



# Newport Residents Association Inc.

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## Minutes of Meeting Held 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at Newport Community Centre

### Meeting commenced at 7.10pm

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per attendance sheet

Gavin Butler (apology)

Kyle Hill

Glenn Moore

Wendy Dunnet (apology P Middleton deputised)

Simon Barlow, Sue Young.  
(apology)

### President's Note

Gavin Butler welcomed members and special guest, Phillip Devon, NBC's Acting Exec Manager for Transport & Civil Infrastructure

**Apologies:** Wendy Dunnet, Annie Laing (NBC), Michelle Carter (NBC).

**Approval of Minutes:** of previous meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022.

Moved: Kyle Hill

Seconded: Sue Ross

### Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @ 01/05/2022	\$1756.68
Add Receipts	150.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>\$1906.68</b>
Deduct Payments	Nil
Net Assets as @ 31/05/2022	\$1906.68

Moved: Ron Seldon    Seconded: Selena Webber

## Guest Speaker Phil Devon – Northern Beaches Transport Strategy & Management

Supported with visuals, Phil outlined the NBC department structure and responsibilities; the fact that it was split into 2 core areas (Traffic Engineering and Strategic Transport); the direct responsibilities to the community and the liaison and reporting relationships with NSW government, including matters as diverse as road safety, public transport advocacy, place planning input, EV chargers and digital parking systems.

He updated us on various improvements and projects in the Newport area during 2022-2024 and gave informative answers to questions forwarded in advance and from the floor.

Of particular interest were his responses to ongoing speculation on the extension of the B-Line service beyond Mona Vale & Keoride status. These included:

- a north Newport extension is out of the question as, estimated cost to adapt existing utilities alone would be \$10million.
- If any future extension to Newport were to proceed, it would likely be:
  - with the blue double-deckers, similar to Forest coach-lines-style;
  - be less frequent than the B-Line's 10-minute services;
  - be more akin to an expansion of the 190X services;
  - would turn around at a revamped Bardo/Barrenjoey intersection (including a likely 'Busses' traffic-light) and possibly even re-activating full vehicle access to/from Bardo (which he suggested would negate the northern rat-runners' desire to come that route);
  - northbound final stop would be adjacent to the oval, southbound commencement stop near Palm Rd, ie both on Barrenjoey where 3 lanes already exist in both directions.

Other topics covered by Phil included 'kamikaze corner', Newport/Bilgola pathway, boat/trailer parking, traffic-light evolution and Robertson Road.

### Correspondence & Matters Arising:

Email from **Annie Laing NBC**, which along with her apology for the meeting, addressed:

- **Newport/Bilgola Stairs**: Staff will again walk the path to see what further maintenance can be done to increase safety.
- Newport Village Activation:
  - a) an extended shopping night **Friday 22 July**, including Robertson Rd entertainment 4.00-7.00pm and
  - b) Proposed **temporary Robertson Rd closure Saturday 15 October** for joint NBC/local businesses event, details tbc

Email from NSW National Parks giving update on **Barrenjoey headland** amenities progress.

A member volunteered that his **correspondence to NBC re Bardo Rd traffic** still remained unanswered but that the meeting's presentation/discussion on Transport suggested there is still scope for action yet to be advised.

(Other matters covered under Agenda items)

### Robertson Rd update

Nothing new but it was reiterated that the developer still needed to lodge a Traffic Plan for NBC consideration and approval.

### Newport Planning Applications

GB advised of NBC letter re **DA2021/2621 27 Nullaburra Rd** following our submission, that NBLPP would be considering the DA at its meeting 12.00noon Wednesday 20 July. Outcome will be posted in Minutes on NBLPP page of Council's website.

### Pittwater Ward Councillors' Meetings

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July – Avalon

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August – Newport

Registration to participate in each is via NBC website

## **PCA Update – LEP/DCP, Housing, Industrial zoning, etc**

GB reported on State Gov't proposed changes to **Industrial zoning** and that NRA had made a submission drafted by former PW Cr Sue Young, emphasising scope for increased conflict with adjacent residential zones. PCA is following up further.

The **Open Space Strategy** draft is open for comment on NBC website. Selena Webber suggested Porters Reserve should be rezoned totally to Public Open Space.

PCA is aiming for a further meeting within the week on the LEP/DCP formulation. (The public meeting at MV Memorial hall next Sunday is also pertinent.)

### **Newport Beach damage**

GB summarized that the beach devastation is very obvious, approaching that of the 1974 events but not yet quite as eroded.

He read to the meeting a report NBC CEO, Ray Brownlee, recently gave to Councillors. In essence it stated that Council will continue to monitor but that the situation did not yet justify an Emergency Work Order.

S Webber suggested that it could be constructive for NRA, (due to its members' personal experience) to help educate re 1974 and what was learnt and evolved from it.

S Young volunteered to contact Angus Gordon re specific comment, given his professional credentials and personal experience.

The video of the beach by John Illingsworth, from earlier in the month, is to be linked to the NRA website.

NRA will continue to monitor status and developments, including raising with PCA, due to the coast's, importance to Pittwater in particular and the LGA in general.

### **General Business**

S Young reminded that **NBC trials for dogs on the beach** at Palm Beach will soon be commencing.

P Middleton indicated he had forwarded information on a recent tourism, international youth forum initiative to Cr Sue Hines, as chair of the SRG incorporating tourism scope. NBC recently announced it will be hosting the **Local Government Association conference on Tourism** in May 2023.

**Meeting Closed at 8.55pm**

**Next Meeting will be 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm**

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