



# Newport Residents Association Inc.

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## Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting Held 19<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at Newport Community Centre

### Meeting commenced at 7.04 PM

Members present: As per attendance sheet  
President Kyle Hill deputised for Gavin Butler (Apology)  
Treasurer Kyle Hill  
Secretary: Peter Middleton  
Committee members: Selena Webber

### President's welcome to all present:

Kyle Hill welcomed members and guests on behalf of President.

**Apologies:** Gavin Butler, Kylie Ferguson, Jeff & Peter Brady, Warwick Kitt

**Approval of Minutes** of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> July 2014.  
Moved: Hans Hui Seconded: Brian Penhall

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer offered the following report:

Balance @ 30/06/2014	<b>1655.39</b>
Add Receipts	210.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1865.39</b>
Deduct Payments	0.00
<b>Net Assets as at 31/07/2014</b>	<b>1865.39</b>

Treasurer's report accepted: Moved: Di Cook Seconded: Sue Young

### Correspondence & Matters Arising:

Correspondence was tabled and discussed, as necessary, under agenda items. It included:

**'Peninsula Historian'**: August issue received and retained.

**Invoice from PWC** for Hall July-Sept for payment

**Letter from PWC re Draft Heritage Study Review** (See below)

**Email from Ruth Latukefu re Draft Heritage Study Review** (See below)

**Invitations from Rob Stokes to PW Community Leaders Tea** (1 acceptance, 1 apology)

**Letter from community group re Bayview GC development of wildlife corridor**

**Letter from K&W Mallesons re 373 B'joey Rd DA** (See below)

**Email from Lori Wilson re 373 B'joey Rd DA** (See below)

**Various emails from Better Planning Network** (Too many to distribute. Suggested members not on BPN's list request listing if they wish to follow.)

### Items for Discussion:

**DA No. N088/13, 373 Barrenjoey Rd** (Members had been referred to NRA website for details.)

G Butler had attended L&EC onsite conciliation conference and felt positive re Commissioner's hearing community view.

Email since received from adjoining neighbour indicating height poles have been erected. GB & PM will view but nothing further can really be done till L&EC finding is made.

## **PWC Community Ref Groups:**

### **1. Report & New Delegate for Connecting Communities**

Hans Hui reported on the recent meeting, which included:

New Hospital presentation by NBHS re development to opening Frenchs Forest in 2018, transport action plan and MVH site being retained and expanded as an ongoing health programs centre, including mental health, especially youth.

Place Management & 'Enliven Pittwater'. Broad scope of the new PWC area with 3 staff outlined.

A nomination was sought to replace Hans, who has resigned as he is relocating from PW. Both Hans and Peter M spoke to the benefit they had each experienced in being delegates to PWC Community Reference Groups, which each meet from 4-6pm on a Wednesday, only 4 times per year. As there was no nomination from the floor, members were asked to consider further and broadcast the availability.

The committee moved a vote of thanks to Hans Hui for his representation on this Group and as Alternate for the Natural Environment Group over a number of years.

### **2. Report & New Alternate representative for Natural Environment**

Bill Thomson reported on the recent meeting, which included:

New 10/50 Vegetation Legislation. Sue Young expanded on Bill's report, indicating there is a website tool to identify: [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/1050-vegetation-clearing/tool](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/1050-vegetation-clearing/tool)

PWC has generated an approx map, revealing c55% of PW is affected. PWC meeting was unanimous that State govt should repeal the ill-drafted legislation, as owners were already using for clearing other than for fire and many misinterpreting the legislation by attacking areas outside their own property. (K Hill commented legislation referred only to 'woody perennials' which technically protects palms.)

**MOTION:** That the NRA write to the Ministers concerned (3) to voice our community's concern about this policy and its effect on our vegetation as a natural asset, requesting PW be exempted from the application of this legislation.

Moved: Bill Thomson Seconded: Pat Stewart Carried: by a majority vote

New Waste Recovery System will be in practice at Kimbriki by 2017, for changed collections in 2018. Comment is invited on PWC website up to 12 September.

Again, a nomination was sought for an NRA Alternate representative for this Group, to deputise if Bill Thomson cannot attend.

**Heritage Review – address by member Dr Ruth Fink/Latukefu** (Members had been referred to website at: [www.newport.org.au/pittwater-community-heritage-review-released](http://www.newport.org.au/pittwater-community-heritage-review-released) )

Ruth spoke to her short submission, previously sent to the NRA. She emphasised:

- The need for a PWC brochure on the impact of heritage listing for individual owners, as what is currently available is inadequate. (A brochure and online ref from Willoughby Council were tabled as a superior example: eg, free services and architectural advice available.)
- If heritage listing impacts the market value of a property, what will Council do about it? Especially as valuations for rates are affected by sales of adjacent, unlisted properties.
- Assistance with maintenance of heritage properties, where owners can't afford it was raised.

