



# Newport Residents Association Inc.

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## Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting Held 17th October 2017 at Newport Community Centre

### Meeting commenced at 7.10pm

Members present: As per attendance sheet  
President Gavin Butler  
Vice-President Kyle Hill  
Treasurer Bill Thomson (apology)  
Secretary: Wendy Dunnet  
Committee members: Peter Middleton, Sue Young, Selena Webber

### President's welcome to all present:

The President welcomed members and guests

**Apologies:** Selena Webber, Warwick Kitt, Bill Thomson, Robert Dunn, Di Cook

**Approval of Minutes** of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 19th September 2017.

Moved: Peter Middleton      Seconded: Kyle Hill

### Treasurer's Report:

Balance as at 01/09/2017	1.366.83
Add Receipts	485.00
<b>Sub total</b>	1.851.83
Deduct Payments	143.58
Net Assets as at 30/09/2017	1,708.25

Noted: Member      Dues      160.00  
                                 Donations      325.00

Kyle Hill on behalf of Bill Thomson advised the Treasurer's report.  
He noted costs since of \$715 for flyers & Subs of \$260 collected prior to the meeting.

Moved: Greg Ross    Seconded: Lorrie Morgan

### **Correspondence & Matters Arising:**

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

We received an email from NBC with contact details for all Councillors. Also Gavin Butler, on behalf of the NRA, wrote to the new Councillors representing our ward, Alex McTaggart, Kylie Ferguson & Ian White congratulating them on their appointment and highlighting our concerns with the B-Line. He directed them to our website for full details.

NBC wrote requesting input into the commissioning & acquisition of public art works for the Connecting Northern Beaches Coastal Walkway & to have a representative in the group. GB asked Lorrie Morgan to be our representative. She is waiting on confirmation from NBC re: her involvement. In addition NBC forwarded their Have Your Say email noting upcoming projects. For further information visit their Have Your Say page on the Council website.

Following a meeting Wendy Dunnet had with the Greater Sydney Commission in August we received a letter from them. It confirmed that Transport for NSW advised them it will be undertaking further community consultation with the Newport community prior to the proposed extension of the B-Line to Newport in 2018 & referred us to the Transport for NSW website. Their letter also invited us to subscribe to their newsletter at [www.greater.sydney/news](http://www.greater.sydney/news) or their website [www.greater.sydney](http://www.greater.sydney).

### **Items for Discussion:**

#### **B-Line Bus extension Newport and the roundabout proposal**

Gavin Butler updated the meeting on the current situation with the B-Line, subsequent to meetings Transport NSW had with the Newport Chamber of Commerce, the Newport Surf Club and us.

Their new option is a roundabout at Neptune Rd & Barrenjoey Rd, just north of the entry to the Surf Club carpark. Transport NSW are saying they are putting in a rapid transit system but that could be in 5 years time. They have been told to bring the B-line to Newport. They admit they have a long way to go for a solution. If the roundabout doesn't work then they must find another way to handle the buses. We questioned if they were aware of the concerns of the communities north of Newport & it seemed they were not.

The roundabout will not fit without the removal of at least 2 maybe 5 or 6 trees, encroaching on private land and the footpath. They have contacted the long term resident who lives in the house on the northern corner of Neptune St. and the family are very concerned over the impact on their home. Kristina from Transport NSW asked if the house was heritage listed. Transport NSW have asked for another meeting with them.

One of the issues all along has been the lack of planning and the time between meetings. It was questioned if the roundabout is resolved will they fix the entry/exit from the carpark, how will they handle commuter parking and staff facilities for the bus drivers. They did not have any answers.

We are not saying we do not want an improved bus service. We are saying we do not want the B-Line if the impact on Newport is greater than any benefit. We do not want it to be a disaster for Newport.

Gavin read out the wording for a proposed B-Line petition & has recommended a Rally be held in the Surf Club car park on Sunday 22nd October;

*'I will not support the extension of the B-Line to Newport without having a fully developed and re-researched plan to judge. Everything exposed to us as yet threatens to increase traffic congestion, threatens our local and beach parking, threatens our trees and threatens our village life. I want a public transport solution that works for the whole Peninsula.'*

A list of possible placard messages was handed out to those at the meeting.

There followed a robust discussion and the message was 'we're not happy'. Many members thought the B-line should terminate at Mona Vale with the terminus at the existing Mona Vale bus depot. Better public transport improvements are both needed and welcomed by the NRA community. However the lack of consultation & planning are not acceptable in any way.

The new B-Line service will commence from Mona Vale 26<sup>th</sup> November.

Transport NSW will commence drop-in sessions from Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October for the community to ask their questions.

### **22<sup>nd</sup> October Rally organization**

To be held in the Surf Club car park at 12.30pm. Bring signs, placards and as many people as possible.

### **Forced Council Amalgamations - current state of play**

The Local Government Amendment Bill is back for debate on 19<sup>th</sup> October. It has passed the Upper House. The petition to get Pittwater back under the Local Government Act is growing longer and communities are getting ready for the 2019 NSW Election.

### **6 Ross St DA re; Boarding House**

The boarding house is a potential on-going issue as there are no legal grounds to object to it. Therefore we could see more developments like the one in Ross St.

### **Request to amend LEP for 'Seniors Living' corner of Bardo Rd & Nooal St Newport**

Submissions have closed. The NRA put in an objection opposing any change to the Pittwater LEP 2014 to allow the proposal to proceed which in turn would allow a reclassification into 'Seniors Living'. The reasons for our objection are detailed on the NRA website in a letter to NBC.

### **Bungan Head Reserve Barricade to Walking Track**

To be considered at the next meeting.

### **Foamcrest Ave Carpark**

A letter was sent to NBC on 5th September requesting a Parking Demand study of the Foamcrest Ave carpark with a request to have the car park policed. To be followed up with the Chamber of Commerce.

### **Footpath Remedial Work Request –NBC feedback**

Wendy Dunnet sent a letter to the CEO of NBC on 9<sup>th</sup> October with a copy emailed to Ben Taylor who replied noting Council is aware of the problems & significant delays caused by Ausgrid's work

& they agree wholeheartedly that it is unacceptable how long it's taken & the mess & disruption its caused. He assures us Council is ready to immediately restore the area as soon as Ausgrid is finished.

### **Other Planning Applications**

No additional applications at this time.

### **Newport Market Day 26<sup>th</sup> November – should we run a stall?**

The idea to run a stall at the Newport Market Day to build awareness of the NRA & hopefully encourage new members to join as well as using the opportunity to answer questions on current issues, including the B-Line proposal. This was supported by members.

### **Newport Oval**

On going

### **General Business:**

There was no general business

### **Meeting Closed at 8.53 pm**

**Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm.**