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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting **Held 19th February 2019 at Newport Community Centre**

Meeting commenced at 7.01pm

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

(As per attendance sheet)

Kyle Hill deputised for Gavin Butler

(see above)

Bill Thomson

Peter Middleton deputised for Wendy Dunnet

Glenn Moore, Sue Young

President's welcome to all present:

The Vice-president welcomed members and guests on behalf of the President.

Apologies: Gavin Butler, Wendy Dunnet, Di Cook, Mike Lawrence, David Catchlove,

Approval of Minutes of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 20th November 2018.

Moved: Bill Thomson

Seconded: Sue Young

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as@ 31/10/2018	1,686.01
Add Receipts	40.00
Sub total	1,731.01
Deduct Payments	145.50
Net Assets as @ 01/02/2019	1,585.51

Moved: Dick England

Seconded: Glenn Moore

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

Email received from **Greater Sydney Commission** seeking EoI for 5 x 16-30yrs to serve on Youth Panel of 5, drawn one from each of the GS Districts. Registrations close 10 March.

Email from **NBC Comm Liaison Co-ord** offering meet to discuss Newport Flood Study. GB follow up on return. Dick England, who served on committee, indicated study is due to for public exhibition.

NBC letter from Principal Planner acknowledging submission on DA MOD for 29 Foamcrest Ave hours of operation, advising it had been granted with conditions.

Letter to NBC CEO, commending council on *Draft Pittwater Waterways Strategy 2038* and adding input re *Theme 4: Development of the Waterway*.

Emails to and from NBC Transport & Civil Infrastructure re local matters needing attention and re-emphasising signage and ranger patrols re no dogs on beach, potholes and failed street lights.

Letter to NBC CEO submission on proposed *Station Beach Trial Dog Off Leash Area*.

Items for Discussion:

Mona Vale Hospital / new NBH

Sue Young reported on "S*H*A*M" event at Avalon plus the previous morning's community presence at MVH due to possible commencement of hospital main building demolition. Works launched appeared to be centred on installation of new drainage. SY also commented on earlier MVH rally, which had over 500 in attendance, demanding the reinstatement to an L3 hospital, not current L1. Our meeting emphasised that our community wants NBH to work as well as L3 services at MVH.

Newport Drive-around with NBC CEO

PM summarised GB's escorted discussion with the new CEO. It was felt to be a most productive exercise, bringing Newport specifics to the CEO's attention including footpaths, carparks, intersections, development concerns and dogs on beaches. CEO is keen to address an NRA meeting but conflict currently is with Tuesday night Councillor briefings. Will be pursued further.

Urban Tree Canopy update

KH reported nothing official further, Some council officers expressing frustration with hard-core environmentalists demanding things outside the scope. The GM overseeing the project, Ben Turner, has been terminated. Draft is expected before end March.

Avalon Beach Reserve Dog Trial

NRA has not made a submission as not felt relevant to any Newport situation.

Pittwater Community Alliance update

(PM summarised highlights from the December PCA meeting, covered under the next heading.)

Newport Planning Applications & other Planning issues including new NBC LEP

Update, majoring on PCA action and feedback from December meeting and NBC reply to queries:

- There will be a sole Local Strategic Planning Statement and LEP for whole LGA. Mayor's argument is that will allow more flexibility within wards than the constraints of ward-based LEPS. PCA members not convinced. The evening prior PM and Selena Webber had attended the NBC community workshop as NRA reps. SW summarised the perceived outcomes, being: Aims for a Northern Beaches built and associated environment in 20 years time; community feedback was for a clean, green & serene LGA with buffer zones between industrial zones and residential, advanced garbage philosophy and greater integration of walk, cycle and green residential thoroughfares, enabled by advanced public transportation and reduced private. SW emphasised that community members need to be vocal on their interest in the procedure, especially re the LEP.

- New NBC DA advices to RAs. NBC exploring system to allow notifications to community groups. Not currently in place.

- Medium Density / Boarding Houses. NBC currently in communication with Dept of Planning and exhibition of the Planning Proposal expected early this year.

- Newport footpaths. Missing section near Myola Rd now commenced.

- DAs: Modification to alterations & additions to 60A Prince Alfred Pde. No action necessary.

NBC Strategic Reference Group Updates

Glenn Moore, who deputized for WD updated on *Travel & Transport* December meeting. Presentation re Strategic Plan and LEP process; Footpaths, prioritizing by short, mid and long-term.

PM updated the meeting on *Economic & Smart Communities*: Strategic Plan and LEP, as above; Wifi CAPEX trial in Manly, which aimed at contributing to development of tourism destination management and other factors relating to movement of visitors through towns and villages; Significant re-evaluation of Outdoor Dining Policy and associated fees.

Bungan Head Reserve Walking Track

Will continue to follow up.

Foamcrest Ave Carpark future use

PM summarised on sub-committee investigations. CEO Newport visit may be a pointer to future follow up activity.

Forced Council Amalgamation update

Sue Young updated, including encapsulating the situation vis a vis the State election. Sue referred members to the SOCC link for what have been the impacts of the amalgamation creating the NBC and strategies to proceed (See: <https://www.facebook.com/saveourcouncils>)

Support for Acquisition of 62 Hillside Rd

Negotiations will continue, supported by NRA and local resident

Nooyal St / Bardo Rd Rezoning setback and current position

NBC confirmed to GB that no Gateway determination had been made and they still awaiting response from Sydney North Planning Panel. Will continue to monitor.

Newport Oval & Change Room Upgrade

PM summarized less than positive response Roger Johnston had received that day from NBC Manager Park Assets. RJ will pursue further. Glenn Moore queried if we should thank NBC for recent work done on paths, drainage and turf?

NBC Matters & Projects open for Comment

PM read through current projects, referring members to NBC website 'Have Your Say' and encouraging all to apply to be listed for email updates on active projects.

General Business:

Station Beach and Unleashed Dog Trial

Two visitors were allowed to comment on the NRA submission. One suggested the opportunity to debate both sides of the argument. Acting president KH invited her to submit a request to the NRA to put this on the agenda for a future meeting.

Selena Webber spoke on the concerns already at northern end of Newport re natural habitat damage and existing impacts on native species with dogs already illegally unleashed in this area.

"Pittwater Clean-up" and Sea-bins

GM outlined the scope of this international environmental waterways initiative, embraced by an Avalon youth, Archie Mandan, who is encouraging marinas to get on board. GM requested this be agenda'd for next next NRA meeting and also PCA.

Agenda for next meeting.

Annual Servicing of Inflatable Lifejackets

GM drew attention to the service being provided Saturday 23 February at Rowland Reserve, emphasising this is now an annual requirement for these devices.

'Manly Daily' Distribution and Litter

PM read a letter to Manly Daily. cc'd to Secretary, from a local resident, bemoaning the cavalier flinging of the papers on verge and creation of litter and suggesting NRA support in his quest.

Meeting Closed at 8.57pm

Next Meeting will be held Tuesday 16th March 2019 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm.