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Minutes of Meeting Held 18th June 2024 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.07pm

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

President's Note:

Kyle Hill on behalf of GB welcomed members and guests including Andrew Johnston NBC.

Apologies: Gavin Butler, Wendy Dunnet, Ron Seldon, John Colquhoun, Sue Ross, Sue Young

Approval of Minutes: of previous meeting held 21st May 2024.

Moved: Ray Brooks

Seconded: Bronwyn Brooks

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @ 01/05/2024	\$567.97
Add Receipts	\$45.00
Sub total	\$612.97
Deduct Payments	\$0.00
Net assets as @ 31/05/2024	\$612.97

Moved: Kyle Hill

Seconded: Mike Hawkewood

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

An invitation from **MP Rory Amon** to attend a local community meeting at RMYC on 26th June. Both Wendy Dunnet and Sue Young representing the NRA are going to attend.

An Email from **Cr Miranda Korzy** drawing attention to and providing a link to the NBC EGM on 17 June re Planning Proposal for the LEP.

An email from '**Rebuild** (formerly Save) **Mona Vale Hospital**' calling for government to take control of NBH.

An email from non-member resident Roger Johnston, renewing call for upgrading the presentation of Newport Oval, as the southern entry to Newport village, in particular with regard to the ugly shipping container close to the street. NBC's Andrew Johnston advised that this storage facility for MV Raiders Jnr Rugby was moved periodically (at the Club's expense) but would not be removed until funds became available for a new amenities building.

Items for Discussion:

Robertson Rd update

A more detailed update will be given by Simon Barlow at an ensuing meeting. Andrew Johnston drew attention to the recent NBC meeting approval of a minute to establish a committee including community stakeholder representatives for an integrated strategy for this core zone, hoping to combat the historic, ad hoc procession of individual DAs.

The recent closure of attractive, decade-long, woman's garment retailer "Splice" was regretted, due to the renewal lease being offered at double the current rate. The store will continue trading until the lease for the smaller adjacent shopfront expires later in the year.

Newport Planning Applications

DAs brought to attention included:

- 18 Palm Rd
- 35 Prince Alfred Pde
- 130 Prince Alfred Pde
- 5 Bushrangers Hill
- 15 De Lauret Ave
- 45 Beaconsfield St
- 23 Grandview Dr

None of these had been raised by members nor considered of a nature needing a submission.

The **Irrubel Rd landslip** was raised. Andrew Johnston advised that it was not a public property matter but that NBC was in discussion with the property owner and it was expected to be rectified without the requirement of a DA.

Glenn Moore had copied the NRA on his resident's submission to NBC re community concerns which might be included in conditions of approval for the **RMYC** DA. He had received a response from NBC Planning Director ensuring this would be elevated to the Local Planning Panel for consideration in their appraisal. NRA is to draft a community endorsement of the wider community relevance of these suggestions.

Newport Shared Pathway

Andrew Johnston reiterated his status report to the previous meeting, that commencement would be within 6 months and completion by mid-20-25.

This led to discussion on if there would be speed-limiting components, etc to assist in controlling riders of powered bikes. Andrew J explained the relevant NBC initiatives recently launched, majoring on education plus emphasis on personal liability if injuring a pedestrian. State gov't is proceeding with investigation on all lithium-battery-powered "cycles" and similar vehicles to address the areas within their legislative jurisdiction.

To assist policing and progress, it was suggested we all report any instances, so there is a growing record of the problem.

NSW Gov't Planning Reforms

KH summarised the NBC community sessions and the previous night's NBC EGM, which endorsed the sending of the draft LEP to the Gateway process of NSW Planning. In parallel, the Government is proceeding with their expanded housing density strategy.

Glenn M had drawn the Committee's attention to links on the Northern Beaches Local Planning Panel website, where a link allows access to read the draft of the new proposed LEP.

There was discussion from the floor re BLine future status as a possible precursor to any increased development actions.

General Newport Maintenance

- KH reiterated the situation of **weeds** in the Barrenjoey Rd village median strip and discussion with NBC.
- There was comment of the renewed problem of **potholes** in general.
- A long-festering problem is the lack of kerb & gutter just north of the village on B'joey Rd and a suggestion that NSW transport be approached via our State MP.
- **8-hour limit parking signage** has gone up in the streets near Trafalgar Park but **boats/trailers** are still very evident. There is a community expectation that there will be ranger inspections and fines.
- **"No Parking Saturday & Sunday" signs** adjacent to the northern oval, on Burke St have been **torn down**. This results in dangerous traffic situations with the vehicles consequently parking during matches and then exiting en masse, right-turning into B'joey Rd.

Other NBC Matters

- There was a suggestion of the desirability of a "time capsule", a capturing of details of **historically valuable homes and other structures** in the Newport area. Andrew J commented that a "Modern Heritage Study" might be extended with a Council grant, to investigate further – and possibly drafting of LEP updates, to establish the requirements to qualify.

General Business

- **Glenn** reported sharing on our Newport Residents Association Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Newportresidentsassociation>) some amazing old (mainly black & white) photos of Newport that have been previously posted by Pittwater Online News (<https://www.facebook.com/PittwaterOnlineNews>). We now have over 500 people following the Newport Residents Association Facebook page.
- **Lights at Bishop & Gladstone Streets** crossings. Andrew J reported that Ausgrid are scheduled to install new lighting but meanwhile NBC is lobbying for temporary lighting additional to those currently in place, for safety reasons.
- AJ reported that the upgraded **playground equipment and area in Trafalgar Park** is due to be completed within a month.
- AJ advised that the NBC meeting of 25th June will vote on endorsing the **2024/2025 annual budget** plus the 4-year plan. A number of **Newport road re-sheetings** and footpaths are included.
- The defaced 'Eric Green' reserve sign will shortly have its skin replaced.

Meeting Closed at 8.24pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 16th July at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm

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