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General Manager
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**Re: Proposed demolition of the building 1186 Barrenjoey Road, Palm Beach -
Development Application NO508/16**

We refer to the above application which proposes to demolish an iconic building that is very much part of the Palm Beach and Pittwater peninsula heritage.

As an association, the Newport Residents Association favours retention of the significant built and natural environmental features of the Pittwater region for the enjoyment and for the edification of generations to come.

Consequently, we have read both the submission and the urgent request for heritage listing made by the Palm Beach & Whale Beach Association (PBWBA) and support fully those arguments that have been put.

We attach a copy of the PBWBA submission to reiterate the points made and which we support. We also support the PBWBA request for an interim heritage order to be placed on this building, as per the letter dated 15th December 2016.

Yours sincerely,

Gavin Butler
President



**THE PALM BEACH & WHALE BEACH
ASSOCIATION INC**



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Attachment

*The General Manager,
Northern Beaches Council
PO Box Mona Vale NSW 1660*

Dear Sir,

Reference proposed demolition of the building 1186 Barrenjoey Road, Palm Beach.

The Association notes with regret the proposal to demolish one of the earliest (circa 1920) Palm Beach commercial buildings in Palm Beach on the corner of Barrenjoey and Beach Roads. It's long and rich (100 year) social history has been linked to some of the earliest commercial pioneers of Palm Beach and has been documented variously as

The Rendezvous Tearooms owned by Carl Gow, and believed built by Timmy Gonsalves (who ran the adjacent dairy on the current golf course).

In the 1920's and 30's it was the fashionable place to be seen for dinner parties and New Year's Eve dances.

The Palm Beach Surf Life Saving Club used it at that time for their fundraising. a polling booth existed there for many years before the kindergarten that is used today,

the very popular Beach Road Restaurant run by Annie Parmentier and Brian Sudek, a French Bistro and wedding venue by Tom Rutherford the fleeting Cranky Fins restaurant.

Its very public and unpretentious single-story form has always been a reference point for entering the Beach proper, akin to the historic bus shelter about to be rebuilt by Council at the bottom of Surf Road. Locals can identify both of these as gateways to the real and much loved character of Palm Beach. They are symptomatic of the intent of the LEP and DCP for characteristic local buildings viewed from the road.

Sadly, should this proposal be allowed to proceed, it offers only a privatisation of a very public place without any reference to iconic context. It is a building which has always had a low key commercial and public presence, recognised by the early settlers through 100 years.

We believe that this proposal is out of character for it's location; unsuitable in form and purpose in privatising the corner; does not adequately consider the LEP and DCP intent and has ignored a vital local social history that Palm Beach has been built on.

Yours Sincerely,

*Richard West AM
President PBWB*