



# Newport Residents Association Inc.

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## Minutes of Meeting Held 21st June 2022 at Newport Community Centre

### Meeting commenced at 7.10pm

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per attendance sheet

Gavin Butler (apology)

Kyle Hill

Glenn Moore

Wendy Dunnet

Simon Barlow, Sue Young, Peter Middleton  
(apology)

### President's Note

Kyle Hill as acting President, welcomed members and guests.

**Apologies:** Gavin Butler, Peter Middleton, Tony Young, Ray & Bronwyn Brooks, Annie Laing & Trish Chaney.

**Approval of Minutes:** of previous meeting held 17th May 2022.

Moved: Kyle Hill

Seconded: Simon Barlow

### Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @ 01/05/2022	\$1910.68
Add Receipts	nil
<b>Sub total</b>	\$1910.68
Deduct Payments	\$154.00
Net Assets as @ 31/05/2022	\$1756.68

Moved: Greg Ross

Seconded: Michael Lawrence

K. Hill noted the expenditure of \$110 for a wreath from the NRA for the Anzac Day service which this year was attended by approximately 800 people.

Members' Subs 2022-2023 Now due & payable. \$20 per person or \$25 per family

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

Annie Laing provided an update on maintenance actions raised at the previous meeting. Most of which have been attended to or work orders raised. There is a pot hole still in the Newport Surf Club car park which may have been missed due to a parked car. Also, if Council is able to further upgrade the stair access to Bilgola from Newport that would make it much safer.

We were advised that the Northern Beaches Art Society was holding an art show at the Newport Community Centre from 17-20 June. No one at the meeting was aware of this Art Show. Possibly Council could look at additional ways to promote it.

### **Items for Discussion:**

#### **Robertson Road Update**

Simon Barlow advised he had heard that the developer for 351 Robertson Rd has been delayed in starting, due to delays on another project and therefore is unlikely to commence prior to the New Year. We will continue to check with Council on the issuing of the construction certificate.

Rowie (who represents the retailers in Robertson Rd & works at Mitch & Mark) is discussing with Council a plan to apply for a grant from Council, to close off Robertson Rd for a weekend of entertainment. TBC. She has also started a proposal for graphics for the hoarding that will be erected around the site to make it more attractive during construction.

Members discussed the fact we unfortunately do not have an active Chamber of Commerce for Newport. The NRA needs to help where we can. In Robertson Road, a Barber shop & a gifts/ homewares store have been recently added to the mix.

#### **Newport Planning Applications**

Wendy D read out the list of 17 DA's that have been notified to her & Glenn. All were for alterations & additions including one in Chisholm Ave Avalon Beach which drew a comment on-line, raising concerns over the loss of the tree canopy especially along the ridge line with Bilgola Plateau.

#### **Pittwater Ward Councillors Forum**

The June forum will be at the newly opened MV Surf Club. Simon Barlow planned to attend. No one was able to comment on the previous meeting. Our local restaurant, Lovat is in negotiations with Council to open a restaurant at the surf club.

#### **PCA Update**

Via Catherine Kerr from CABPRA, Gavin Butler heard a talk from Bill Tulloch (a local architect) discussing his thoughts as to what we should be doing regarding the new NBC LEP/DCP. Gavin shared Bill's extensive notes.

Gavin and the PCA members are still waiting on a response from the CEO of NBC regarding a request for a video conference about this matter.

Kyle & Wendy both discussed parts of Bill's presentation and NBC's written answers to the PCA questions regarding the LEP as sent to us from Chris Hornsby.

The MVRA also has raised concerns regarding proposed changes to zoning including industrial zones.

It was thought that further discussion and a summary of the LEP information would be useful at the next NRA meeting to understand what the priorities are that need to be addressed.

## **Newport Activation Group**

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No update at this time.

### **General Newport Maintenance**

In addition to matters raised at the last meeting and attended to by Council, recent weather has meant the access to Newport beach from The Boulevard needs repairing. It was suggested the southern wall of the Newport change rooms which was subject to recent graffiti might be a good location for some artwork. One member suggested the artist who did the hoarding at the Mona Vale surf club.

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

A member raised the question regarding Ingleside and now, with the Government's decision not to proceed, what will happen at Ingleside and will there be any impact on Newport? There was a comment that any additional housing will be centred in Brookvale & French's Forest. Rob Stokes recently announced additional funding for the Mona Vale road upgrade.

A new member raised his concerns regarding traffic management on Bardo Road. He has made several suggestions to Council to try to reduce the problems caused by parking on both sides of the street. Council have responded to his suggestions but for various reasons, none of them will be implemented. The current situation means it is difficult to drive along the street and to back out of their driveways. It was suggested he discuss with his neighbours what many of them would think is the best solution. He had contacted Rory Amon who in turn suggested he talk to us. This item to be followed up with GB.

Sue Young explained to the meeting that the NSW Demerger Alliance is still very proactive and there is to be a rally on 9th August 2022 in front of Parliament house to again draw attention to the matter of Demerging the amalgamated Council.

**Meeting Closed at 8.32pm**

**Next Meeting: will be 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm**

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