



# Newport Residents Association Inc.

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## Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting Held 20th August 2019 at Newport Community Centre

### Meeting commenced at 7.00pm

Members present:	As per attendance sheet
President	Apology (VP Kyle Hill acted as chair)
Vice-President	Kyle Hill
Treasurer	Bill Thomson
Secretary:	Apology (Peter Middleton deputised)
Committee members:	Sue Young, Glenn Moore

### President's welcome to all present:

Kyle Hill, on behalf of the President, welcomed members and guests, including Trish Chaney & Nikki Griffith (NBC)

**Apologies:** Gavin Butler, Wendy Dunnet, Sue & Greg Ross, Dick England, Barbara Kendall, Jane & Adam Fitzpatrick, Selena Webber

**Approval of Minutes** of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019, with correction to final item to read: *SY advised SOCC continues to liaise with the forcibly amalgamated regional councils and the group will meet again shortly. The Protect Pittwater petition, which was presented to the representative for the Minister for Local Gov't fourteen months ago has still not had any formal response.*

Moved: Glenn Moore

Seconded: Bill Thomson

### Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @01/072019	1,285.83
Add Receipts	290.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,575.83</b>
Deduct Payments	-
Net assets as @ 31/07/2019	1,575.83

Moved: Sue Young

Seconded: Di Cook

### Correspondence & Matters Arising:

- Invitations from Rob Stokes for President and Secretary to attend **PW Community Leaders reception** on 12 September
- Email from Jason Falinski promoting grant applications for **community small capital grants**
- Email from Trish Chaney confirming cleaning schedule for **Newport rockpool changerooms**. She further advised that a seasonal, more intense clean had been scheduled.
- Email from TCh advising that maintenance, including the locks, and rebranding of the **Newport noticeboard** had been scheduled, along with NBC reverting to a more active management role.

- Email from Radio Northern Beaches, inviting participation in a **Radio Skills Workshop** (3<sup>rd</sup> August). The committee had decided not to participate, as for this to be mutually worthwhile, it would need NRA commitment to a regular on-air program, for which we were not currently armed.
- Email from Friends of **Narrabeen Lagoon** Catchment, re participation in a 26 August **forum** on the LSP for this zone. President GB had forwarded to PCA members.
- Bill T had advised TCh of **graffiti** on one of the beachside **remembrance seats** as well as the **Eric Green Reserve plaque**, which is now unreadable due to graffiti removal process. TCh will progress with NBC for replacement. Bill T can supply original wording if required.

## Items for Discussion:

### Northern Beaches Council Newport Activation Plan - update

Five committee members plus Selena Webber and David Catchlove attended the constructive 7<sup>th</sup> August combined business/resident workshop. SW and GM became part of the ongoing working group, scheduled to meet 4<sup>th</sup> September (postponed to 11<sup>th</sup>).

### Newport Beach & Micro-plastics

TCh had contacted the Coastal Environment Centre group, driving the research and has offered to invite a representative to present to an NRA meeting, should we wish. GB to follow-up.

### Pittwater Waterways Strategy - update

PM confirmed that GB had conveyed to PCA members, as per the resolution at the July meeting, that: *the group to write to Rob Stokes proposing that Pittwater moorings not being occupied in line with legislation, be vetted and rationalized before any new moorings are released.*

GM expanded and emphasized that the existing report related solely to **swing moorings** and that, to give a proper picture, it should be revised to incorporate the impact of **all PW moorings**.

### Newport Floodplain Study

KH presented the key points from Dick England's summation on the report from the Working Group, emphasizing the removal of c85 properties and the addition of c300 properties to the gazetted flood zones in the latest study. Dick suggested NRA invite an NBC leader from the study to address an NRA meeting and this has been penciled in for October.

### Newport Planning Applications & other Planning issues

PM referred to applications for 81 Prince Alfred Pde, 145A Crescent Rd & 102 Grandview Dr, none of which were felt to need specific NRA involvement. KH had followed up on the proposed 5 year lease of road reserve adjacent to 4 The Avenue, speaking with a nearby resident, who promised to supply greater detail. This was not provided till one business day before submission deadline. A quick committee assessment decided against submitting.

### NBC Reference Group updates

(DE's report on the Floodplain Study reported above.)

PM reported on a further workshop for SRG members, the day prior, re design and erection of Entry Markers. The resulting proposal will go to Council in September or October.

With WD & GM absent from Sydney for Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>, an appeal was made for an NRA member to stand-in as observer at the Travel & Transport SRG meeting. If no taker, WD will be an apology.

### Foamcrest Avenue Carpark

PM reported that the previous week, we had been approached by the Assoc Editor of the *Sun Herald*, re a story on communities being oppressed with large supermarket proposals, He and GB had followed up with information on the history of the Woolworths proposal. PM read the Newport relevant parts of the story, which appeared in the 18<sup>th</sup> August issue, p17, and commented that it was helpful in keeping alive the necessity for community input to such proposals.

### Support for Acquisition of 62 Hillside Rd - update

KH reported that it is believed that it is progressing positively.

### **Nooral St / Bardo rd Rezoning setback & current position**

Understood Dept of Planning Infrastructure & Environment is yet to make a Gateway determination.

### **Seabins Project & support**

TCh confirmed NBC monitoring of the bins operation, including further ones recently installed. GM commented that feedback from a PW user group indicated those already in place are working well.

### **Assisting with positive Local Youth outcomes**

TCh advised she believes she has an email address for Supt D Darcy and will convey to us. GB forwarded an email, during his absence, re an Avalon Youth Hub 25<sup>th</sup> July presentation by Justene Gordon, CEO of Burdekin Assoc and driving force in creation of the AYH. We will be kept informed on progress in forming a "Friends of AYH" community support group.

### **Mona Vale Hospital**

PM read from a Save MV Hospital Campaign Committee email, seeking supporters for a rally in the Macquarie Room, Parliament House on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August. A copy of a letter from Friends of MV had also been supplied, wherein B Hazzard was challenged on his filmed statement that there were no plans to demolish the main MV hospital building. BH's reply managed to laud the future of the MVH facility, without confirming nor denying his earlier statement.

SY added that the enquiry was indicating the NBH situation was even more alarming than previously exposed. The ambulance situation is also a concern.

It was also commented that RNSH is now getting more NB admissions than prior to the opening of NBH and there was need for much greater GP and community education than has been provided before and since the NBH opening.

### **Newport Oval & environs Upgrade - update**

Nothing further since July update. In response to a question, it was stated that the oval had been mentioned several times in the Newport Activation Plan workshops but it was not expected to be incorporated into initial activities.

### **New Netball Courts, Avalon / Newport**

TCh confirmed that submissions had only recently closed and a report will go to Council for a Sept/October decision.

GM had spoken with the secretary of Newport Netball Club who advised their position was to await the NBC decision before further input.

### **NBC Matters & Projects open for Comment**

Refer to Council's website for details. Current include: Public Art Working Group, applications close 25<sup>th</sup> August; NBC Communications Policy Draft, submissions close 25<sup>th</sup> August

### **General Business:**

Visitor, Richard Kovaks, commended the NRA on its excellent submission on the proposed **Station Beach Off-leash Dog Trial** and expanded on the environmental concerns. Visitor, Ali Gordon, queried the NRA's representation and its involvement in this Palm Beach matter. PM confirmed we spoke only for our membership, which is open to all Newport residents, and that all significant matters were agenda'd for a General Meeting, for open discussion prior to submissions. He read the president's recent response to a website comment on the unleashed dog matter and expanded that, in addition to our general environmental concern, the Pittwater Unleashed lobby had publicized its aims to also access Newport Beach. There was discussion on the overall subject, including that the adversarial and bullying tactics of PU had polarized the wider community. It was agreed that the NBC needed a more comprehensive 'dogs' assessment and policy and that a collaborative approach would be a far better course. This was endorsed by the meeting.

### **Meeting Closed at 8.13 pm**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm**