



# Newport Residents Association Inc.

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## Minutes of Meeting

**Held 18th April 2023 at Newport Community Centre**

### **Meeting commenced at 7.02pm**

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per attendance sheet

Gavin Butler

Kyle Hill

Glenn Moore

Wendy Dunnet

Simon Barlow (apology) Sue Young,

Peter Middleton

### **President's Note**

Gavin Butler welcomed members and guests including Allison Cooper, NBC & was himself, welcomed back by all present.

**Tribute:** Gavin Butler paid tribute to Robert 'Bob' Grace who recently passed away. He was a Councillor on both Warringah & Pittwater Councils and very active in our community. He contributed many years of service to Newport & Pittwater and was always available to help & offer advice. GB thanked all those who attended his funeral including Sue & Tony Young. Greg Ross told the meeting his nickname was "Amazing"... which made everyone laugh.

**Apologies:** Rowie Dillon, Newport Chamber of Commerce, Guyren Smith, Newport Surf Club, Simon Barlow, Trish Chaney, NBC.

**Approval of Minutes:** of previous meeting held 21st March 2023

Moved: R. Seldon

Seconded: G.Ross

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

Balance as @ 28/02/2023	\$1454.42
Add Receipts	\$0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	\$1454.42
Deduct Payments	\$147.60

Net assets as at 31/03/2023	\$1306.82
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Moved: S. Young

Seconded: K.Hill

Payment was NBC room hire \$147.60

Members' Subs 2022-2023 Now due & payable. \$20 per person or \$25 per family

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

We have been cc'd in on a number of emails concerning the Coles loading dock, their truck movements and misuse of an old condenser fan. We have subsequently been informed that Coles senior management have been advised of the problems due to Mayor Reagan becoming involved. We believe Council is investigating the matters raised.

### **Items for Discussion:**

#### **Robertson Road Update**

We had requested Council to put in a submission to the government (via Sophie Scamps ) for capital works funding under the Government's Stronger Communities Program for small projects to install bollards at both entrances to Robertson Road. Unfortunately the project had to be completed by the end of the year and this was not something Council could achieve with its consultation, tender & construction time frames.

GB put it to the meeting that the NRA will continue to try & achieve the installation of bollards to mitigate the cost to Council of closing off Robertson Road for events. Cost per event is approximately \$8,000.

#### **Newport Planning Applications**

One planning application has been received for 343 Barrenjoey Rd Newport for a Medical Centre. After some discussion, the meeting agreed this was benefit to the community.

#### **Conservation Zones - update**

This is a major ongoing issue for Pittwater. GB advised, Council has invited the PCA to a meeting to discuss Council's Delivery Program. Council wishes to brief the PCA on the proposed Operational Plan & Budget 2023/24 and included in this briefing will be both the opportunity and a discussion on the Conservation Zones Review.

Meetings will be held at the Newport Community Centre:

\*Wednesday 3rd May commence at 7.15 - 815pm (set up from 7pm)

\*Thursday 4th May commence at 6.15 - 715pm. (set up from 6pm)

Gavin asked if anyone wanted to attend to let him know.

Council have also advised three reports are now on their project website: \*Snapshot of the Consultation report \*Consultation report & \*Submissions received during the consultation. Council is currently investigating changes to the methodology that could address concerns raised by the community. They will meet with the Department of Planning & Environment to discuss the review, submissions received & possible changes. The Department will have the final say about any proposed zoning changes.

#### **PCA Update**

Gavin Butler noted Ray Brownlee's resignation from Council and that Louise Kerr is interim CEO until further notice. He also noted & congratulated Rory Amon's success at becoming the State member for Pittwater. We look forward to continuing to work with Rory & having regular meetings as we did with Rob Stokes.

Pittwater Waterway Strategy - PCA is hoping to have a meeting with NBC to be involved with Council's development of The Coastal Management plan which has arisen from the State Government requirement to prepare a "Pittwater Waterway Strategy 2038". At a meeting on 21st March 2023 Ray Brownlee agreed that some type of consultative process would be beneficial. PCA are hoping for a meeting in May with Todd Dickinson (NBC). Both Glenn Moore, who has been active in monitoring activities regarding Pittwater and Gavin on behalf of NRA, will join with other members of the PCA for this meeting.

### **Newport Chamber of Commerce Update**

Allison Cooper gave the meeting an update on behalf of Rowie Dillon.

The Family Easter trail winner will be announced next week (after the school holidays).

Anzac Day will be commemorated by many in the community with a dawn service at the Memorial. The NRA will be laying a wreath as we have done in previous years. The Bowlo will be having the The Greatest Family Show from 12 noon with 2 up, face painting, food trucks & music bars.

Mother's Day - The Chamber is working with Council, to have an installation, possibly at Bert Payne Park, for photo opportunities with Mum over that weekend. Any businesses in Newport with a Mother's Day offer they will share on the Chamber's social media.

There are 3 major events for the forthcoming year that the Chamber is working with local businesses to maximise these events and connect with the Village:

Car Show at the RMYC 28th May,

Beach to Beach 27th August

Newport Summer Celebration 4th November (including the Timber Boat festival.)

Each of these events may include a Robertson Rd closure.

The Coastal Walk Art Project is currently on hold. Once the brief has been prepared, it will be shared with the Newport group to have their input. It will then go to an internal working group in Council prior to it going to the Councillors. Christiane will maintain contact with Rowie so the Community group and the wider community are informed. The NRA has 2 people, Peter Middleton & Simon Barlow on the Newport Community group.

Hoarding - Work is due to commence on rebuilding the fire damaged shops in the Village and the Chamber is working with Council to install a mural, which will feature: Support Newport business #WeloveyouNewport#2106 on the hoarding.

They are also working on signage to say Welcome to Newport, to be installed as you approach the Village. Location to be discussed.

Allison noted that to conduct the events & have a viable chamber then we need businesses to sign up & become members. Subscription is \$100.00. All our members are encouraged to talk with the local businesses, including home based businesses, & get them to join. Both the Surf Club & Merivale are members.

### **Shared Pathway to Bilgola**

Eva Havenstein, Executive Manager Capital Projects, has contacted Gavin with an update. She explained significant geotechnical engineering challenges were identified during the design process. Current construction estimates to complete the Coast walk exceed the funds currently available. Remaining works will therefore need to be prioritised & a forward works program established for the

finalisation of the walk. Councillors were briefed in early April. Council staff will meet with the NRA to provide an update. & the next steps.

### **Newport Surf Club**

Guyren Smith, President Newport SLSC, forwarded an update via email. They now have the date 16th May for the review hearing for the Sydney North Planning Panel as well as a directions hearing in the Land & Environment court for 5th May.

Also 2 large containers in the carpark were needed to transport gear across to Perth for the Australian Championships. The 2 smaller containers that were rusting away have now been replaced.

### **General Newport Maintenance**

Great news. The stairs at the end of Melaleuca St have now been completed and are fabulous. WD emailed Steve Lawler & Phil Devon to thank them. Both replied with Phil advising the hand rail will be installed either later this week or next week. These stairs are a big benefit to the residents.

Kyle to follow up with Steve Lawler regarding Dearin Park to try and get the other work discussed, onto Council's list.

Concerns for Anzac Day service with the number of boats & trailers parked in Gladstone St that will make parking very difficult. WD to contact Council.

Bollards have been knocked down at the far side of the Surf Club carpark & cars entering from Neptune have been using this as an entry to the carpark. This is adjacent to the winter netball courts that are designated at the end of the carpark. Allison will advise Council to repair & replace so they can't be taken out.

Mike Hawkeswood noted the "No parking" signs on Sat/Sun & public holidays now installed near Porters reserve. It's a good move by Council to reduce the issues with car access & egress. WD asked Allison to please advise us when an item is on the Traffic Committee's agenda. We used to receive the notification but we haven't recently.

### **Other NBC matters and General Business**

Greg Ross put it to last month's meeting a request to install No U turn signs at Trevor Rd & Queens Parade East. Council has followed up on this matter and requested Transport for NSW to investigate.

Sue Young noted with the change of Government, Communities who have amalgamated & wish to de-merge, the Labor Govt will not support the forced merger or any forced demerger. It plans to put in place mechanisms to enable this to occur. Labor insists that a merger or demerger can only be done voluntarily with the clear support of local residents as confirmed through a local plebiscite which could be held in early 2024 prior to Council elections. The Local Govt Act will need to be amended for this to occur.

Warwick Kit raised concerns over the use of Electric bikes ( mainly large black ones - apparently they take the limiter off ) in our community, which are being ridden at great speed, on footpaths with no regard for pedestrians or people legitimately having coffee or a meal at an outdoor table. It was discussed and thought one option is to have the Village designated a 'No Bike Zone'. It was raised at the March Council meeting so the Police & the Traffic committee are involved. It is important that everyone gets together on this before a major accident occurs. Contact Council, the Police & Rory for support. Take videos if you can.

Allison advised Council is considering installing 2 x EV charging stations on Barrenjoey Rd outside Shot Lab coffee Shop. PM explained to the meeting the extent Shot Lab went to & that Council

ended up supporting, a 15 minute parking restriction so that his business could survive by people being able to park quickly & pick up takeaway. A charging station would seriously adversely affect this.

The meeting concluded that any charging stations must be installed away from the local businesses that would be negatively impacted as they are in Mona Vale, where they have experienced traffic jams of cars waiting & then people staying for too long, as well as the loss of sight from the road to the shops. Council needs to think very carefully where any EV charging stations are installed. Allison to advise Council of the NRA response to this proposal.

**Meeting Closed at 8.03pm**

**Next Meeting: will be 16th May 2023 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm**

***NRA annual membership renewal falls due end June: \$20 per person or \$25 per family***