

# NEWPORT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Notes from a meeting of the Newport Residents Association Committee.

Held Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at Dearin Park Newport commencing 10.30 am

In attendance: Gavin Butler, President, Kyle Hill, Bill Thomson, Wendy Dunnet,  
Peter Middleton, Sue Young, Glenn Moore

## Responses to items from last meeting,

### **DA advertising,**

GB advised that the council is developing a digital alerts notification system where any person can self-manage notification criteria of applications (i.e. set criteria for applications they determined to receive notification). Hopefully if that works ok it should address our requests. Meantime GB advised the current NBC site allowed you to select a map showing all current applications and you can click your selection to get the details. GB advised he intended to replace the current link on the website called 'Planning Alerts' which now doesn't work and replace it with a link directly to the council planning map for Newport current applications.

### **Student Survey**

GB advised that he had earlier this day sent an e-mail with the link from the year 12 student Sam Lydon <https://www.surveymonkey.com/stories/SM-6W2CBPLD/> where you can see the results of his B-Line survey. GB has asked him to send a copy of his final report when he has finished it.

### **Youth Hub**

Trish Chaney had responded to our request re status as follows;

*The yoursay page has been updated*

<https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/newport-outdoor-youth-space>

*I understand that based on feedback the designs are being refined with construction still planned for later this year. The signs were removed yesterday.*

GB to talk to the Surf Club regarding their plans.

### **Lifeguards & dogs**

Trish Chaney also advised as follows;

*I have forwarded this to the Manger Beach Safety. However, the lifeguard patrols end on Sunday 26 April*

## New Items

### **Draft NBC Operations plan zoom conf 27/5/20**

GB advised there was to be a Zoom meeting re this budget, he asked if anyone was interested in applying to link in, GB had not yet determined whether he would.

Glenn noted the e-mail that had been sent by Councilor Rory Amon seeking people to sign a petition. One of the matters emanating from the e-mail was the council plan to apply the rate increase in total and then give a 50% rebate, Glenn felt that this method was quite inappropriate as they should just cut the increase by 50% rather than try this 'we are good we gave a rebate' and the method would probably allow council to leverage any following increase off the pre-rebate rate value. (It was felt this had been a sneaky approach by council).

- **Carpark improvements, Foamcrest Ave Newport noted in Draft Op plan**  
GB advised Annie Laing had responded with an e-mail and map with the comments *Only Council carparks (as shown below in orange) will be repaired and resurfaced and parking spaces will be marked again. There will be no work on the middle portion, which is privately owned.*  
WD noted the Bramley Ave Carpark was also in desperate need of a more permanent repair, with the potholes previously repaired reforming nearly as soon as the work was finished.
- **Proposed letter re access lane between Bungan Head Rd & Melaleuca St** GB to write to Council requesting they give consideration to installing bush steps, similar to the access stairs at the northern end of Newport beach going to Bilgola. Currently it is very slippery & dangerous. *GB has subsequently sent a letter & Trish has responded saying she has spoken to staff who will look at it & see if they can program it asap.*
- **Newport Oval approaches** GB, as President, plans to talk to both the cricket and football clubs who use Newport oval regarding the proposed improvements to the shed & the amenities block as well as get an indication of their attitude to the installation of a picket fence. One thought if there was a great reluctance to install a fence around the whole oval was to alternately install a fence on the Barrenjoey Rd side arguing that it is needed just for safety reasons. The fence would be a very good feature as one drives into Newport. Glenn offered to advise GB of the people to contact.
- **351 Barrenjoey Rd DA** We received by mail, advice from Council of amended plans to this proposed development. Everyone expressed concern that Council will not take into account the Newport Masterplan and the impact of this development as it is proposed, on the plan. It was suggested we show the masterplan and the importance of Robertson Rd to Council's planning department. With current restrictions, possibly a copy could be made & sent to them, followed by a zoom meeting. It was noted that access to the Newport Masterplan appears to have disappeared from the council website (GB to follow up with Trish). Submissions close 29th May so it is urgent. All to look at the DA with a copy to Selena. It was also felt that in trying to protect the Robertson Rd Newport Masterplan direction that we should write to the Australia Post CEO, Christine Holgate (Ex CEO of Blackmore so she should be familiar with our locality), to enquire as to how they saw the future of the Newport Post Office and suggest that if it was converted to a small shop front PO as is now common, the current site could be redeveloped in a way in keeping with the Newport Masterplan visions.

**P/Alfred Pde parking issues** There have been ongoing issues with illegal parking along the council strip. Council has painted a yellow no parking line between 28 & 40 Prince Alfred but this is being ignored by motorists & is particularly dangerous with pedestrians forced to walk on the road. GB to write to Council. Preferably a footpath should be built there. Secondly, if this is not immediately possible, then upgrade the kerbing to a right-angled kerb & install 'No Stopping' signs. (*Letter sent 20<sup>th</sup> May*)

- **Dearin Park – future/improvements/uses** The committee met at the park to look at ways it may be improved. It is a dog friendly park so well used morning & night. It needs maintenance. Some ideas included installing exercise equipment & more

seats to take advantage of the location & to sit & enjoy the park. A tree maintenance crew arrived just as the committee was leaving. Glenn, Kyle & Wendy offered to meet with the appropriate parks NBC staff to discuss what both parties thought possible in the way of improvements. (Wendy to liaise with Trish to set up a meeting).

- **Street Art – the way forward.** Hopefully now with restrictions being gradually lifted we can continue with Council on the Newport Activation program. One aspect is the use of street art to beautify the man made areas and to 'brand' Newport Village. Going forward, Glenn, Peter & Wendy to work together (& calling on Lorrie & others to advise) on ideas to put to Council. WD to contact Noni Crawford from Newport Chamber of Commerce. Everyone asked to take photos of possible artwork sites and places that need upgrading.

Meeting closed 12.00 pm.