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Secretary's Report for year July 2016- June 2017

This past year we've won some, we've lost some and we have other projects and issues that are continuing.

Council Amalgamations We are learning to live with the NBC, but we will have a new Council after September this year and that will also mean change. In the meantime, the Protect Pittwater group continues to try & work out a way to get Pittwater back.

B-Line Bus service to Newport The first correspondence to NBC with a copy to Rob Stokes was 21st June 2016! We have continued almost every month since to find out about the B-Line & our position has remained unchanged. Last month we had a special meeting including the Surf Club and the Chamber of Commerce. At that meeting a motion was passed to stop the B-Line terminating in Newport. Our communication continues with the Government and associated bodies.

Greater Sydney Commission was formed early last year by the Government & met with representatives of the Northern Beaches late last year. Their District Plans were on exhibition early this year. These plans set out population & housing targets. We will no doubt hear more from this Government body.

NBC Reference Groups NBC has set up a number of Reference groups to focus on issues in the Community with representatives from the Community. NRA members are Peter Middleton on the Economic Development & Tourism Group. They are working on a draft Strategic Community Plan. Lorrie Morgan is on the Art, Culture, Heritage group & Dick England is on the Flood Plain Working Group.

RMYC Marina Extension – Gregg Ross lead a concerted effort to stop the RMYC Proposal. Unfortunately it was recently approved by the L&EC. Hopefully there will be an appeal.

Proposed Mona Vale Place Plan was of great concern and the NRA joined with the Mona Vale Residents Group to support their concerns. The Administrator put it on exhibition at the end of September 2016. A rally was held 27th November to voice the community's concerns. It has now been put on hold by the Administrator.

Unleashed Dogs Exercise Areas This continues to be of concern although the Administrator has left it for the new Council to decide. He asked for submissions in June and GB submitted one on behalf of NRA. Other members submitted personal submissions.

Car Sales on Barrenjoey Road – we won this one (sort of)

Newport Oval – Roger Johnson has continued his efforts to get the Oval upgraded & we will continue to support him.

Coles Supermarket and other Planning Applications including non compliance of DA conditions – despite various letters & correspondence we still have issues with Coles relating to truck movements, safety & noise. We have continued concern over unauthorised building work & lack of supervision of DA conditions by Council on major projects.

The Daycare Centre, Queens Pde West & the Old Caltex site – both went to the L&E court . The daycare centre was settled by agreement during the court process and the Caltex site is still to **be** decided.

Woolworths site – No DA has been lodged therefore there would need to be a new plan. No one knows anything about this now site.

In Summary – we've covered a lot of local issues (not all of them mentioned here) concerning residents this past year and our aim is to continue to represent Newport as best we can.