



# Newport Residents Association Inc.

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## **Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting** **Held 20th November 2018 at Newport Community Centre**

### **Meeting commenced at 7.07pm**

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per attendance sheet

Gavin Butler

Kyle Hill

Bill Thomson

Wendy Dunnet

Peter Middleton (apology), Glenn Moore,  
(apology) Sue Young

### **President's welcome to all present:**

The President welcomed members and guests.

**Apologies:** Di Cook, Glenn Moore, Peter Middleton, Ron Seldon, R. Keen

**Approval of Minutes** of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 16th October 2018.

Moved: Mike Hawkeswood    Seconded: Bill Thomson

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

Balance as @ 01/10/2018	1,646.01
Add Receipts	40.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,686.01</b>
Deduct Payments	0.00
Net Assets as @ 31/10/2018	1686.01

Moved: Sue Young    Seconded: Greg Ross

## **Correspondence & Matters Arising:**

GB had a meeting on 20th November with the new CEO Ray Brownlee and one of the issues he raised was the last 70 metres of footpath that was not included when Myola Rd & Ross St footpaths were built. Mr Brownlee said he would fix that immediately.

We received notification of a ceremony to celebrate the Blinking Light intersection official naming to be held on Sunday 25th November at 10am. It is a free RMS community event. It will be held on the corner of Bantry Rd & Warringah Rd . The Blinking light was erected in 1952 & quickly became a landmark.

Cr Rory Amon responded to Glenn Moore's email re: Graffiti Removal day which is being supported by Council. Glenn suggested adding some street art to maybe stop future graffiti. A possible site could be at the top of Bushrangers Hill. Cr Amon confirmed Council is allocating funds for a specific program/site. Glenn also followed up with Cr DeLuca on the lack of work done to fix the littering on Mona Vale Rd.

We received advice from the Greater Sydney Commission on the release of its Thought Leadership Series starting with A Metropolis that Works. It deals with the importance of our industrial & urban services which get overlooked but which are critically important to our city's economy. Check out the GSC website for more information.

## **Items for Discussion:**

### **Bus Schedule & other Improvement proposals**

GB gave a summary of the communication to TNSW & Stokes office to date, with an announcement subsequently made on 14th November without any meetings taking place despite our repeated request. The announcement surprised everyone. Bill Thomson summarised the new schedule which includes additional E88 and L90 buses.

The Keoride hours of operation are being extended from the 1st December. They will now be 6am - 10pm Monday - Wednesday, 6am -11.30pm Thursday & Friday, 7am - 1130pm Saturday and 7am - 9pm Sunday.

There are improvements to the service but not all the buses we asked for.

NB: From 2nd December everyone will need an Opal card. Tickets will no longer be available.

### **Mona Vale Hospital / New Northern Beaches Hospital**

A rally organised by Save Mona Vale Hospital is on at Parliament House on Wednesday 21st November with a bus leaving Newport at 1030am. Members raised their concerns with the comments currently in the media. It was noted that now would be the perfect time to refurbish Mona Vale Hospital and make it a Level 3 with an Emergency dept.

### **Urban Tree Canopy Plan - Draft (closed 15th November 2018)**

Glenn Moore, Gavin Butler, Bill Thomson & Kyle Hill all attended drop in sessions regarding the Draft Urban Tree Canopy Plan and all have made submissions to Council including one by Gavin on behalf of the NRA. He read the submission to the meeting. NBC will now work on a revised plan hopefully taking on board all the community comments. Kyle noted the benefits of including deciduous trees in the Plan. We have lost a lot of our canopy (due to development) and therefore there is an urgent need to increase it.

## **Newport Planning Applications and other Planning Issues including the Moratorium and the new NBC LEP**

At the previous Pittwater Community Alliance meeting they have asked Mayor Regan & GM Planning Place & Community, David Kerr, to provide us with a copy of planning proposals/decisions and notices of planning applications that are relevant to our community group. We have not received any to date.

NBC has a Moratorium for 1 year to determine where they will & will not allow medium density housing. Referred to as the 'Missing Middle'. There was a general discussion on where it should be allowed (in R3 areas) and whether it should be classified as a complying development. The overall consensus was it should not be a complying development and all applications should be processed through Council to allow community assessment. Significantly, the NSW Department of Planning could still overturn Council's decision. Other concerns were raised over any possible change from an E4 to an R2 zoning. GB advised that the new CEO had advised him that it was his intention that council amend the LEP so as to not allow the 'Missing Middle' type housing in Pittwater.

Neighbours to 29 Foamcrest Ave Newport raised the notice they had received for a Modification of the Development Consent to change the current trading hours to midnight. The meeting discussed the issue at length and it was decided the NRA would write to Council supporting the business and suggesting a trial of the new trading hours as there were some concerns over trading till midnight in a residential area.

### **NBC Strategic Reference Group Updates**

There were no SRG meetings held in the last month, therefore there were no reports.

GB advised he had discussed with the new General Manager of NBC at their meeting, the issue of the Transport & Traffic SRG not allowing a substitute. Instead only allowing Glenn Moore to attend as an observer and not be able to say anything although he was representing the NRA. Mr Brownlee said he would look into it. WD had also emailed the Chair of the T&T SRG noting again her status as the representative of the NRA & the need for a substitute at the forthcoming December meeting. To date she had not received a response.

### **Bungan Head Reserve Walking Track – Mayor's response**

There was a lengthy discussion of how this matter can be resolved. The Pittwater Council geo tech report said it was dangerous. Another report said it could reopen with some remedial work. Michael Lawrence noted the land was given to Council for the purpose of it being public land and available to the public therefore, land bequeathed for a particular purpose. Possibly this may be the solution to the current impasse. It was agreed to bring the matter up with the new CEO Ray Brownlee.

### **Footpaths & South Bilgola Headland track update**

Bill Thomson informed the meeting of the details of the Pedestrian and Cycleway Connectivity. It was generally thought to be a good plan. There was some discussion on how close the cycleway is to Barrenjoey Rd. Submissions close 2nd December. WD following up on the path from the northern end of Newport Beach to Bilgola which was delayed due to wet weather. The editor of Pittwater Life, Nigel Wall, had contacted GB requesting some comment re this development and GB advised he would let Nigel know of the meeting comments of support.

## **Foamcrest Ave Carpark future use**

GB noted to the meeting that as an association we need to explore all the options for the carpark and the committee will meet again early next year to look at all ideas.

## **Forced Council Amalgamation - update**

Sue Young noted in her update that it is over 5 months since Protect Pittwater submitted the Proposal under the Local Government Act to demerge. The Association has written again to the Minister for Local Government requesting a response and held a media conference outside Parliament House on 25th October. Speakers in support of communities wanting to demerge included representatives of Labor, Greens, Shooters Fishers & Farmers, Save our Councils Coalition, Tumbarumba and Pittwater.

Also in October, Local Government NSW, the peak body representing local councils across NSW passed a resolution at its annual conference supporting communities seeking to demerge from forcibly amalgamated councils and to lobby for a change to the Local Government Act to prevent the forced amalgamation of councils or significant boundary alteration without the support of a plebiscite.

## **Support for acquisition of 85-62 Hillside Rd & petition**

An ongoing issue. There is still the problem of funding the acquisition.

## **Nooal St / Bardo Rd rezoning position**

Currently there has been no response or comment regarding the rezoning of this area.

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

Sue Young noted NBC is seeking feedback on a trial dog off leash area at Station Beach, just next to the Palm Beach Golf Club. Submissions close, Thursday 28th February 2019. The NRA will liaise with Palm Beach & Whale beach regarding a submission. Station Beach has inherent environmental sensitivities and potential impacts need to be addressed. Council has engaged consultants to carry out ornithological research & to develop an updated REF. It was suggested Members look at the NBC website <https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/stationbeachtrial> for further details and to send in a submission.

## **General Business:**

WD advised the NBC Council meeting 27th November will include the presentation of the audited Financial Statements & Auditors Reports for the financial year 30 June 2018.

Also the Manly Life Saving Club is proposing an upgrade. There will be drop in sessions for those interested. NBC is also preparing a Thematic History of the Northern Beaches and is asking for people to tell your story about life growing up in the area.

A member noted the state of our roads, particularly pot holes on Myola Rd, Trevor Rd and in the Bramley Ave carpark. As a matter of urgency Council should fix them and the NRA would contact council accordingly

## **Meeting Closed at 8.47pm**

**Next Meeting will be our Christmas Function, Tuesday 18th December 2018 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm. All welcome.**