



Newport Residents Association Inc.

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Minutes of Meeting **Held 17th September 2024 at Newport Community Centre**

Meeting commenced at 7.03pm

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

President's Note:

Gavin Butler welcomed members and guests including Andrew Johnston from NBC.

Apologies: Glenn Moore, Sue and Tony Young, Robert Jory, Dean Cormac.

Approval of Minutes: of previous meeting held 20th August 2024.

Moved: M.Hawkeswood

Seconded: J.Colquhoun

Treasurer's Report

Balance as @ 01/08/2024	\$756.97
Add Receipts	\$45
Sub total	\$801.97
Deduct Payments	\$0
Net assets as @ 31/08/2024	\$801.97

Moved: P. Middleton

Seconded: M.Hawkeswood

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

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

Newport Oval has been an ongoing concern for our community with the need to upgrade the buildings and provide proper storage so the container on site can finally be removed. Council has allocated \$150,000 for the upgrade and MVJRC is in discussions with Council on the design. Once the design is prepared we will have the opportunity to give our input..Previously the NRA had been in favour of a white picket fence along Barrenjoey Rd which would create a nice entrance to Newport. The school supported the concept but the rugby club did not. Council to advise when the design will be ready for comment.

GB had written to the previous Police Superintendent asking him if he could address one of our meetings but we now have a new Superintendent, John Duncan. GB to follow up with Superintendent Duncan to organise a time to meet.

At a previous meeting Rob Jory & Richard Westhoff spoke to the meeting about reversing the clear-way on Barrenjoey Rd (between Beaconsfield and Bardo Roads) to allow parking all day on the western side. WD contacted Phil Devon (Manager, Transport Network) at Council and he responded that it is a matter for TfNSW to consider, however, he will raise it on our behalf at the monthly meeting in October.

Kyle Hill, on behalf of the NRA has written a thank you letter to Jeremy Smith, Acting Executive Manager Parks & Open Space, acknowledging the rectification of the path at the northern end of Newport beach from the carpark to the stairs to Bilgola headland.

Items for Discussion:

Council Election Result

GB advised that although the election results are not official until early October the three Councillors for Pittwater Ward will be Miranda Korzy for the Greens 4,300 votes or 25.4%, Rowie Dillon for YNBIT with 5,700 votes or 33.2% and 'Sunny' Singh with 40% or 6800 votes for the Liberal party. These figures are approximate as at 16th September 2024. There are 37,134 people enrolled to vote in Pittwater. 17% of them voted Informal.

The 1st Council meeting will be 8th October & it will be an Extraordinary meeting to elect the Mayor and other officer bearers. The first actual Council meeting will then be 15th October 2024.

The By-election for the Pittwater State member will be Saturday 19th October. Nominations will close 2nd October and PCA intend to hold a meet the Candidates on 10th October at Newport Community Centre.

Newport Planning Applications

Two planning applications were noted:

50 Bardo Rd

149 Crescent Rd.

In addition a DA for 122 Crescent Rd Newport, otherwise known as Sirsi marina, appears to be a modification for the demolition & construction of 9 marina berths. The meeting discussed this DA and concluded our continuing concern for a Right of Way for public access to the waterfront.

Andrew Johnston to advise Council's position on this matter.

NSW Govt Planning Reforms

Warwick Kitt related a comment from Rob Stokes that developers on the Northern Beaches were more at risk by having to develop as much as they can and then needing to sell at a higher rate vs elsewhere in Sydney.

The Government's housing reform plans may be on public exhibition by the end of the year. Questions still remain over concerns of inadequate infrastructure and transport oriented development.

Shared Pathway to Bilgola

Andrew Johnston advised the Design & Construction tender closed on 27th August. A report is now being prepared for the Councillors. The Design will then go on Public exhibition early 2025. He confirmed the funding is still available and construction will be completed in 2025.

General Newport Maintenance

The Irubel Rd landslip work is ongoing but should be completed shortly.

Trafalgar Park playground upgrade will be completed end of September currently laying 600m² turf.

Weeding on the median strip in Newport has been completed. Kyle Hill to check.

John Harston commented on the fabulous fun run on Sunday 25th August. An amazing, well run event spoiled by the smell from the 3 sewer stacks. Could we please file an official complaint to Council &/or the Water Board to do something about it.

It was also suggested that in addition to the lights we have in the trees on Robertson Rd we have lights installed on Barrenjoey Rd. Kyle Hill advised they can only go in the Palm trees. At the eastern end of Bardo Rd there is an issue with the tree canopy blocking the street lights. Ausgrid need to program maintenance on these trees. Also on Bishop & Gladstone Sts the design has been completed so either Council or Ausgrid will be installing permanent lighting to replace the current temporary lighting. John Hasten again asked if the old Optus cable can be removed.

Other NBC Matters

Council made amendments to the Newport Surf Club design after appealing the previous L&E court ruling. Those plans are now being considered by the L&E court. GB noted we have always supported the Surf club and their renovations.

WD noted again the difficulty in navigating the NBC planning page.

Peter Middleton summarised the issue of Council's recent Code of Meeting Practice. He had put in a submission over concerns that the time limit was being changed for those presenting to Council from 3 minutes to 2 minutes. This has subsequently been reversed by Council. What is yet to be considered is a 'no photograph zone' in and around the Council chambers. This seems to be quite absurd and not practical.

Andrew Johnston noted that Council staff are working on the terms of reference for the Robertson Road working group & will forward to Council. The working group was agreed by Council via a motion from Michael Gencher earlier this year.

General Business

Gavin advised our AGM will be held at our next meeting on 15th October 2024

Meeting Closed at 8.09pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 15th October at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm will be our AGM and the general meeting will follow.

***NRA 2024/2025 annual membership renewal fell due 1st July
\$20 per person or \$25 per family***