



# Newport Residents Association Inc.

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## Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting Held 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at Newport Community Centre

### Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

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

### President's welcome to all present:

Gavin Butler welcomed members and guests.

### Apologies: Roger Johnston

**Approval of Minutes** of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> September 2015.  
Moved: P Middleton, Seconded: Kyle Hill

### Treasurer's Report:

Balance @ 30/7/015	1,215.37
Add Receipts	164.01
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,379.38</b>
Deduct Payments	80 00
<b>Net Assets as at 29/8/2015</b>	<b>1,299.38</b>

Moved: Jim Moran,

Seconded: Pat Stewart

### Address from members of the Horseshoe Cove Association

Members of the Horseshoe Cove Assn led by their President Greg Ross gave a presentation as to why the plans to expand the RMYC further into Pittwater should not go ahead and were requesting our assistance by way of lodging an objection to the DA before the deadline of 27<sup>th</sup> October. The presentation was comprehensive and raised considerable discussion between both members of the HCA and our NRA. GB thanked the HCA members for coming and said the matter would be discussed later in the meeting when addressing DA's

### Correspondence & Matters Arising:

Only items of correspondence were the requests from Pittwater Council to reapply for use of the Newport Community Centre Hall in 2016 and also provide an update of the NRA on the Community Register (both matters were responded to by the President).

### Items for Discussion:

- **NSW Government & Council Amalgamations & Pittwater Forever! Update & Actions** (see website)

A lengthy discussion was had again re this topic noting the IPART report had been released that day by the State Government which found Pittwater Council not 'Fit for the Future' and recommending that the amalgamation of the three Northern Beaches Councils go ahead. Following the lengthy discussion re the NRA's views the President called for an indication as to whether members continued to support the No Amalgamation option so he was in a position to represent them through the combined Pittwater community group's organisation 'Pittwater Forever'. Such support was given by way of a show of hands.

It was noted via Councillor Young that the Councillors were to meet this Thursday to consider the IPART report.

Members were encouraged to read the IPART report by going to the Save Our Councils Coalition web page. <https://saveourcouncils.wordpress.com/>

- ***Pittwater Forever Update***

PFF were to commence holding market stalls (commencing this weekend at the Palm Beach Markets), Council were still considering holding a big 'NO' demonstration to photograph from the air. (This actually was announced and occurred on the 29<sup>th</sup> October).

- ***Enhanced Future for Newport Oval*** (see website)

The President noted there had been no response from the Council to the letter written nearly two months ago requesting an update. Roger Johnston had advised that Warringah Council have employed a company to do a picket fence at Melwood Oval Forestville and that two of Pittwater Council employees had asked that company to give an appraisal for Newport so it appeared that our requests had been taken on board and they were looking into the matter.

- ***DA re 373 Barrenjoey Rd:***

Nothing further at this stage, awaiting determination of the L & E conciliation held last November.

- ***DA re 329 Barrenjoey Rd (Old Liquorland site)***

The meeting had advised that a mediation between the developers and Council had occurred under the control of the L & E Court and that a modified DA had been approved. It was understood the agreement did not require the setbacks required under the Newport Masterplan be adhered to. NRA members noted their annoyance once again at Council not sticking to the rules of the Masterplan. Pat Stewart advised she had written to the L & E court questioning how the L & E Court was allowing non-compliance with the Newport Masterplan to continue to occur, sighting the issues regarding the 3 Seaview Avenue site next to her that had recently been approved.

- ***Development on Barrenjoey Rd Old Caltex site***

Jeff Brady brought to the attention that the developers had ignored the Court approved DA conditions in regard to the balcony screens next to their apartment in Barrenjoey road. It was further noted that the developer had destroyed the iconic timber bridge over the storm water canal and appeared to be constructing a large vehicular entrance on 'The Boulevard' which was outside the approved DA. The President invited the members to e-mail him with details and the NRA would write to council.

- ***DA re RPAYC extension***

Following the presentation from the Horseshoe Cove Assn this matter was discussed in detail with many concerns raised by members on various grounds. It was agreed the NRA should lodge an objection on the grounds the DA should not be considered until the Waterways Review had been completed, that pollution issue remained, the development would impact navigation matters plus an approval would set a precedent for other expansions into Pittwater. Peter Middleton agreed to write a draft objection for the President to review and lodge before the 27<sup>th</sup> October.

- ***Other Planning Applications***

The President read out the addresses of all DA's and their types received since the last meeting and there were no requests for further information.

- ***Pittwater Unleashed' update*** (see website)

It was noted that the minutes for the meeting before last had been linked in to our web site but the minutes of the actual last meeting held over two months ago had not yet appeared on the council web site. The meeting was given to understand the

minutes would only become available after they had been tabled at a regular council meeting which we still await.

- **Community Gardens for Newport** (see website)  
GRB gave an update that the Manly Daily had contacted him to report on the progress and he had put them onto the President of the Woolcott St. Community Gardens, Samantha Tubridy, who indicated all was progressing well and they were now calling for membership. Samantha indicated that Pittwater Council had been very supportive in the establishment of the gardens.
- **PW Bike Plan**  
PC had indicated that they had a good response from the community regarding the Bike Plan.
- **Woolworth's site**  
No further information at this time
- **Regulation on parking of trailers**  
NSW Govt has made parking of boats & trailers left in the same place for more than 3 months illegal. We are still awaiting PWC verification on upholding infringement issues.
- **Newport Artists Day**  
This is on again in Newport on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> November in the Foamcrest Ave Carpark. We have supported this event with a donation and a request members to support it by attending (refer to web site for further details).

### **General Business**

The Bramley Ave carpark time limit signs are not very evident as they are hidden behind the shrubs. Councillor Sue Young agreed to bring this up with the relevant council department.

Parking on Roberston Road between Seaview & Foamcrest Ave was raised as an issue that it was almost impossible to pass other oncoming traffic and the question was whether cars should only be allowed to park on one side of the road only. Following discussion and noting that most of the village roads and surrounds fell into the same category no further action would be taken by the NRA.

A query was made about what is happening with the Newport Arms development and from the meetings knowledge that limited facilities would be in action prior to Christmas.

### **NRA Secretary for 2015/16**

It was noted that this position still remains vacant.

**Meeting Closed at 9.30 pm**

**Next Ordinary General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm.**