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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting **Held 20th February 2018 at Newport Community Centre**

Meeting commenced at 7.05pm

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

President's welcome to all present:

The President welcomed members and guests

Apologies: Sue Young, R. Dunn, Di Cook, Brett Faulkner, Greg & Sue Ross, Janice Patterson, Michael Lawrence, Irene Gorman

Approval of Minutes of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 21st November 2017.

Moved: P. Middleton Seconded: K. Hill

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as at 31/10/2017	1,248.25
Add Receipts	120.00
Sub total	1,368.25
Deduct Payments	364.99
Net Assets as at 31/01/2018	1,003.26

Moved: L. Morgan Seconded: K. Hill

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

Any matters arising that relate to items for discussion would be dealt with at that time. We received an email from Patsy Fry thanking the men who helped set up & dismantle the Sculpture Trail. She notes it was the most successful trail in 5 years. Glenn Moore suggested that more flowers year round as well as Christmas lights would both be great ideas for Newport.

Via Glenn Moore we received a Northern Beaches Development Survey from Tony Abbott MP regarding infrastructure, traffic congestion and development on the Northern Beaches. Mr Abbott issued a statement just prior to this meeting, calling for an end to rezoning or density increase on the Northern Beaches until new transport infrastructure is actually delivered. The Survey is still open for comment.

We received an email from Scott & Tracy McLeod who are the contractors for the Northern Beaches delivering the Manly Daily, looking to put an ad in our newsletter asking for walkers. It was suggested they put an ad in the Manly Daily. WD to contact them.

Councillor Rory Amon (Narrabeen Ward) contacted us. He is establishing the Amon Community Grants Fund by donating part of his Councillor pay & is asking if we know a Community group which needs a grant of \$200-\$500. Priority will be given to groups connected to his ward.

Gavin Butler noted correspondence from NBC regarding the Newport Community Hall. We need to advise them of our 'not for profit' status. GB to follow up.

Items for Discussion:

B-Line Bus extension to Newport, Roundabout proposal Update, petition & where to now? Keoride usage/experience & members feedback current bus schedules

Gavin Butler briefed the meeting on discussions with Rob Stokes where he handed over the petition (refer NRA website).

Stokes commented, he is committed to supporting Newport Commuters & even if it's 60-40 against the extension to Newport he would support the extension.

The tree measuring observed by members, is an ecological assessment required for the REF. Feedback from the drop in sessions will not be available as that will form part of the REF which is now expected around Easter.

Comments from the floor noted the excellent service of the B-Line in peak periods from Mona Vale & the Keo Ride does work, but it was noted the feeder service from the North to Mona Vale, needed to be improved and there is now a longer travel time to the city. Other comments noted that connections are not working e.g. E88 to Newport (a wait time of over 1/2 hour) & the 199 didn't turn up at all although it was on the travel app. Buses to & from Palm Beach are often 'Not in Service'. Would a bus to Avalon solve the problem?

GB made it clear to the meeting that the Service issue is completely separate to the B-Line issue & it's impact on Newport Village.

He referred to a letter received by Glenn Moore from Terry McSweeney who is TNSW Principal Manager, Ministerial & Government Services, Customer Relations & Government Services, who very clearly stated in their correspondence, the B-Line will be extended to Newport & the decision has been made following community feedback & a review of Opal data. We would question 'community feedback' and have asked many times for the Opal data they are referring to.

Sue Frost advised the B-Line has undertaken a significant assessment of the dry stone wall outside their house. They have met with the archaeologists & a report is being prepared on the stone wall built in 1899. Her brother has been helping with information. The report will be incorporated into the REF.

Further to GB giving Stokes the petition signed last year by over 1,300 people, GB noted we need to communicate with them either by letter or email. Unfortunately over 30% of the emails have bounced back when he has tried to write to them. After discussion from the floor it was resolved to go ahead & try & work out a way to communicate with those who signed the petition to keep them in the loop. GB finished the discussion noting that once the REF is received we can consider what to do next.

Please check our website for further information

<http://newport.org.au/the-b-line-service/>.

Possible transfer of Adult Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy Services from MVH

We received an email from Christine Hastie concerned the Adult Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy services will be transferred to the new Northern Beaches hospital. At the meeting she advised that they will now not be moved but will stay at Mona Vale.

We also received an email from NSW Health offering to keep us updated of changes at Mona Vale hospital and information on the new Northern Beaches Hospital. They have offered to come to a meeting to answer any questions we may have. WD to ask them when they can come.

NSW Health representative has confirmed she can attend our meeting on Tuesday 15th May 2018.

Northern Pittwater community groups proposed meeting with Mayor Regan

A meeting was proposed to meet with the Mayor on Wednesday 21st February but it had to be cancelled. It is now Wednesday 28th February 2018. Gavin Butler asked for two of the executive to attend from the NRA and Kylie Hill VP and Selena Webber have agreed to represent us.

NBC Strategic Reference Group applications

NBC has set up 6 Strategic Reference Groups (SRG) to help shape the future direction of the Northern Beaches. It has been confirmed that Lorrie Morgan has been accepted to the Community & Belonging SRG, Peter Middleton to Economic & Smart Communities & Wendy Dunnet to Transport & Travel. They will each be representing the NRA. Greg Ross who applied for the Environmental Reference Group was unsuccessful.

Lorrie is also involved with Creative Art Space and the Walkway from Manly to Palm Beach. They are planning sculptures along the walkway. She recently met with Mayor Regan with a proposal to have an annual Art award created for the Northern Beaches.

Forced Council Amalgamations - current state of play

Sue Young is continuing to collect signatures to their petition and working with the "Save our Councils Coalition. An update regarding de-amalgamation proposals is available in this weeks Pittwater Online News at :

<http://www.pittwateronlinenews.com/Tumbarumba-Delivers-Divorce-Proposal-to-State-Govt.php>

Tumbarumba's proposal was presented to the State Govt last Wednesday. Guyra residents are expected to present their proposal soon & Pittwater to follow.

Bungan Head Reserve Barricade to walking track

GB is attempting to write a submission on behalf of the NRA to re-establish the track.

Foamcrest Ave Carpark

A letter was sent to NBC (5th September) requesting a Parking Demand study & asking to have the car park policed. We received a response early December from Phillip Devon at NBC who confirmed Council are in the early stages of developing an overall Parking strategic plan for the Northern Beaches area. They will be requesting input early in the year. In the interim he has requested ranger patrol the carpark areas in Newport. We will report on the current situation at the next meeting.

Pittwater Forever future and NRA involvement

Gavin Butler will give an update at the next meeting.

Footpath upgrade request -NBC feedback

Bill Thomson has been following up on the Footpath upgrade with Michelle Carter from NBC. She asked it be put to the meeting to decide which footpath should have priority - Myola Rd or Queens Parade East. By a show of hands it was decided Queens Pde East should be given priority over Myola but hopefully NBC can do both in the 18/19 financial year.

Newport Planning Applications

The old Caltex site was before the L&E court which found in favour of Council. The Developer is now doing rectification work. Also the same Developer is being asked to fix non compliance work in Seaview Street. Both developments give concern to the Certification by the Certifiers.

Bardo Rd & Nooal St - at a Council Meeting on 28th November 2017 the council recommendation to refuse the Bardo/Nooal seniors living spot rezoning planning proposal was upheld unanimously.

A new DA has been lodged (8th February 2018) seeking an amendment to the Pittwater LEP to allow Seniors Housing as an additional permitted use under Schedule 1. The Rezoning request has been submitted to the Dept of Planning & Environment & a request to the Sydney North Planning Panel to review the proposal.

A Proposed Development at 232 & 234 Barrenjoey Rd Newport has been lodged with the Land & Environment Court.

Barbara Kendall asked about the development at 62 Hillside Rd Newport. It was due to go before the Independent Assessment Panel on 14th February. Selena to follow up.

NBC Matters & Projects open for comment Refer web site for details.

General Business:

Bill noted his letter in the Manly Daily on NBC's decision to appoint 2 full time Animal Management Officers and how important they are to patrolling Newport Beach especially between us & Bilgola. He also commented on the need for proper signage. In response, Deputy Mayor Candy Bingham agreed & advised Council has allocated funds for new signage in the various lead & off lead areas. Patrick commented he had seen new rangers near the Surf Club at 7am. Warwick Kitt raised his concerns over the safety impact of the Palm tree on Barrenjoey Rd & Bramley Lane on drivers turning into Barrenjoey Rd.

Meeting Closed at 9.10pm pm

Next Meeting Tuesday 20th March 2018 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm.