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Minutes of Meeting Held 19th September 2023 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 (apology; P Middleton deputised)
Committee members:	Sue Young, P Middleton, S Barlow (apology)

President's Note:

Gavin Butler welcomed members and guests including Andrew Johnston NBC.

Apologies: Greg & Sue Ross, Robert Orr, Wendy Dunnet, Glenn Moore, Allison Cooper NBC.

Approval of Minutes: of previous meeting held 15th August 2023.

Moved: K. Hill

Seconded: R. Seldon

Treasurer's Report:

The President tabled 2 reports forwarded by the Treasurer, being an adjusted report for July (to include internet hosting) and a report for August:

Balance as @ 01/07/2023	\$1204.22
Add Receipts	\$385.00
Sub total	\$1589.22
Deduct Payments	\$280.00
Net assets as @ 31/07/2023	\$1309.22

Balance as @ 01/08/2023	\$1309.22
Add Receipts	\$25.00
Sub total	\$1334.22
Deduct Payments	\$0.00
Net assets as @ 31/07/2023	\$1334.22

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Seconded: K. Hill

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

GB thanked Andrew Johnson for his prompt response and follow-up actions on matters raised by NRA. Andrew then took the meeting through his most recent update which spanned:

Robertson Rd, including upcoming improvements to seating/dining areas; liaison with Australia Post re improvements to the exterior; parking 'wheel stops' prioritized for painting.

Newport SLSC, re action taken re inoperative carpark lights and further Ausgrid fault report.

NBC Planning (DA) website functionality, to make it generally accessible to residents seeking information on current DAs. This is unlikely to occur prior to the conversion to a new NBC computer system. NRA's functionality suggestions will be incorporated into the brief.

Myola Rd / The Boulevarde cnr. A work order has been issued to eliminate trip hazards.

Northern Beaches Local traffic Committee. Proposed parking changes in Gladstone/Lovering? Stuart street area have been endorsed by the Committee.

Information at: <https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/council/meetings/committees/northern-beaches-council-local-traffic-committee>

Items for Discussion:

Trafalgar Park Playground Equipment renewal

Andrew Johnston outlined the areas being looked at for change and reiterated the invitation for community input re the kinds of equipment which might be included. (See NBC 'Have Your Say')

Proposed Sites for EV Charging onstreet Charging stations

Andrew Johnston outlined more detail on the trial. GB reiterated the NRA recent emailed offer to put in votes for 7 (of the 12 listed) sites,,to optimise Pittwater locations. (Also see NBC 'Have Your Say')

Newport Planning Applications

No new Newport DAs had been discovered.

Kyle Hill requested of Andrew Johnston if a Traffic Management Plan had yet been lodged for the **351 B'joey Rd** DA (cnr Robertson Rd), as NRA had been assured it would major on demolition/construction access from B'joey Rd. TBA.

The **Surf Club extension** DA went to the Land & Environment Court last week, outcome awaited.

Newport Citizenship Ceremony

Last month, Gavin B explained to the meeting the decision by Council not to have Citizenship ceremonies at Newport on Australia Day. The move to reinstate this Pittwater event has now been endorsed by Pittwater Community Alliance. NRA will pursue further.

West Pittwater Tree Shade Proposal

Kyle H reported that he remains in contact with the initiator, currently overseas but expected to return sooner than originally indicated. Further action will be planned once his information becomes available.

PCA Update

GB reported on the full PCA meeting held on 27th August, including:

- Membership is now at 14 associations
- If the structure of PCA might be more formalized, including its own website. (GB also issued an invitation for any volunteer to set this up.)
- There will be an inaugural meeting with new NBC CEO, Scott Phillips, on 20th September, with a view to establishing a similar mutually constructive relationship to that with his predecessor. Discussion will cover of the current status of the local housing policy, "Towards 2040" and any State Government recent moves.
- Sue Young explored the possible role in addressing the reformation of a Pittwater Council, including the push for a plebiscite, now that several forcibly amalgamated councils were making real progress in their endeavours.

Newport Chamber of Commerce Update

Rowie Dillon apologised for not being able to attend but Peter Middleton summarised the key points she had provided by text, which included:

- She will attend the October meeting. When she will report on:
- What she believes is some real progress in the campaign to counter the incursion of 'vape shops' obviously sited to influence school-age children. (Both our Federal and our State MPs are also seen to be active in addressing this scourge.)
- More detailed information on the "Newport Spring into Summer Celebration" on 4th November, now scheduled to incorporate a Robertson Rd closure and retailers' activity in Bert Payne Park.

Vaping Shops in Newport

(See above) Additionally, it appears there may be one opening at Bilgola Plateau shops, near the primary school.

Shared Pathway to Bilgola

A. Johnston reiterated the previously reported progress towards the Newport-Bilgola section. The extended Newport-Bilgola-Avalon proposal will go to public exhibition by late September.

General Business

The recent **Beach-to-Beach event** was praised and the possibility floated of more Newport community involvement in future years, eg, extension to Robertson Rd and wider involvement of more of our eateries?

What would be needed to facilitate the **removal** of now obsolete, ugly **overhead Optus cables**? A> Johnston indicated this is a federal matter but that pressure might be applied to the telcos

Meeting Closed at 7.57pm

Next Meeting: will immediately follow the AGM (see below) on 17th October

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

Note: AGM will be held 17th October 2023 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm