



# Newport Residents Association Inc.

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## Minutes of Meeting

### Held 20th February 2024 at Newport Community Centre

#### Meeting commenced at 7.04pm

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per attendance sheet

Gavin Butler

Kyle Hill (apology)

Glenn Moore

Wendy Dunnet

Sue Young, Peter Middleton

#### President's Note:

Gavin Butler welcomed members and guests including State Member for Pittwater, Rory Amon, Richard West from PBWBA, David Palmer & Marita Macrae from PNHA, Rowie Dillon, Newport Chamber of Commerce and Andrew Johnston from NBC.

**Apologies:** Kyle Hill, Sarah & Michael Lawrence, Selena Webber

**Approval of Minutes:** of previous meeting held 21st November 2023.

Moved:P.Middleton

Seconded: G. Moore

#### Treasurer's Report:

Balance as at 31/10/2023	\$1288.22
Add Receipts	\$0
<b>Sub total</b>	\$1288.22
Deduct Payments	\$189
Net assets as at 31/01/2024	\$1099.22

Moved:R. Seldon

Seconded: S.Young

Members' Subs 2023-2024 Now due & payable. \$20 per person or \$25 per family

## **NSW State Government Planning Reforms and their impact on Pittwater**

Gavin Butler brought the members & guests up to date on meetings & discussions that have been held with all members of the Pittwater Community Alliance, Northern Beaches Council planners and Councillors regarding the NSW Government's Planning Reforms.

He emphasised that submissions must be made by 5pm on Friday 23rd February.

He then introduced our Member for Pittwater, Rory Amon, who is the Shadow Planning Minister to speak to the meeting. Rory opened his comments noting the proposals are much worse than you think they are because it would be permit 7 storey developments within 400m of the Pittwater Town Centres including Narrabeen, Mona Vale, Newport & Avalon. It allows for potential 8 storeys within 800m including shop top housing along Barrrenjoey Rd at Newport & Avalon.

NBC has since 2014 under its LEP, a plan for an additional 12,000 houses between 2016-2036. Under this proposal the Government would have non-refusal standards for new developments in R2 & R3 zones plus shop top housing. This means Council would be powerless to deny any DAs that meet all other requirements.

In addition, the number of houses would increase exponentially. eg in R2 zone 4 Manor houses could be built replacing one property.

This proposal also comes with the NSW Government cancelling the Mona Vale Rd West upgrade that was already started, the Beaches Link tunnel and Federally funded Wakehurst Parkway upgrades. So there is no infrastructure to support this additional housing.

Northern Beaches Council has been granted an extension for its' submission to 1st March to allow for consultation with Councillors and the Council meeting on Tuesday 27th February. All are encouraged to attend the Council meeting and lobby their Councillors, the Member for Wakehurst & the Federal member.

Rory emphasised these reforms are undoing 12 years of planning & the Government is doing it under the guise of the housing crisis. We need proper planning. Currently each Council has its own rules for their area, and some areas will provide the housing that is required ie close to transport, infrastructure and social amenity. It cannot be a one size fits all.

He noted the full details of the Government's plans will only become clear when its Draft State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) is released following a review of community feedback.

Concerns were raised over the capacity of storm water, sewage & water which are already decades old . There is no plan to increase capacity.

GB noted the Newport Masterplan is integral to Newport and its planning.

A lengthy, very productive & constructive discussion ensued

The key message is to reject it outright and revert to the previous strategy. 'One size fits all' is not a solution.

Submissions should be one page with 6 key points.

Gavin thanked Rory very much, for his time and input. All were very appreciative.

## **Correspondence & Matters Arising:**

The majority of correspondence received, related to the NSW Govt Planning Reforms which were announced just before Christmas 2023.

Andrew Johnston is very good at following up for us on various matters and his update is on our web site for November/ December 2023. Note the EV charging station near Dearin Park is now operating.

## **Items for Discussion:**

### **Robertson Road Update**

No update at this time

### **Newport Planning Applications**

Council has agreed to demolition work at Sirsi marina. GB raised concerns over public access. The DA which includes a subdivision & the establishment of new private jetties will attempt to extinguish the current right of way from the Avenue to the water. Rights of way to give access to the general public should be maintained at any costs.

GB encourages writing to the planning officer ([adamcroft@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au](mailto:adamcroft@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au)) dealing with this matter to let him know how local residents feel about maintaining public access.

The development at 36 Bardo Rd has been approved.

### **Newport Chamber of Commerce Update**

Rowie Dillon spoke to the meeting about vacancies in the Village & the Chamber's efforts to look for pop ups to help fill the gap in providing product and filling in spaces. The Chamber is meeting next week to work on events for the forthcoming year. She noted that the Surf Club has been very active and recently held the Branch Surf Lifesaving championships over 2 weekends.

### **PCA Update**

Council has advised PCA that Conservation Zones will remain as is under the Pittwater LEP (2014).

### **Shared Pathway to Bilgola**

Andrew Johnston advised Council has been busy working on the Governments Planning Reforms . Hopefully they will come back on their projects soon.

### **General Newport Maintenance**

Newport Beach was closed on Monday due to contamination after the storms we've had recently, which led to the question, our gutters are blocked with leaves & other debris. They need to be cleaned more regularly.

### **Other NBC matters and General Business**

Concern was raised on the proposed flight paths and the impact from Mona Vale to Bilgola from the new Sydney Airport. Council to advise

### **Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm**

**Next Meeting: 19th March 2024 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm. All Welcome.**  
*NRA annual membership renewal falls due end June: \$20 per person or \$25 per family*