



# Newport Residents Association Inc.

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## Minutes of Meeting

**Held 16th November 2021 at Newport Community Centre**

### **Meeting commenced at 7.25pm**

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per Covid19 attendance sheet

Gavin Butler

Kyle Hill

Glenn Moore

Wendy Dunnet

Peter Middleton, Simon Barlow,  
Sue Young (apology)

### **President's Note**

Gavin Butler welcomed members and special guests, Councillor Rory Amon, Trish Chaney & Allison Cooper, from NBC.

**Apologies:** Michael & Sarah Lawrence, Sue Young, Lorrie Morgan, Miranda Korzy.

**Approval of Minutes:** of previous meeting held 15th June 2021.

Moved: G.Moore

Seconded: K.Hill

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Balance as @ 01/10/2021	1014.76
Add Receipts	1035.52
<b>Sub total</b>	2050.28
Deduct Payments	0
Net assets as @ 31/10/2021	2050.28

Moved:D.Cook      Seconded:P.Middleton

Note: Members Subs 2021-2022 Now Due & Payable

### **Correspondence & Matters Arising:**

Due to the recent COVID lockdown (June 26th 2021 until October 11th when restrictions started easing) there was very little correspondence. All meetings were held via Zoom.

The re-establishment of Alcohol free zones for the period of 4 years from 01/12/2021 to 30/11/ 2025 was endorsed by Council at the October meeting.

GB requested Council via Trish Chaney for some sand to help cover the rocks at the Southern end of Newport beach. Sand was delivered & a working bee helped put it in place.

GB put in a request to Michael Regan to access funds again made available by the State Government following last years' successful grant which allowed for the closing of Robertson Rd. Unfortunately, Council decided due to Covid restrictions, the funds could be used elsewhere.

Therefore, we will not be having a market or closing off Robertson Road this year. Jason Falinski's office advised details of a group funding project which is also not applicable to the NRA.

### **Presentation from Simon Barlow of the Save Robertson Road campaign and Selena Webber, local architect & NRA member**

Selena briefed the meeting on the background of the Newport Masterplan, the need for one & how it came about since it was first considered in 2003, through to it being completed in 2014. The principle criteria was to create & maintain a 1-2 level Village feel with a 3rd level being possible only if it was unobtrusive. The Masterplan's objective was to encourage what we like about Newport. The rooftops were important as one looks down onto the Village. The better the amenity in the buildings through ventilation & sunlight the better for the community. Foamcrest Ave is considered to be where commercial meets residential. A 10.5m height limit was set with maybe an 11.5m limit.

Unfortunately most developments have been more than 11.5.

Included in the Plan is the need for places off the main road to "rest". One area suggested for this was through the centre of Robertson Road with a setback on the South side to take advantage of the sun. Other criteria included, 6m setbacks so the development would be an appropriate scale to the Village and a 3m set back to adjacent properties to improve the amenity of the units. A public plaza in Robertson Road as well as connecting arcades are both important to the Village. A

Development should comply with most of the Code and many in Newport have not. The Planners over the years have disappointingly, not adhered to the Masterplan.

Simon Barlow proceeded to show photos of various areas of Newport which were appalling. They showed very dismal examples of poor maintenance and design. He then showed and explained the current ownership of all the properties connected to Robertson Road. Council has a strong influence on what can happen here.

Simon proceeded with various options for the development of Robertson Road. All rely on a land swap which Council would support. We need an Urban Designer to put together a proposed plan. The shop top model is detrimental to a restaurant, cafe, and plaza area. Council is not agreeing to help with the appointment of an Urban Designer. Yet, their document, Shape 2028 - the Northern Beaches Community Strategic Plan (CSP) 2018-2028 clearly states to 'Collaborate with the community in the design of vibrant open spaces & neighbourhoods'.

The current amended DA for 351 Barrenjoey Rd still does not have the setbacks it should. The rules are there & the Masterplan is a component of the DCP. Fortunately, Council have appointed a Design Review Panel. This has helped. It was suggested it would be beneficial for the community to address the DRP regarding the Masterplan.

Further discussion followed with the members. Selena, Simon and Gavin gave a very succinct presentation of the situation to date regarding the DA for 351 Barrenjoey Rd, the objectives of the Masterplan, the issues and possible solutions.

## **Items for Discussion:**

### **Nooal St / Bardo Rd update**

GB confirmed the Planning Proposal at 2 and 4 Nooal Street and 66 Bardo Road has been disallowed. The determination reflects Council's view and the view of the NRA. It has taken 3 years to achieve this result. The development will not go ahead.

### **Council Elections**

The Pittwater Community Alliance will be holding a meet the Candidates for Pittwater Ward on Wednesday 1st December at the Newport Community Centre at 7pm.

A meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd December at Warriewood to meet the candidates for Narrabeen Ward.

### **Boats, Trailers & Caravan Parking**

An ongoing issue recently highlighted by Peter Middleton with the number of boats & trailers parked in the Trafalgar Car park adjacent to the Newport primary school & taking up spaces meant for teachers and families. He personally has written to Northern Beaches Council regarding the issue which is also a problem elsewhere in Pittwater. Council advised they have been trying to get the State Government to change the rules since July. Separately, Council have prepared a Traffic Consultation letter - Newport Public School, Queens Parade, Newport - Proposed parking changes. It is open for comment until 3rd December 2021.

### **Marina Safety**

The NRA has contacted Council requesting an audit on all the marinas over concerns with a massive explosion in March 2021 followed by a major fire in June 2021. Newport has 6 marinas that account for approximately 70% of all the berths in Pittwater. Council advised that Marina safety is a matter for the State Government and this request has been passed on by the NRA to our local State member Rob Stokes (who has now had the Transport portfolio added to his ministry) and we await a reply.

### **NBC Reference Group Updates**

WD attended via Zoom the last Transport & Travel SRG meeting after 4 years. Unfortunately there were not enough attendees to have a quorum. Phil Devon presented an update on current projects. Firstly, Local Speed limits and the success of the 30km trial in a school zone in Manly which is now informing policy across NSW. Possible introduction of 20km in Neighbourhood streets & 10km on laneways, cul-de-sacs & public car parks. He also discussed the Safer Schools Infrastructure program - work will commence soon on an improved crossing in Beaconsfield Rd for Newport Public school. The EIS has just been released on the Beaches Link project. This was discussed and other issues concerning the community's concerns.

### **Newport Activation Group**

Allison Cooper from NBC reported on the recent Activation meeting for Newport. They plan to have a face to face meeting, February 2022. She commented on many new business ventures in Newport & changes to businesses. Consensus at the meeting was to plan better for 2022. Pony Rider & some of the other businesses are doing their own activities leading up to Christmas & between that & re-starting their businesses post COVID they don't feel they can start planning anything before next year.

Avalon Chamber has closed but Newport & Mona Vale Chambers are back operating after the possibility earlier this year of combining the 3 Chambers.

NBC are planning some entertainment in Newport leading up to Christmas. Details next meeting.

### **General Newport Maintenance Matters**

Glenn Moore commented on the urgent need for line marking on Kalinya St. & Queens Pde.

### **NBC Matters & Projects Open for Comment**

None at this time

**General Business:**

Selena Webber commented that NBC could review how the Parking stickers are distributed rather than waiting for them in the mail.

The President & Principal of the Newport Primary school expressed an interest in meeting us.

**Meeting Closed at 9.00pm**

**Next Meeting: will be the Christmas function on Tuesday 21st December 2021 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm**