate teachers. Always smiling and going above and beyond. There is so much we as parents just don't see when it comes to teachers and their commitment to our children. A big thank you also to the office staff, in particular Margaret who has done so much for me this past year - and also gets the odd random late night text from me! Thank you also to Paul who often does the heavy lifting, the early morning gate opens and general behind the scenes for the P&C that many just don't see during the year. Paul is always available to help me out when I need it!

So....to recap 2018 what has the P&C achieved? I am thrilled to say we have succeeded all that we set out to achieve in 2018!

GRANTS

At the end of 2017 we were lucky to be awarded an \$18k grant for which we were able to fund new artificial grass. This has been a fantastic addition for the students and it has been so great to see it being used daily. Unfortunately 2 weeks ago we were advised that we were unsuccessful for this years Community Grant - where we applied for the area outside the library to be levelled for our wheelchair students with safer edges. We have applied for others yet been unsuccessful which of course is disappointing. However we will keep on applying! I will never give up finding money! It is my sick passion.

FUNDRAISING for 2018:

COLOUR RUN: What a huge Term 1 event this was! So much fun! I would like to do this option again perhaps every second year to make sure each event is unique. We were fortunate to purchase 30 new laptops for the school with the money raised from this event.

MUFTI DAYS: This year we bought the regular Mufti Days back! With huge thanks to Jo Phillips who has gallantly thrown herself into the deep end of fundraising! Our most recent Pizza Mufti Day was a huge success. We had our challenges on the day however as always, the first event is always a learning curb. We have walked away from that with an idea of how to do it better next year. I have to say the students patience & behaviour while waiting was excellent. We loved the cheers when the pizzas were out of the ovens! Big thanks to The Pizza Boys - I don't think they really knew what hit them when 450 hungry kids were queuing up! The pizzas were delish and we were glad we could deliver fresh homestyle pizzas for the students!

5c CHALLENGE: Thank you to Nicole Dowd and the students of 4D for putting a proposal together for the Buddy Bench. The cement slab went in over the weekend - Carlos the concrete guy was fantastic. He was here at 6.30am to get the job done on Sunday. The Buddy bench is due to be delivered next week however after discussions with Chantal we agreed that we will do the installation week before school is back to ensure that the seat is not vandalised during the Summer break. I popped in to see 4D

this week and the students are very excited! Miss Dowd and I are also working on a Buddy Bench Ambassador idea for 2019.

PA SYSTEM - STAGE 2: It is so exciting to see big planned projects such as the PA system being organised and achieved. Thank you to Matt Dalziel who has been incredible with his ongoing support and help and knowledge to bring this plan together. I am really looking forward to finalising this project next year - STAGE 3 - Oval PA System.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST & STALL: Mothers Day Breakfast was a first for 2018 and it was well received within the community. Thank you to the team of Mel & Aimi for putting their hand up to run this new event. Together with the MDFDGG this combo event was a huge success.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST & STALL: After the success of the Mother's Day Breakfast, the team backed up a week post Spring Fair and did it all again for the Dads! The MDFDGG again put on a great shopping experience for the kids.

ROAD SIGNS: Together with our ongoing commitment to Road Safety around the school, we were able to produce some great new bright road safety signs.

AIR CONDITIONING: At a cost of almost \$12k we were able to replace the air conditioning in 1B and Literacy Support classrooms.

SPRING FAIR: The biggest event of the year! Despite the drizzly weather we were still able to raise an incredible \$53k this year. I am always so proud of these big events. SO many parts of the wheel come together and just fit on the day! Thank you so much!

OTHER MONETARY SUPPORT:

WAKA:

BAND: Our Band program is incredibly strong and the P&C again contributed via a donation

SUPPORT TEACHER: This years cost was \$41k. We had budgeted \$43k for this.

TEACHER CASH BACKS: Our teachers often personally pay for incidentals in the classrooms. We have again supported each teacher with a donation toward these costs.

GREEN THUMBS

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Plus a NEW LAPTOP in Uniform Shop

It is also mindful to note that running the P&C costs just over \$8k per year - costs such as auditing, insurances, printing, accounting software all add up - these are costs incurred like any business.

CANTEEN: This year we saw Karen retire from Canteen and we welcomed Jane Barnwell as our new Canteen Manager. Jane has done an incredible job this year and we are looking forward to some fresh new menu items next year. Please continue to support Jane with Volunteering. If the Volunteering roster continues to go empty - we will need to look at options such as hiring a casual assistant which will mean prices will need to be increased or looking at cutting the menu to very basic options. We ask for a monthly commitment for an hour or 2 only. Please consider this in 2019. Please talk to your friends about supporting Canteen. The Ideal scenario is that Jane has a full roster of helpers and we can continue our fabulous Canteen Menu.

UPDATES Since Last P&C Meeting:

The P&C Kindy Expo was a great success - I was a little croaky however it was great to meet some new families who are keen to be involved at school. I am looking forward to seeing many new P&C members next year! Thank you to all the sub committees who came along to run their stalls on the morning. A big thank you to Kim Richards also for putting together some more formalised hand out flyers on the day - I think we all agreed they looked great. The P&C Handbook will be our next project ready for 2019.

UNIFORM SHOP: As advised at the last meeting, Nicky Honeysett resigned as Uniform Shop Manger. Her last day was last Thursday. The executive voted last week to purchase a Gift for Nicky as a thank you. I have organised an organic tea gift box for her from the P&C Committee & School Community. Unfortunately Nicky indicated that she would not be here tonight so we have organised delivery of the gift to her home address.

We formally welcome Janine Sherlock as the new Uniform Shop Manager. We had 3 candidates apply for the position. Thank you to Martina & Susie who conducted the interviews. Janine was certainly thrown into the deep end on her arrival. Last week saw chaos as the Uniform Shop flooded the day before Nicky's last day, during the terrible recent storms. Then that night the Uniform shop was broken into. Not a great way to start but Janine has stepped up to the challenge and we are looking forward to her report and ideas in the new year. Please bear with Janine as she is half working out of the Library and half working from home while the shop is being assessed - again!

On a sad note, as you all know, TWPS Mum Janda Thompson & Shane Langhorne suffered a terrible tragedy during the storms last week - this terrible accident was just way too close to home for all of us. Janda has been part of TWPS for many many years and has previously been very involved with the P&C during her time at TWPS.

With Jandas permission, I have promoted the gofundme page on our FB page in support of the family. If you can, please support via donation and please share it. I know many have signed up for the Meal Train service. Janda has expressed her deep gratitude to the community for rallying around them during this terrible time. They are so so grateful. In light of Dylans funeral this Friday, we have postponed the Teachers Lunch to the following Friday (14th December).

SO....2 more weeks till Summer Holidays! I say BRING IT ON! Thank you to everyone for their continued support. Wishing everyone a safe, happy, merry and wonderful Christmas break...from my family to yours....

I will try and not send so many late texts next year - but I can not promise! So it is over and Out from me till 2019!

6.2 Treasurer – Martina Miller

- 6.2.1 This year we had a deficit of \$18,000 but we had \$30,000 of outgoing payments from last financial year coming out of this financial year. We definitely stuck to our approved budget spend unlike other previous years. Uniform shop is running at a loss this year but Martina feels one of the reasons is because Nicky paid for new stock uniforms before she left - payments of this type are usually paid in February so these have been paid very early. Canteen has a profit of \$3,000 this year which is fantastic and the new mufti days this year made \$3,000 profit including the pizza lunch which was great.
- 6.2.2 The main P&C account shows we are on a \$5000 loss but we haven't seen the second Term subscriptions payment from the school as yet which is \$12,500 so that should make the accounts look healthier.
- 6.2.3 Audit is coming up and all subcommittees will need to prepare reports ASAP please!
- 6.2.4 Treasury have bought a load and go credit card to use for monthly payments of the Xero subscription. Xero is being used by the canteen and also Janine would like to use it in the

uniform shop. This will also help the auditors as well and possibly bring the audit fees down. The new band treasurer would also like to use Xero. So that has been a success.

6.3 Uniform Shop – Nicky Honeysett / Janine Sherlock

6.3.1 There was no report submitted by Nicky Honeysett for dates of 31st Oct - 29th Nov.

6.3.2 Report covering dates 30th Nov - 4th Dec. I would just like to start by saying thank you to the P&C for offering me this position at the uniform shop. It has definitely been an interesting start, I started with a handover with Nicky last Thursday, unfortunately this also coincided with the Uniform Shop being flooded in the torrential rain that we had last week and Nicky's last day as Manager. Although she walked me through the majority of what is done there is still a lot for me to work through to fully get up to speed on everything. Following up on the handover, the Uniform Shop was also broken into last Thursday night. No stock was taken or even disturbed, and there was no damage that we have noticed, just a few admin folders thrown from the cupboards. No cash was taken as on the Thursday night I had taken home all the cash that was generally kept in the shop as well as the eftpos machine and the laptop as I was not comfortable leaving things of this nature in the shop overnight. From now on, all significant amounts of cash that can't be banked immediately will be kept in the school safe. Thursday, Friday and Monday was taken to move stock back to the library, where I am currently working on appointment and Flexischool sales only while I get myself up to speed. If this changes I will make an announcement on the uniform shop facebook page as well as the P&C facebook page. I look forward to providing a more thorough and complete report at the first meeting in 2019.

6.4 Canteen – Jane Barnwell

6.4.1 The canteen had a good response from year 5 students wishing to help in the canteen next year, and training begins this week. We are doing fine without the freezer that broke – although Paul has said he would remove the old freezer for us and it is still in the canteen. I would like to reorganise some of the freezers once the old one is removed and potentially get a second fridge, but I am still looking at options for this. As it is the end of the year I plan to run the stock down in the canteen as much as possible so some items will be unavailable from this week. We will be having a farewell party for the current year 6 helpers on Monday 17th December in the canteen at recess. I will hand out appreciation certificates at that time. The P&C need to come up with arrangements for a backup person that could run the canteen when I am ill or cannot be in the canteen for whatever reason. Currently there is nothing in place for such an event, and while I do not get sick often it is bound to happen at some point.

6.4.2 Julie Tanger confirmed that the freezer needs to be moved. Vanessa requested Mrs Granville to follow up with Paul asap on the removal. Vanessa confirmed we do need to work out a back up volunteer if Jane is sick.

6.5 MDFDGG – Janine Sherlock

6.5.1 Term 4 remains a quiet time for the MDFDGG as we do not have any event to plan. The group has donated 80 of the remaining father's day gift bags to be used for the Year 6 farewell, and from all of us we wish them all the best for starting high school next year. We are looking forward to the opportunity to welcome new members in 2019 and will announce when our first meeting for 2019 will be via the P&C facebook page and the newsletter. On behalf of all the team, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Safe Holidays.

6.6 Band – Robin Beard

- 6.6.1 Year 2 try out day went well. We've had 43 students put their names down and have made offers this week. We have a few instruments to purchase, to cover the intake. Performances at Hornsby North Band Festival went well with Distinctions for all bands. The End of year concert also went well with our combined band being a highlight at the end. Stage Band for 2019 has been formed and next years Stage Band will be rehearsing with this years Stage Band on Thursday. This years Stage Band will then be off to Bunnings to perform in their Family Fun Day 6pm-8pm if you want to come along. We held our election meeting and filled all our usual roles, except Tutor Coordinator. If anyone would like to contact the Band Committee and take that role on for 2019, please email us twps2011@gmail.com We will be increasing our Band Fees by \$15 per band next year. We may also offer parents an option to pay a higher band fee to cover their rehearsal supervisions. We're planning to hold instrument handouts on Thursday 31st Jan – in the hall. We're also planning a Band Workshop possibly on a couple of Sundays in March 2019. Thanks for your support in 2019.
- 6.6.2 There was discussion about how to encourage volunteers and if increased fees would help cover those holes in band supervision by paying a OOSH member or Teachers assistant.

6.7 Green Thumbs - Patty Correll

- 6.7.1 This year has been busy in the school garden and we have seen the teachers use the new seed box and planting system successfully with their students. It has been wonderful to see the children growing and eating their own produce, perhaps trying new vegetables that they might be reluctant to try at home. We held several working bees throughout the year, both at weekends and mini-bees during the week, we ran Garden Club at lunch time once a week weather permitting, we helped rejuvenate the garden in the office courtyard, we helped maintain the compost bins and provided materials for use in the garden. Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped in the garden this year. We appreciate the help of each and every one of you and for giving up your valuable time. All the garden beds are now in use and the crops are growing well. To keep the garden growing we will ask for volunteers to help water over the summer break. We are currently setting up a roster on SignUp and will post the link on the TWPS Green Thumbs Facebook Group. We will also email Kindergarten 2019 Parents, who expressed an interest in joining Green Thumbs at the Kindy Orientation. The Green Thumbs Team held an end of year meeting on 22nd November to make plans for 2019 and review this year. Next year we will endeavour to recruit new members to the Green Thumbs group and divide jobs between members to keep our commitments manageable. We would also like to encourage more teachers to assist Mrs Susan Liddle in the management and use of the garden. We see the role of the Green Thumbs as providing infrastructure and support in the garden, rather than day to day management and planting. We would like to see the garden become a valuable learning resource used by many teachers and students next year and well in to the future. Thank you to the P&C for your financial support to keep the school garden growing.

7. Agenda Items

7.1 Quarter Sessions Road Back Footpath - Sophie Wilson

- 7.1.1 Sophie was concerned about the safety of the new path going down to Qtr Sessions Road as there are a number of gaps along the edges of the new footpath that are an OH&S issue. Vanessa suggested perhaps more dirt needed to be added along the

pathways to even it up and confirmed that Mrs Granville had advised that Paul is going to build some railings on the 'bridge' area to make it safer.

- 7.1.2 Kylie said the path is great and Robin confirmed the wheel chair access is so much better but it was agreed there were some aspects which needed repair and Julie confirmed Paul would work on the path over school holidays.

7.2 Area outside Library - Sophie Wilson

- 7.2.1 Sophie is concerned about the artificial grass area outside the library as it is an OH&S issue. She had rolled her ankle on the area previously and it seems very dangerous and uneven. Vanessa confirmed she had sought a grant for that area this year but was unsuccessful. The quote to get that area fixed was approx \$15k. She will continue to source grants to help fix this area and agreed that the area needs to be looked at.

7.3 Fundraising 2019

- 7.3.1 Vanessa has been working with Jo about the fundraising ideas for 2019. She announced she would like to continue with term mufti days / fundraising but with 2 elections coming up in 2019 (State & Federal) we need to take advantage of these fundraising opportunities. This would include a BBQ, Cake stall, Lolly Stall and high profit options. Vanessa advised she booked the Coffee truck months ago for State Election and has first option for Federal Election. Everyone agreed we needed a coffee option.
- 7.3.2 With these 2 events in 2019 (23rd March and potentially May), Vanessa proposed we do a Movie Night in Term 4 (mid November) instead of Spring Fair. She has taken on board all discussions in the community about Spring Fair and parent burn out. She opened up discussions to everyone what their thoughts were. There was discussion around whether this would be an idea which would appeal to families as it would give everyone a break from the 'heavy load' of Spring Fair and also busy Term 3 with other school events which inevitably fall around the same time (Education week/Science week/Fathers Day). Vanessa discussed It is not as profitable as Spring Fair as we would outsource Food to ensure the load was not heavy on parents however we can still run high profit stalls such as BBQ, Fairy Floss, Cake Stalls, Lolly Stall & Choc Toss and we can still make some good money. Look at a variety of external food stalls to cater for everyone. Will still need helpers of course but the scale will be smaller. Vanessa also suggested to ensure we buff up profits, we run a raffle & Silent Auction as they are 2 highly profitable add ons. There was discussion about all the aspects of Movie Night from 2015 including rides (concern about queues). Proposal: Rides would run first then the Movie on the oval would start end of rides. Vanessa advised that she had a plan regarding the layout on the oval including the location of the food trucks. It was agreed that the Bar set up last time was not as profitable as hoped so no alcohol on sale this time and it was one less thing to organise (parent with RSA and also extra security etc). Further discussions were around if we dump the rides and have loads of food trucks instead. The overall discussion was that if no spring fair, we need to have rides for the kids (round up especially) was the most important.
- 7.3.3 Sophie asked if the rides could be split and spread out over Oakleigh Oval. Vanessa advised that we had gone to council before about this and it is not an option. Sophie asked if about potentially using the Hall area for an 'Inflatable World' style area for the smaller kids. Vanessa agreed and thought good idea and can look into options for this. Vanessa asked everyone thoughts on proposal - All agreed Movie Night was a great option with rides as part of the event and that is the part the kids love the most. All present agreed Movie Night would go ahead for 2019 and Spring Fair would take a break for one year only.

8. General Business

8.1.1 Vanessa advised that the office had a visitor from a Neighbour complaining about unsafe parking around the school especially in Morris Ave. Parents double parking, letting kids out of cars and kids running across the road. Agreed that safety is paramount. Vanessa advised she would do an all school email reminding everyone about school safety plus follow up with a FB post.

9. Close 9pm

10. Next Meeting - 12th Feb 2019

Appendix 1:

To the Secretary
Thornleigh West P&C Association:

You and your members will be aware of the NorthConnex tunnel project and its potential to result in traffic relief on our local roads. **“Returning local streets to local communities”** is a key benefit according to the NorthConnex promotional material.

I and three others covering the Pennant Hills, Thornleigh and Normanhurst communities have been working to ensure the necessary attention to this benefit and its realization in our local area.

Uncertain as to the general public awareness of this subject the attached Open Letter has been prepared and we are looking to organizations such as yours to get it distributed. Can you please help us with this by forwarding the attachment to your members?

I would be prepared to speak on the subject at a meeting of your members if that was considered appropriate.

Looking forward to your interest and support.

Yours sincerely,
Brian Ash
22b Fisher Avenue,
Pennant Hills.



NORTHCONNEX - AN OPEN LETTER

To Whom It May Concern

The above letterhead is a picture of part of the hoarding that surrounded the NorthConnex tunnel construction compounds along Pennant Hills Road. The hoardings were refreshed after three years and this message was deleted in the process – why? The “**return of local streets to local communities**” was one of the eight key benefits / features in the NorthConnex promotional material presented in the name of the Australian Government, the NSW Government and Transurban. With the alignment of the NorthConnex tunnel running under Pennant Hills, Thornleigh and Normanhurst is it reasonable for these communities to expect to benefit in terms of relief from non-local traffic on their streets – surely yes! But who is accountable for the delivery of this benefit?

We, the undersigned, first raised this question with NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) in 2016, only to find that there was no mention of “*local streets*” in all the NorthConnex project documentation and key local streets such as The Comenarra and Yarrara Road although designated ‘regional roads’ and part funded by RMS due to their network significance were not included in the projects extensive road / traffic studies. But, under the NSW Government Planning Approval RMS, in consultation with local Councils, is responsible for Road Network Performance Reviews 12 months and 5 years out from the commencement of tunnel operations. So the question is - will our “local streets” be included in these reviews?

RMS have made it clear that its responsibility with respect to road performance assessment is limited to State Roads only, and that local Councils are responsible for all local road considerations in this context. Hornsby Council have taken a position of ‘wait and see’ pending the results of the first RMS review in 2020/21 thus negating the prospect of any meaningful before / after local road traffic comparisons. Will the gap between these two positions leave local communities with the NorthConnex promise of ‘returning local streets to local communities’ falling through the cracks of government? Local MPs, State and Federal, have been long time champions of NorthConnex including of its ‘local streets’ benefit. Will they act to make it happen, or was it always nothing more than marketing spin?

Silence is a losing strategy! For your support and further information contact:

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