

Pittwater Community Alliance

Notes from meeting with Northern Beaches Council re Planning Matters

Meeting held **Wednesday 29th April 2020** via Video (Zoom), commencing at 2. 00pm

Participating:

NBC: Ray Brownlee CEO; Louise Kerr Director Planning and Place; Trish Chaney; Annie Laing
PCA: Craig Boaden PCA; Gavin Butler NRA; Chris Fletcher BayviewLife; Catherine Kerr
CABPRA; Peter Mayman APA, David Palmer PNHA; Geoff Searl ABHS; Richard West PBWBA.

Trish Chaney has supplied us with her comprehensive notes of the meeting so we attach those as the record (separate pdf). The only other items we wish to mention are that firstly, prior to discussing planning matters, Ray Brownlee (RB) gave an update on Council's position on two matters;

- re Covid-19. He indicated they were now discussing internally how they will emerge from service changes they had made. Libraries will probably be the first, however that will probably mean they have to cease the Library 2-U service (as the staff will need to be redeployed back to the library).
- The previous night's lively Council meeting, where a motion on rates as presented by staff was approved but since then a rescission motion has been received and will need to be dealt with at another meeting. The proposal was for a subsidy to be provided to ratepayers to the value of 50% of the proposed rate increases in 2020 (plus some other less impacting proposals e.g. deferring other charges & instalments).

Secondly, re the Seniors developments item, Chris Fletcher's statistics on demographics esp. seniors were:

Australia 65+: 5.25% of the population

NBC LGA: 14%

And Pittwater has an older age profile than average for NBC as a whole, so we are already contributing to "seniors living" more than most areas!

Thirdly, Trish mentions it but it's worth emphasising that **10+ unique submissions** means a development must be referred to the local planning panel. It may be worthwhile for member associations to encourage at least 9 of their individual members to make submissions as well as the association itself.

Finally, the last matter that is on the meeting notes from Trish is related to a Queens Pde Newport DA and is a matter raised by Gavin Butler NRA. The issue of concern may not have been captured by the meeting notes. The concern raised was a concern that the planning staff were doing **desk top reviews rather than on-site ones**. The DA in question which is close to the Newport school in both Beaconsfield and Queens Pde.

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Council followed the traffic report with their recommendation to the NBLPP that all truck movements during the demolition and construction phases, be from 8-5 and 7-5 respectively (i.e all day), which clashed with the huge parent drop-off and pick-up times for the school. An NRA member's submission to the panel which brought this to the panel's attention was actually picked up by the developer at the hearing and they readily asked and agreed to amend the traffic conditions to prevent truck movements between 8.30 – 9.45 am and 3.00 – 4.00 pm. A sensible outcome which should have been in the original council recommendation/approval.

Refer to the attachment (separate pdf) for the full meeting notes.

Meeting closed at 3.10 pm