



# Newport Residents Association Inc.

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## **Minutes of Meeting** **Held 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at Newport Community Centre**

### **Meeting commenced at 7.03pm**

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

(As per attendance sheet)

Gavin Butler

Kyle Hill

Glenn Moore

Wendy Dunnet (by phone: Peter M deputised)

Sue Young, Glenn Moore, Peter Middleton,

Simon Barlow

### **President's Note**

Gavin Butler welcomed members and special guests, Angus Gordon (coastal engineer), Allison Cooper (NBC) & Rowie Dillon (Newport CofC)

**Apologies:** Di Cook, Ray & Bronwyn Brooks, Miranda Korzy, Annie Laing (NBC)

### **PRESENTATION:**

#### **Guest Speaker Angus Gordon – Coastal Engineer & Coastal Zone Manger + former GM of Pittwater Council**

Angus, supported by a custom Powerpoint presentation, calling on his professional knowledge and, among other resources, his personal experience of the Newport coastal crises of 1970s and 2000s (and historical records of earlier crises) and legislative and other influences, gave the meeting both a specific and diverse analysis and commentary on coastal erosion and its relevance to Newport.

Significant factors covered included: an explanation of the geological history and structure of the Newport/Bilgola bay; the nature of beach erosion and methods (both the effective and the futile) of countering it; other international and Australian coastal locations which also are affected and their stories; the significance of disparities in legal determinations of coastal property boundaries; the importance of levels of government taking responsibilities in delivering both remedies and long-term solutions for coastal erosion; climate change factors will only magnify the problem in this century.

Numerous questions were taken and answered and the meeting was left with an indication that until the NSW Government took a leadership role in addressing coastal erosion, the problems and delivery on their solutions are most unlikely to be resolved – of major importance, given the coast is the State's longest boundary and a major contributor to its economic, social and environmental futures.

**Approval of Minutes:** of previous meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

Moved: Glenn Moore

Seconded: Kyle Hill

## Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @ 01/08/2022	\$1671.74
Add Receipts	\$50.00
<b>Sub total</b>	\$1721.74
Deduct Payments	nil
Net assets as @ 31/08/2022	\$1721.74

Moved: Kyle Hill

Seconded: Greg Ross

**Correspondence & Matters Arising:** (Covered under specific agenda items, below)

## Items for Discussion:

### “Newport Spring Celebration” October 15<sup>th</sup>

Allison Cooper (NBC) and Rowie Dillon (Newport CofC) gave a précis of the upcoming promotion.

Key points included:

- It will be local businesses, only – no blow-in stall-holders.
- All are encouraged to use & promote “#newport 2106” to optimize publicity.
- Promotional totebags are in production for purchase – “We love you Newport 2106”.
- The 7.00am-7.00pm program of events was outlined and a promotional flyer distributed.
- The Bowling Club, Surf Club and their locations will be involved, as will Kalinya St / RMYC.

The meeting was put in the spirit of the event by sharing in a tray of excellent chocolate brownie slice, baked and distributed by Rowie.

### Robertson Road Update

GB commented that the recent revitalization of a Newport CofC is most welcome in enabling further emphasis on the importance of RR as a community focal point.

### Newport Planning Applications

No notices of significant new DAs had been received. GB reported that the NRA had been invited to submit/attend an onsite L&EC conference at 27 Nullaburra Rd (DA2021/2621) and had sent a further submission to its earlier NBC submission re this proposed gross overdevelopment of a single site surrounded by established R2 residences.

### Conservation Zones

GB emphasized thousands of properties will move from “Conservation” to “Residential” status but the draft contains no indication of the specific new zone.

Sue Young outlined highlights in the draft, emphasizing that by far the majority are in PW ward, due to our high content of environmentally sensitive lands. Only properties directly affected received notification, not immediate neighbours. There is a need for more and firmer detail in the proposals. Register for the NBC information webinar, 6.00-7.00pm, 26 September (see NRA website for details). Closing date for submissions is 30 October.

### PCA Update

GB advised there is a link on the NRA website with the answers NBC provided to the questions which PCA had been instructed to send, given that a face-to-face meeting of representatives had been denied by NBC.

### General Newport Maintenance Matters + General Business

- The promised seats in Deerin Park will be installed “soon”.

- NBC will check further & report on the pedestrian works programmed for Bishop St.

### **An afternoon Coffee in Newport?**

The meeting was supportive of a suggestion from the floor that a café where you might have a coffee after 2.00pm would be a significant contributor to vitality in the Newport village. This could perhaps be considered on a rotational basis? Rowie Dillon indicated she would float this as a suggestion for the CofC to pursue.

**ADDENDUM:** By 10.30 the morning following the NRA meeting, feedback was had (from a café at the beach end of the village) that this suggestion was already being pursued.

### **Stormwater Pollution by discarded supermarket delivery truck Security Tags**

The evidence of this had been discovered by an NRA member and it is being further pursued with the company.

### **Pittwater Community Leaders reception**

Invitations from R Stokes to NRA President and Secretary had been received. Representative(s) will respond and attend.

### **Northern Beaches Parking Plan**

An email was received just prior to the, requesting an opportunity to present to NRA members, with a Q&A session, on the above. This will be integrated into our October meeting.

### **Meeting Closed at 8.55pm**

### **Next Meeting: will be 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm.**

The AGM will also be scheduled for this gathering, so as not to conflict with the NBC presentation.

***NRA annual membership renewal falls due end June: \$20 per person or \$25 per family***