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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting Held 19th September 2017 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.04pm

Members present:	As per attendance sheet
President	Gavin Butler
Vice-President	Kyle Hill
Treasurer	Bill Thomson
Secretary:	Wendy Dunnet
Committee members:	Peter Middleton

President's welcome to all present:

The President welcomed members and guests

Apologies: Greg & Sue Ross, Selena Webber, Tony & Sue Young, Warwick Kitt, Robert & Jeanny Orr, Chris Hastie, David Catchlove.

Approval of Minutes of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 15th August 2017.

An amendment to comments made by Warwick Kitt at the meeting of 15th August was read to the meeting. Warwick Kitt suggested we put a small group together where we can try & come up with some ideas or proposals for the Woolworth's site. He is suggesting we become a bit pro-active and his comment should have referenced to have the matter discussed at the next meeting. This was approved to be noted in the Minutes. In addition Dick England explained to the meeting that both Warwick & his wife were visiting the UK where they had had a horrendous car accident. They were currently returning to the UK to thank the people at the hospital, paramedics, police etc . They have both had an amazing recovery.

Moved: Peter Middleton

Seconded: Glenn Moore

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @ 1/08/2017	1405.41
Add Receipts	150.00
Sub total	1,555.41
Deduct Payments	188.58
Net Assets as at 31/08/2017	1,366.83

Noted: we currently have 60 financial members

Moved: Lorrie Morgan

Seconded: Pat Stewart

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

Any matters arising that relate to items for discussion would be dealt with at that time.

Correspondence was received from Mark Ferguson (CEO NBC) dated 23rd August in response to the NRA's letter regarding the outcome of the L&E court, and its decision to approve the DA for the Royal Motor Yacht Club. Mr Ferguson noted in his letter that while an appeal is not an avenue to be pursued, Council staff are considering whether there are other means to address the implications of the Court's decision.

Items for Discussion:

B-Line Bus extension Newport and the new Services schedule update

Gavin Butler updated the meeting on the current situation with the B-Line, subsequent to meetings he has had with both Stokes and Transport NSW. They will defer the start at Newport until after the finalisation of a "terminus" plan for turning the buses around. They will not have a temporary plan. They will then "consult" with the community. The B-Line will start in November from Mona Vale. His understanding is the 199 Palm Beach to Manly will commence as the B-Line starts, and will include articulated buses. They will maintain the E88 & 89 & provide additional E88 buses. Palm Beach will not have an L90 service during peak hour & the Newport loop will lose its through City services.

Please refer to the NRA website for further information.

The meeting noted & thanked Robert & Jeanny Orr for their letterbox flyer. The meeting was also directed to watch & forward the recent Youtube publication "Who can say where the road goes?" <https://youtu.be/xFNvFgVjoBw>
An excellent piece of commentary.

The meeting continued with discussion on comments by Stokes including a cost/benefit ratio calculated by the Dep't. which showed an improvement by extending the B-Line to Newport, however the Dep't. Transport advised Gavin Butler the reason for this was that the additional cost of taking the busses to Newport was more than offset by the savings in not building a 150 car commuter car park in Mona Vale. Various members noted the Surveyors have been out & about the streets of Newport.

There is still the concern that a dedicated Bus lane will be needed to meet the every 10 minutes bus schedule and that the single lane coming from the North will be more severely impacted & difficult then it is now.

Palm Beach & Whale Beach association had a meeting on the previous Monday (11th Sept) with the B-Line personal who told them the B-Line is going to Newport. This reinforces the constant conflicting information we are receiving.

The Surf Club may be concerned over the loss of the car park and how important it is to the people using the beach in addition to the Club's use. Also, even if the car park is not used, the impact on Newport for parking especially on weekends. There are conflicting comments from Stokes and the Dep't. over dedicated car spaces.

In the recent press release from the Dep't of Transport, where they advised the extension to the B-Line to Newport would be delayed until 2018 to allow further community consultation, the Dep't. also indicated that no decision would be made until a REF (Review of Environmental Factors) was released. We are yet to see this.

Peter Middleton noted the main problem is poor planning by the Dep't. of Transport. Normally one would say 'we need provision to bring people from A to B & we would ask for a viable

transport plan first' but we have been told, we have these B-Line buses how can we make this work.

Glenn Moore asked everyone to write to Rob Stokes so he knows how many of us are concerned.

Gavin asked everyone to go to the website for the link to the Dept of transport B-Line . Make a comment, ask a question. Make it clear, the Community is voicing its feelings.

Also, write to the Manly Daily. We must keep the topic out there for all the community.

Decision on holding a Rally re: B-Line impacts on Newport

There was further discussion about a Rally. Pat Stewart strongly supported we go ahead. Gavin noted as well as Speakers we would have a petition and other information.

John Gillham commented that Newport is under significant threat and the only thing they will take notice of, will be a rally with a lot of people.

It was put to the meeting that we have a Rally on Sunday 15th October at the Surf Club car park protesting the B-Line coming to Newport. By a show of hands there was unanimous support to go ahead.

Forced Council Amalgamations - current state of play

Sue Young, being an apology for the meeting, unfortunately could not give an up-date, but they are continuing to put together a petition to have the Government Amendment Bill presented to the Legislative Assembly.

She will be able to update us at the next meeting.

Recent NBC Council Election outcome and potential Impact:

Peter Middleton thanked everyone for their support and commented on the results of the election referring to a letter he wrote, published in the Manly Daily, 19th September. We now have 3 Councillors representing us: Alex Mc Taggart, Kylie Ferguson & Ian White, all former Pittwater Councillors.. Peter stressed the need for us to keep raising matters with our new Councillors otherwise we will be forgotten.

Gavin summarised the results; 6 Reagan Councillors, 5 Liberal Party Councillors, 1 Greens, 2 Independent & 1 Labor.

In addition to our Pittwater Councillors we need to be in contact with the Narrabeen Councillors as they are our closest neighbours and part of the Narrabeen Ward was within the old Pittwater Council area. Already Vincent de Luca has been in touch with Gavin.

Sculpture Trail

Further to our previous meeting Patsy Fry has asked for volunteers to help her set up the Sculpture Trail. Peter Middleton, Gavin Butler, Glenn Moore, Dick England & Kyle Hill all offered to help on Thursday 26th October. Wendy to let Patsy know.

6 Ross St DA re; Boarding House & 66 Bardo Rd Planning Proposal

We assume the 6 Ross St DA is now closed so we will wait to see the outcome.

The Bardo Rd/Noal St Planning Proposal seeks to amend the Pittwater LEP by adding an additional permitted use to the site to allow for a seniors living development. The concern with this proposal is whether it will set a precedent and how different it is to a Sep55. Council is looking for community views before deciding whether to support the draft Planning Proposal. All submissions

received will be reported to Council who will then decide whether or not to support the rezoning concept & begin the formal process. Submissions close Monday 16th October & can be made on-line on the Council project web page or in writing.

Bungan Head Reserve Barricade to Walking Track

Mike Lawrence presented his view of the Bungan Head Reserve pathway - 49 Bungan Head Rd. Council thought it was too dangerous to have it open & the current owners subsequently have built a steel structure to stop access. Kyle Hill looked at the area and thinks the steel structure is a dangerous, illegal structure.

Council are doing a Geo tech report for the walkway from Manly to Palm Beach. If the reserve can be made safe as part of the walkway then it will provide the benefit of keeping people off Bungan Head Rd. Once we have all the facts it was resolved that we send a letter to NBC supporting the re-opening of the track and for it to be considered as an addition to the bi-centennial walkway.

Foamcrest Ave Carpark

A letter was sent to NBC on 5th September requesting a Parking Demand study of the Foamcrest Ave carpark. The carpark is not policed and therefore it is difficult to get a park there. There was a suggestion we write to Woolworths and ask them to have it regularly policed. It was also noted, that Kalinya St car park is also not policed regularly.

Footpath Upgrade Report

Michelle Carter from the NBC has advised us they are looking in to it.

Other Planning Applications

The only application we received notice for was a section 96 modification to 51 Cheryl Crescent. Submissions closed 8th September. The meeting was advised that Council have recently stopped sending the NRA copies of all Newport DA's. However the meeting advised one can sign up to receive applications from an independent source contact@planningalerts.org.au. Gavin advised an application for modifications at Walworth Ave and concern was raised regarding a DA on Hillside Rd.

Newport Oval

The president advised he needed to talk with one of our members, Roger Johnson, who has been spearheading the discussions with the groups who use the Oval and council and provide an update.

General Business:

It was noted that the footpaths in Newport have been badly resurfaced since they were dug up for essential works. NRA to write to Council to have them repaired properly.

We received an email asking for a volunteer for the Palm Beach Walkway working group (the link from the Wharf to the Golf Club). Bill Thomson volunteered.

Gavin asked the meeting for donations to assist with printing etc for the Rally. Also we will need Volunteers to help. It was recommended we send out the flyer electronically as well as via letterbox drop.

Meeting Closed at 8.40 pm

Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th October 2017 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm.