



# Newport Residents Association Inc.

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## Minutes of Meeting

**Held 20th August 2024 at Newport Community Centre**

### **Meeting commenced at 7.00pm**

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per attendance sheet

Gavin Butler

Kyle Hill (apology)

Glenn Moore

Wendy Dunnet

Sue Young, P Middleton (apology)

### **President's Note:**

Gavin Butler welcomed members and guests.

**Apologies:** Kyle Hill, Peter Middleton, Andrew Johnson, Ron Seldon.

**Approval of Minutes:** of previous meeting held 16th July 2024.

Moved: R. Jory

Seconded: S.Young

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Balance as @ 01/07/2024	\$772.97
Add Receipts	\$140
<b>Sub total</b>	\$912.97
Deduct Payments	\$158.00
Net assets as @ 31/07/2024	\$756.97

Moved:S.Webber

Seconded: M.Hawkeswood

Payment: NBC Room Hire \$156

NRA annual membership is \$20 per person or \$25 per family and is now due.

### **Correspondence & Matters Arising:**

Following from last months meeting, GB wrote to the Police Superintendent asking him if he could address one of our meetings. Subsequently, at a meeting with Rory Amon, we have a new Superintendent, John Duncan. Rory to advise his details so we can follow up and invite him to attend one of our meetings. The general public will be invited as well as members.

Also at our last meeting Rob Jory & Richard Westhoff spoke to the meeting about reversing the clearway on Barrenjoey Rd (between Beaconsfield and Bardo Roads) to allow parking all day. GB requested a copy of the correspondence from the NSW Government denying the request. Discussion followed as to next steps with the suggestion of a petition to be signed by as many people as possible & sent to the Government. WD to contact Phil Devon at Council and ask his advice.

### **Items for Discussion:**

#### **Council Elections and councillor nomination debacle**

GB summarised the situation that there will be no Liberal Councillors standing for re-election as the NSW State Liberal administrator didn't submit their nominations by the deadline. Subsequently the Greens & YNBIT each have 3 candidates standing for Pittwater Ward as well as 2 independents - Philip Walker from Mona Vale & Mandeep Singh 'Sunny' from Narrabeen. Sunny is in fact with the Liberal party but had gone ahead and registered himself. Sunny owns 4 Knots cafe in Newport.

PCA will once again host a Meet the Candidates on Thursday 5th September at 7pm at the Newport Community Centre.

GB noted the concerns of our current Councillor Michael Gencher not continuing on Council after all the great work he has done representing Pittwater & especially as he got a motion passed for assistance from Council to establish a committee including community stakeholder representatives for an integrated strategy for Robertson Road. WD & GB to follow up with Michael regarding the Resolution.

#### **Newport Planning Applications**

The only DA notified regarded Liquor licence transfer at 329 Barrenjoey Rd. .

#### **NSW Govt Planning Reforms**

GB commented on the NSW Governments decision to allow dual occupancy on properties in R2 zones with a minimum 450 square metres. Previously it was 600 square metres. This is not such an issue for Newport.

The Government's housing reform plans may be on public exhibition by the end of the year. Questions still remain over concerns of inadequate infrastructure and transport oriented development. We don't know what the new rules are so it is still very much a wait & watch situation.

#### **Report from meeting with State member, Rory Amon**

The committee had a very good meeting with our State member, Rory Amon to discuss with him various matters of community concern including;

Newport shared pathway to Bilgola - funding was obtained some years ago and we are concerned that the funding maybe withdrawn although there is an extension in place. Rory's advice was to get the tender signed & a contract issued as soon as possible. Note: Mike Hawkeswood told the

meeting he has recently seen a number of people on the pathway who look like they are getting prepared for work. Great news.

Labor Govt plans to increase housing density - Rory thought the Draft SEP may not be put on public exhibition prior to the end of the year. R2 zones were discussed (as noted)

E-Bikes - the State government has established an enquiry into the use of E-bikes, e-scooters & related mobility options. Submissions closed 18th August and the Government is planning a hearing for 31st October.

Mona Vale Road Road West upgrade - Rory is committed to keeping the Government to a commitment of funding which should still be available 2 years after they took office and stopped the project. Rory reiterated the need to have his petition to reinstate the \$340 million upgrade of MV Road West, signed. Currently there are 17,500 signatures but he wants to reach half of Pittwater. That is 30,000 signatures to send to the Government Please share his Petition.

Note: Selena Webber commented there have been a number of changes made to the original plan one of which is putting the Poles & Wires above ground. We need to lobby to have them put underground as per the original plan to prevent bushfires.

Save Our Sydney Harbour Petition - Glenn Moore tabled the petition which is in place to clean up Sydney Harbour and asked if this could be extended to include Pittwater or could we request the NSW Govt to do the same for Pittwater. He also raised his concern over the number of Houseboats on Pittwater that possibly do not have DA approval & the number of decrepit boats. What can be done to monitor and check if the Houseboats are legal?

### **General Newport Maintenance**

Irubel Rd landslip should be rectified soon.

The Trafalgar Park playground upgrade has been delayed but it is looking amazing. Due to be finished shortly.

### **Other NBC Matters**

There have been recent changes to outdoor seating regulations subsequent to an objection by one person about noise at a cafe in Mona Vale which subsequently received overwhelming support to keep its tables and chairs. The changes mean that individual businesses can now put their seats out during the hours they choose but as per their DA. If they can trade under their DA eg from 530am they can have their chairs out at that time if they want.

We still have issues with pot holes. A recent incident left a driver with her car stuck in a major pot hole, past Coles, just north of the traffic lights on Barrenjoey Rd, where there is still the issue of no curbs or guttering. We have previously highlighted this area on Barrenjoey Rd (opposite the bus stop).

### **General Business**

Sue Young updated the meeting on the progress of Protect Pittwater. There is a website for anyone wanting to help or to sign the petition.

It was suggested we could do a letterbox drop to remind local residents about the NRA. This may also assist in members paying their annual membership or giving a donation.

Gavin advised our AGM will be held at our next meeting on 17th September 2024, however because of the Council Election and the absence of a number committee members it was decided to defer the AGM one month until the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

**Meeting Closed at 8.12pm**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 17th September at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm**

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