



# Newport Residents Association Inc.

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## **Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting** **Held 15th November 2016 at Newport Community Centre**

### **Meeting commenced at 7.05pm**

Members present: As per attendance sheet  
President Gavin Butler  
Treasurer Kyle Hill  
Secretary: Wendy Dunnet an Apology( Sue Young kindly took the minutes)  
Committee members: Bill Thomson, Sue Young, Peter Middleton, Selena Webber

### **President's welcome to all present:**

Gavin Butler welcomed members and guests.

**Apologies:** Wendy Dunnet, Roger Johnston, Robert Dunn, Kylie Ferguson, Glen Moore, Joe Saleh, Di Cook, Lorrie Morgan

**Approval of Minutes** of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Moved: Kyle Hill, Seconded: Greg Ross

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Balance@ 30/09/16	976.66
Add Receipts	20.00
<b>Sub total</b>	996.66
Deduct Payments	0.00
Net Assets as at 31/08/2016	996.66

Moved: Pat Stewart

Seconded: Warwick Kitt

### **Correspondence & Matters Arising:**

- Matters arising included the Newport Flood Study to which Dick England applied to represent the NRA but nothing heard back from council;
  - alternate proposal for B-Line parking in Mona Vale that was presented by Glen Moore yet to be sent to Rob Stokes;
  - Coles Supermarket delivery truck non-compliance matter, we are still awaiting the outcome from council;
  - meeting with 'The Newport', still waiting for a response from our meeting request.
- Other matters arising would be dealt with under the Items for Discussion.

### **Correspondence in:**

- Letter from NBC advising they had rejected the DA for the Childcare Centre at 30 Queens Pde West, Invitation from Bayview & Church Point Residents Assn 'Bayview Baths' centenary celebration on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November.
- E-mail from Michelle Carter the Active Travel Officer with the NBC thanking us for our input into the Kalinya St parking problems survey noting they had over 250 responses from residents which would be used to develop a strategy.
- E-mail advice also from Michelle Carter NBC re the Palm Beach Walkway Community Engagement.
- E-mail from Dick West, President of Palm Beach Whale Beach Assn advising they had a community table organized for the Avalon Market Day on 20<sup>th</sup> November and inviting other Pittwater community groups to be part of the table.
- E-Mail from NRA member Lorrie Morgan re the Art Exhibition 'Mixed Palette' being held in conjunction with the Avalon Market Day with the opening on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November.
- Invitation from Craig Boaden of the Avalon Preservation Trust inviting us to their AGM which will commence with an address from Dick Persson the NBC Administrator on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November

The last correspondence received was from the NBC inviting nominations for the Northern Beaches Australia Day Awards under five different categories. It was moved by Pat Stewart, seconded by Kyle Hill that the NRA nominate Sue Young for the Outstanding Community Service Award and the motion was passed unanimously. Nominations due in by 28<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Items for Discussion:**

#### ***Mona Vale Place Plan exhibition, ramifications for Newport & Rally for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November.***

This item was discussed at length with most members voicing their concerns at various aspects of the plan and how it was created with various comments covering;

- increased densities being pushed on us
- the changes to planning
- undemocratic process
- the plan has a significance for all of Pittwater
- traffic issues not really resolved, doubts that B-Line will actually improve matters
- the affordable housing argument appears to have many flaws with doubts that it would work in reality
- lack of infrastructure
- timeline for change, even though administrator says won't be finalized in his tenure that probably only applies to the required changes to the LEP's & DCP's and that the real decision to adopt the plan may actually occur during Administrator's tenure.

David Catchlove gave a summary of the Rally being called for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November in Mona Vale and that the surrounding suburbs had agreed to assist the Mona Vale Residents Assn with the rally and had put their names to the flyers. NRA members had been distributing app 4,000 flyers around Newport.

The following motion proposed by Bill Thomson and seconded John Gillham was passed unanimously;

*'That the Newport Residents Association write to Rob Stokes asking him to support our association in their opposition to the high density development proposed in the Mona Vale Place Plan, particularly the proposal to permit buildings higher than four storeys and the rezoning of industrial land to residential'*

### **Greater Sydney Commission**

The chairman noted that the GSC was to hold a meeting for all Sydney community organisations on the following Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November at Parramatta to announce the draft District Plans. These plans were to set out the population and housing targets for each District. The chairman advised he and Bill Thomson had registered to attend on behalf of the NRA.

### **Upcoming Land & Environment Court conciliation and court hearings**

On the following Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> November there were two conciliation hearings scheduled to be held at the same time 9.30am in Newport.

- The conciliation hearing re the RMYC marina expansion and the council request for the DA to be withdrawn was to be held at the RMYC. Gavin Butler to speak and represent the NRA at this conference. A copy of the address would be posted to the NRA web site under submissions.
- The conciliation conference re the 30 Queens Parade West DA for a 90 childcare centre and its deemed refusal by council was to be held on site at 30 Queens Parade. Bill Thomson agreed to represent the NRA at this hearing and give an address based on our earlier written submission (copy on our web site).
- The third L & E hearing re the 'Old Caltex site 316/324 Barrenjoey Rd Newport to be held at 9.30am on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November was actually the first stage of the court hearing as all previous conciliation conferences had failed to produce an outcome. The hearing would be on-site at Newport and would then reconvene at the court in Macquarie St in the city. The letters inviting us to address the court noted the matter was to determine the developer's request to move the driveway access from Barrenjoey Rd to 'The Boulevard' and convert the driveway into another shop. Jeff Brady whose property is affected by the proposal advised he had been in contact with the council lawyers who said the hearing extended to include not only the driveway matter but a number of the non-compliant matters previously raised (of which there were originally 60). The Chairman asked the members as to their position re the driveway change noting a number of members thought a non-Barrenjoey Rd driveway was probably preferable. It was also noted the developer originally wanted the driveway in 'The Boulevard' but could not have that plus construct two separate units facing 'The Boulevard'. This application was an attempt by the developer through the court process to get both the two units (now completed) and the extra shop facing Barrenjoey Rd. plus court acceptance of the other non-compliant matters. It was decided that this was another example of the blatant disregard the developers had for the DA process and should therefore be opposed.

### **Report on the B-Line bus service to Newport**

Sue Young reported she had attended the B-Line information session held the previous day Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> November in Mona Vale. Sue advised the staff running the session were unable to answer a lot of the key questions re parking and travelling time improvements noting that a feasibility study into the extension of the B-Line to Newport or Avalon was still underway. Sue brought along a number of handouts from the session for NRA members to take away.

### **New Reference Group Reports**

Peter Middleton gave a report on the first meeting of the Economic Development & Tourism group noting it was about developing a strategic input for community representation ready for the incoming council.

Lorrie Morgan who represents the NRA on the Art Culture & Heritage group was an apology for the meeting.

The Chairman advised he would obtain the reports and note them on the web site.

### **Other Planning Applications**

The chairman read out the addresses and brief details of the various DA's received during the month of which there were only two that needed to be discussed further, being;

1. An application from a restaurant at Shop 4 at 316/324 Barrenjoey Rd (not yet opened) to extend its trading hours from the normal shopping hours to be 7am to 1 am Monday to Saturday and 9am to midnight on Sundays. There were no objections raised for this change.

2. A DA application had been received from the hotel "The Newport" 1 Kalinya St. Newport to construct a 14 boat Marina on Pittwater outside the hotel. This DA created much discussion and a proposed motion (moved Greg Ross/seconded Peter Middleton) and amendments (moved Bill Thomson/Kyle Hill) with the intent of the amendment being passed unanimously and be developed by the Chairman into an objection. The objection to cover the location noting the proposed marina is in the narrowest busy channel of the Pittwater waterway and at the junction of the Bayview sand spit and the channel marker, that the channel is used not only by larger craft but many smaller craft like kayaks, runabouts and surfboats as an access way to the larger Pittwater, that RMS has approved the Marina noting that craft should back into the marina, however we believed this backing in process held safety issues for other craft, there were questions re the hours and condition of the vessel operators at a marina designed to encourage drinkers. It was agreed that a copy of the NRA objection should also go to MR Sidoto MP, Rob Stokes MP, Stephen Brown RMS and the Manly Daily.

### ***Beaconsfield to Bardo - Barrenjoey Rd safety issues.***

The Chairman noted that he had received a copy of the full briefing notes to the Administrator re all the safety matters raised and those notes had been posted to the web site. It was further noted that the briefing notes from council staff suggested nothing should be done about the matters raised, however there were a couple of the matters on the list which would still be followed up early in the new year using a different strategy

### ***Enhanced Future for Newport Oval / Community grants.***

This matter to be followed up asap with a meeting with the users of the oval. One of NRA members was prepared to facilitate the meeting. The Chairman also advised that he had received notification that the next lot of grants from the Stronger Communities Fund will open on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 (up to \$50k) and that we should attempt to make an application to help the oval upgrade.

### **General Business:**

The Chairman advised that he had a meeting set up with our local MP Rob Stokes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December as part of the Pittwater Forever committee and that he would be covering all the current planning, place planning and B-Line matters.

The Chairman also advised that he had invited the current Federal member for Mackellar Mr Jason Falinski MP to this November meeting to address us on local matters including the NBN roll-out to Newport. Mr Falinski's office advised he was unavailable but should be able to come in the new year.

### **Meeting Closed at 9.40 pm**

**Next Meeting to be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm and would be an informal **Christmas get-together** and all members were encouraged to invite other residents and friends of Newport. Members were asked to bring a small plate of nibbles and the NRA would supply drinks.**