PM spoke in support of the points raised by RL, highlighting that while heritage listing appeared to be a wholly constructive process on the surface, it was apparent that it brought up other issues which needed addressing.

Selena Webber doubted PWC has a Heritage Officer and suggested maybe a SHOROC role would be more appropriate. Council expert assistance would also be an asset in applying for grants for heritage properties.

SW and PM to confer re adding the suggestion for a Heritage Officer (especially SHOROC) in support of RL's submission already made to PWC.

The meeting moved a vote of thanks to Margie Jones for her extensive work towards the drawing up of a Heritage Register.

***Bramley Rd Blind Spot*** (see website)

PM and GB have inspected the issue and concurred that improving the line of vision would need the removal of 3 mature palms and that the improvement was not sufficient to warrant that destruction. To a comment that it was totally safe to exit Bramley Rd when the pedestrian lights were activated, Brian Penhall made the suggestion that an activation sensor be added under the bitumen at the STOP sign. NRA to follow up.

***Bus Lane 'am' notation***

Further inspection and discussion concluded that such a request could create ambiguity and that the NRA take no further action.

***Newport Bus Shelter - Southbound***

Further inspection had confirmed the difficulty of locating a free-standing shelter and the unfortunate situation of the bus stop being adjacent to an awning at 2<sup>nd</sup> storey level and/or no building. It was suggested this could be worth raising with PWC's new Place Mgr, for input to a solution. An awning on poles was suggested and Pat Stewart added that members of the community might be involved in putting forward design ideas. Bill Thomson offered to draw up a design suggestion.

***Enhanced Future for Newport Oval*** (Members had been referred to NRA website for details.)

Roger Johnston spoke briefly to his previously supplied detailed proposal. Roger felt a total lack of response from the 2 clubs using the oval most might be due to their individual interests in a clubhouse redevelopment. He identified Newport Oval as the most used oval in PW, which might assist a lobby for sports grants. The estimated cost for a suitable perimeter fence is \$80,000. PM felt that the excellent work done by Roger deserved NRA support and that we write to the Peninsula Cricket Club and to the appropriate Rugby club endorsing the proposal. HH commented that the proposed enhancements to the oval would be in line with the "sense of place" now emphasised by PWC.

***Newport Bowling Club Fence***

It is believed there remained money in a Newport parking fund which might be applied here and that PWC be encouraged to look into it. Levelling and resurfacing with gravel and fixing the fence were thought to be the most practical approach, as formalising the layout will lose spaces.

***Community Garden for Newport*** (see website)

This is to be kept on the agenda to encourage the nominating of as many sites as pertinent, where a local community wants to support. SW advised that PWC currently has a Community Gardens Policy on Exhibition.

***Planning Applications***

Notices on a number of DAs have been received and include:

- DA for additions & new garage 7 Yachtsmans Paradise
- S96 for modification of subdivision 232-234 B'joey Rd
- DA for new secondary dwelling 151 Queens Pde E
- DA for new swimming pool in front yard 4 Ismona Ave
- DA for additions including 2<sup>nd</sup> storey & garage 79 Queens Pde E
- DA for secondary dwelling 37 Seaview Ave
- DA for additions including louver roofing 20 Yachtsmans Paradise
- DA for additions including secondary dwelling, garage & drive 2 Howell Cl

Additionally, it was raised:

- BWS has applied for transfer of Liquor Licence to new person
- Woolworths is believed to be open to proposals for pop-up shop use in the currently vacant, shuttered arcade

## **General Business**

### ***Liquorland Site Redevelopment***

It was reiterated from last meeting that there are no side setbacks in the proposed plan. Although its other aspects are reasonably compliant with the Newport Masterplan, having no side setbacks will not enhance the amenity of occupants of the units proposed.

SW is sending a submission.

### ***Pittwater Unleashed***

SY advised re the submission put to PWC by Cr Ian White on behalf of numerous dog owners, for identifying ocean beach areas (7 nominated, including northern part of Newport), where dogs may have unleashed access.

PWC has passed to staff for review – including how dealt with by other councils – and report, scheduled to go to Council at first November meeting.

SW reported she has already seen 2 dead mauled ringtails in Eric Green Reserve, almost certainly the result of already free-running dogs adjacent to the beach. She feels that many dog owners are ignorant of the damage that their animals do to the natural environment when unleashed.

PM commented that he felt it was unlikely we could have an NRA position on this as it would likely split our dog owner and non-owner membership.

**Meeting Closed at 9.10pm**

**Next Ordinary General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm**