



Newport Residents Association Inc.

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Minutes of Meeting Held 18th August 2020 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.08pm

Members present:	As per Covid19 attendance sheet
President	Gavin Butler
Vice-President	Kyle Hill
Acting Treasurer	Kyle Hill
Secretary:	Wendy Dunnet
Committee members:	Peter Middleton, Glenn Moore, Sue Young

President's note:

Gavin Butler welcomed members and special guests, Annie Lang & Alison Cooper from NBC.

Apologies: Selena Webber, Tony Young, Bill Thomson, David Catchlove, Ron Seldon, Michael Peschardt.

Approval of Notes of previous Meeting held 21st July 2020

Moved: D.Cook

Seconded: G.Ross

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @ 30/06/2020	1,275.63
Add Receipts	50.00
Sub total	1325.63
Deduct Payments	
Net assets as @ 31/07/2020	1325.63

Moved: P/Middleton Seconded: G.Ross

Note: Members Subs 2020-2021 Now Due & Payable

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

We get regular updates from Transport NSW. The most recent announcing the completion of the Springwood to Lithgow line. Also, Mayor Reagan sends a weekly update. Last week he announced a new skate park at North Curl Curl and reiterated the completion of a shared bike/walking path in Newport linking the Newport West shops to Newport village.

PCA advised the NSW Govt. is looking for member groups to list any public space projects & to ask NBC to apply for funding. We are not aware of any projects at this time that would qualify. Roger Johnson emailed to advise of the closing of Ruckus cafe in Robertson Rd (they are moving to the Bowling Club). He also asked about the boat & storage situation around Gretel Park & Ross St (which has been dealt with at an NBC traffic committee meeting) and oversized billboard signage above the newsagency. Rangers will be patrolling the new parking restrictions.

Friends of Mona Vale emailed concerning silica dust from the MV Rd upgrade. It seems they are having an ongoing issue that is not being addressed.

GB read a letter to Christine Holgate, CEO of Australia Post, enquiring of its intentions for the Newport shop & distribution centre. She replied within 24 hours & although she is not aware of any plans, she has copied our email to the Head of property, Michelle & the General Manager responsible, Dave, who may know more and will follow up with us.

Pittwater Natural Heritage Association has published its first Pittwater Nature bulletin. A very informative bulletin.

We received an email concerning parties being held at 356 Barrenjoey Rd which the estate agent advises is vacant. She has called the police and members at the meeting decided it was a matter only for the police.

Items for Discussion:

Newport Village Masterplan and DA 351 Barrenjoey Rd (& Robertson Rd)

Gavin Butler, Peter Middleton, Wendy Dunnet & Selena Webber had a meeting via Zoom on Tuesday 28th July with Louise Kerr, Rod Pigott (Manager Development Assessment), Claire Ryan, Principal Planner & Trish Chaney. The meeting went for over an hour and all thought that NBC are well aware of the Newport Masterplan and what that means for Robertson Rd. Selena Webber was involved in developing the Masterplan and as an architect was well able to discuss the DA with the NBC staff. WD raised the issue of flood modifications on Barrenjoey Rd required by NSW Govt. which will make the shops very difficult to lease.

Peter Middleton has separately written to Rob Stokes with a copy to all NBC Councillors, over concerns with this DA & the impact on the Masterplan. He read his letter to Stokes & the subsequent reply he received from Rob Stokes after an article appeared in the SMH.

Newport Planning Applications

We are not aware of any new applications.

Newport Resident survey proposal

GB discussed the idea of doing a survey to ask people what was important to them. Alison Cooper advised the Newport Chamber of Commerce is planning a survey which focuses on the businesses in Newport and events they would like to have. GB emphasised the survey is a work in progress and we will be in touch with the Chamber.

NooalSt / Bardo Rd rezoning -update

NBC will advise any new information regarding this rezoning. It is with the Dept. of planning.

Illegal Parking Prince Alfred Pde

Kevin Cullen from the Horseshoe Cove Association has written to all Councillors asking for support to install a footpath along Prince Alfred Pde between the 2 clubs to stop the illegal parking and the danger of having to walk on the road. Only Vince de Luca & Rory Amon have responded. Nothing from our ward Councillors. Vince De Luca has offered to have a review by management and come back to him.

Also, we have had notification from NBC that timed parking restrictions are being changed on Barrenjoey Rd and new restrictions introduced on Ross St & The Boulevarde which should deter the long term parking of boats and trailers. Jenny Sutton spoke to the meeting of her concerns regarding the proposal to place a stop sign on the corner of Myola Rd & Bungan Head Rd. These 3 items were on the Agenda for the recent Traffic Committee Meeting and Annie Laing advised they were all approved. Sue Young suggested to Jenny Sutton to still write to Council voicing her objections. Wendy Carroll also commented on illegal parking on Kalinya St & Gladstone which never seems to be policed. They have people parking across their driveway all the time. Hopefully something can be done about this problem. Annie to raise the issue with Phil Devon.

Newport Activation Plan

Alison Cooper from NBC who chairs the Newport Activation meeting confirmed there have not been any meetings due to COVID19 and the Activation plan now needs updating. They are working on a safe plan & are hoping to bring it to the group soon, once there is a place to meet. Hopefully by the 3rd week in September. It was suggested they could forward the plan to us for review & discussion so that it keeps progressing.

NBC Reference Group updates as applicable

WD reported on the Transport & Traffic SRG held on 13th August via Teams. There was a presentation summarising the research on the SRG meetings. The results generally were positive. Going forward there needs to be a balance between being consulted early in the process and being informed. WD noted a broader Community representation would be good although once Plan is developed, it goes via the SRG, then goes to the broader community for consultation. WD confirmed the Bike Plan has been adopted by Council and the Newport to Avalon Serpentine section will be built this year. The Footpath delivery program for 20/21 will include The Boulevarde & Myola Rd as well as a section of Beaconsfield Rd. Electrical Vehicle charging stations, Bike storage locations and an Active School Program were also discussed.

Council Election September 2020

Note: now being held 2021

NRA AGM

The Government has extended the time frame for businesses & organisations to hold their AGM's due to COVID 19. GB advised while we have a limit on the number of people who can attend we will probably have to delay the AGM until October or November.

General Newport Maintenance Matters

WD noted the loss of sand from Newport Beach from all the storms we have experienced and thanked Annie Laing for getting the Rangers to the entrance to the beach and cordoning off the stairs. There was some discussion comparing remedial work at Collaroy and whether a sea wall or something similar needed to be done at Newport? Also, where is the sand taken when they clear the entrance to Narrabeen Lake as they have just done? Secondly, the lights have been on all night at the Newport pool amenities building. Annie to advise. PM suggested the installation of LED lights that can be left on at 20% during the day and increased via a motion detector at night for security as needed. All thought that was a good idea.

NBC Matters & Projects open for Comment

It was recommended we thank Council for the new seawall at Salt Pan Cove. Florence Park & the Flying Fox Park are both excellent facilities.

The NBC Merger Performance report was adopted at the last Council Meeting. This Amalgamation report is still open for comment until 7th September. Sue Young commented the report is quite long and a number of claims need to be qualified. She suggests the Community needs more time to look at the report and the Community consultation service review should have happened before it was adopted. Go to yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

We encourage everyone to have a look.

Due to COVID the De-amalgamation process by a number of places has been put on hold although the Boundaries Commission is continuing to do the financials.

Guyra has 2 proposals to de-amalgamate & Save Our Councils are still working on Leichhardt & Pittwater proposals.

General Business:

The meeting discussed Councillor Vincent de Luca's petition to have an increased Police presence north of Narrabeen. We believe the Police are doing a great job and should be acknowledged but would like clarification that Mona Vale Police station will not be closed or reduced. It was suggested we contact Rob Stokes and ask him what the situation is regarding MV station.

Members are reminded subs are due for 2020-2021 year.

Meeting Closed at 8.40 pm

Next Meeting: will be Tuesday 15th September 2020 at Newport Community Centre at 7.00