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Secretary's Report July 2018 – June 2019

The NRA held **General Meetings** in eleven of the months, including the December Christmas social gathering. Since our March meeting, we have had the benefit of the monthly attendance of the NBC's *Community Liaison Coordinator* or her deputy. This has resulted in excellent follow-up on matters discussed or arising in our meetings. It has also facilitated specific Council presentations/discussions on pertinent matters such as the *Newport Flood Study* and the *Newport Village Activation Plan*.

As our President has reported, this year has seen the NRA well represented in the quarterly meetings of four of the **NBC Strategic Reference Groups**. Additionally, these SRG reps and other NRA members have participated in the community's input to other Council strategic area workshops, such as *Local Strategic Planning Statement and Local Housing Strategy*; *Sister Cities and NBC*; *Northern Beaches Industry Tourism Summit*; *Draft Destination Management Plan*.

The NRA has continued to be represented at each meeting of the community consortium, **Pittwater Community Alliance**, including our President, Gavin, continuing as the group's Secretary. This has resulted in worthwhile cross-community communication and cooperation, including PCA meetings with senior Council management and other government representatives.

While the NBC is yet to instigate an advice system to registered community groups, re **DAs and other planning/zoning proposals** which affect their domains, our committee members have set-up a defacto method which warns us of most Newport proposals, allowing a submission to be made where thought appropriate and discussion at a general meeting when the advertised period allows.

The NRA has registered with NBC to receive **Community Engagement** emails and other pertinent community advices. This allows our association to consider and, where appropriate, make submissions on significant matters such as: *Pittwater Waterways Strategy*; public acquisition of *62 Hillside Rd rain forest area*; upgrading of *Newport Oval* as the entrance to the village; *Parking* policies; community future for *Foamcrest Ave Carpark*; *Outdoor Dining* policy and charges; *Station Beach Off-leash Dog Trial*.

In summary, your association continues to raise, to monitor and to draw attention to a spectrum of matters and issues that affect our community and be available to act as its conduit to those who can assist us towards favourable outcomes.

