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Minutes of Meeting

Held 7th April 2026 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.00pm

Members present:	As per attendance sheet
President	Gavin Butler
Vice-President & Treasurer	Glenn Moore
Secretary:	Wendy Dunnet
Committee members:	Sue Young, P Middleton (apology) Kyle Hill Doug Cohen

President's Note:

Gavin Butler welcomed members and guests including guest speaker Nancy Formica, Mona Vale Save our Suburb group, Andrew Johnston from NBC & Rebecca Clarke from Jacqui Scruby's office.

Apologies: Sue Ross, Peter Middleton, Selena Webber & Jacqui Scruby.

Approval of Minutes: of the previous meeting held 3rd March 2026.

Moved:K.Hill

Seconded:G.Moore

Treasurer's Report

Balance as @ 28/02/2026	\$1094.04
Add Receipts	\$0
Sub total	\$1094.04
Deduct Payments - Room Hire	\$168.00
Net assets as at 31/03/2026	\$926.04

Moved: R.Seldon

Seconded: D.Cohen

NRA annual membership is \$20 per person or \$25 per family and is now due.

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

We received an email from Chris@NBIMM advising our website needed updating. Their group is now working with local homeowners & businesses on the management of Myna birds on the Northern Beaches. Gavin Butler advised our website is now updated.

De-Amalgamation - Sue Young advised, the Minister for Local Government, Ron Hoenig, has written to Protect Pittwater requesting a further 2,000 signatures to demonstrate "a substantial degree of support" before the Proposal to de-amalgamate from Northern Beaches Council can be referred to the NSW Local Government Boundaries Commission. Protect Pittwater is now collecting these additional signatures. Once referred, the commission will assess the proposal before reporting to the Minister, who will decide whether to recommend the creation of a new Pittwater LGA.

Items for Discussion:

Presentation by Guest Speaker Nancy Formica, Mona Vale, Save our Suburb group

Nancy Formica was born & brought up in Newport but now resides in Mona Vale. She presented to the meeting her concerns over the NSW State changes in legislation which allows certain Development Applications to be considered as State Significant and therefore are considered by the State not Council. Her concerns for Mona Vale which already has traffic & congestion issues, has led to them setting up a 'Save our Suburb' group. She noted one development of 82 apartments including 10 affordable units being proposed for Darley St, west. It's a dead end street and although there are 3 levels of underground parking they are concerned about additional traffic generated by the number of apartments.

The meeting discussed at length the issue of the State Government planning reforms and the availability of affordable housing including how it is managed on-going after the project is built.

The discussion led to the idea of a 'Save our Suburbs'. Questions were raised over what is Council doing to 'pushback' on these projects and the State government's decision.

GB thanked Nancy for her presentation and commitment.

Robertson Road

Andrew Johnston provided the Traffic Management Plan for 351 Barrenjoey Rd to Gavin Butler.

The plan will need to go to TransportNSW as it impacts Barrenjoey Rd. It will also be considered at the next Council Traffic Committee meeting regarding the impact on Robertson Road as the trucks entering the site via Barrenjoey Rd into Robertson Rd may turn around on site so the trucks can then exit on Robertson Rd.

Newport Planning Applications

Gavin advised the meeting that the L&E court had approved the DA in Crescent Rd but there is still no mention of the Public access being allowed. Andrew Johnston explained that 6 berths have been approved & 2 pontoons or porta berths. Andrew to check if the Public access has been approved & included.

Draft Code of Meeting Practice

Northern Beaches Council has voted to hold the public Forum 7 days prior to each ordinary Council meeting to hear submissions on agenda items, followed by a community engagement forum on other matters. Applications to speak at the forums for 14th April meeting will open with the release of the April business papers.

In contrast, Mosman Council have decided Open Question time will take place at 620pm in the Council Chambers & will provide an opportunity for community input. This will be followed by a Public Forum for registered speakers wishing to address items listed on the meeting agenda, before the Council meeting commences at 7pm.

PCA Update

GB advised he and Glenn Moore would be attending the next meeting with Council on 22/04/2026 re: Hawkesbury / Nepean Pittwater & Coastal Management waterways.

Shared Pathway to Bilgola

The project is proceeding well. Andrew Johnston advised the works are going into a busy noisy phase. Night works will begin on Monday 13th April & run for approximately 3 weeks. Work will take place between 8pm & 530am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays with a break on Wednesday & no weekend shifts. Work will involve a contraflow on Barrenjoey Road with traffic control on site. There are further works that they are looking to undertake during the day. There will also be ongoing traffic restrictions on The Serpentine.

It's webpage continues to provide updates as the project progresses.

<https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/ConnectingNorthernBeaches>

General Newport Maintenance

Question for Council – what is the difference in cost between permanent lighting & hire lighting eg on the pedestrian crossing on Gladstone Rd.

Other NBC Matters

Council at a previous meeting resolved to defer selling Council property. At their last meeting Council voted to sell Unit 9, 5 Vuko place rather than keep it for Community use or rent it, commercially.

General Business

E-bikes continue to be of concern with the State government slow to implement legislation. Gavin Butler has approached the Newport Chamber of Commerce to ask if they would support a 40km speed limit through Newport Village. The Chamber agreed to canvas the local businesses. Mike Hawkeswood raised the issue of kids using a disused building in Porters Reserve for parties. It started weeks ago with kids seen on the roof of the building on Australia Day & since then the events have got bigger with more kids attending via social media, paying to attend & other kids racing along Barrenjoey Rd on their e-bikes. Council to be advised that the accumulation of rubbish and damage to the reserve is totally out of control. There are no toilets or other facilities where these kids are having their parties. Council currently dump green waste & soil near this building which may also not be the best option. Neighbours to advise if it continues.

Meeting Closed at 8.28pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 5th May 2026 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm.

***NRA 2025/2026 annual membership renewal fell due 1st July
\$20 per person or \$25 per family***