



Newport Residents Association Inc.

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Minutes of Meeting

Held 3rd March 2026 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.05pm

Members present:	As per attendance sheet
President	Gavin Butler
Vice-President & Treasurer	Glenn Moore
Secretary:	Wendy Dunnett
Committee members:	Sue Young (apology), P Middleton, Kyle Hill, Doug Cohen

President's Note:

Gavin Butler welcomed members and guests including Andrew Johnston from NBC & Elle Hodgson from Jacqui Scruby's office.

Apologies: Sue & Tony Young, Sue Ross, Ron Seldon, Selena Webber

Approval of Minutes: of the previous meeting held 3rd February 2026

Moved: P.Middleton

Seconded:K.Hill

Treasurer's Report

Balance as @ 31/01/ 2026	\$1044.04
Add Receipts	\$50
Sub total	\$1094.04
Deduct Payments	\$0
Net assets as at 28/02/2026	\$1094.04

Moved: K.Hill

Seconded: D.Cohen

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

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

We received from Councillor Korzy the details of her motion to Council to identify potential options for protecting & maintaining State-owned land parcels in Ingleside, forming the wildlife corridor between Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, Katandra Bushland sanctuary & Ingleside Chase Reserve. This land along with the fauna bridge & underpass on Mona Vale Rd east is necessary for native animals. The NRA & PCA all supported her motion which was subsequently passed unanimously at February's Council meeting. Gavin Butler gave additional background information to the meeting.

We've also received communication for a writing workshop for grants. Glenn Moore attended. GB had a meeting with Jacqui Scruby to discuss Robertson Rd & the Newport Masterplan as well as following up on End of Life vessels.

WD read email correspondence regarding local matters, between NRA member John Colquhoun & Councillor Singh. John reinforced the standing invitation to our Councillors to attend an NRA meeting, no formal invite needed.

Items for Discussion:

Robertson Road /Newport Masterplan

Peter Middleton summarised the meeting held on Monday 2nd March with James Farrington, Director Planning & Place and Mal McDonald, Executive Manager Strategic & Place Planning. The meeting was attended by Gavin Butler, Glenn Moore, Peter Middleton & Selena Webber on behalf of the NRA. It was acknowledged at the Farrington meeting that the 3 workshops held last year with representatives of the precinct Landowners, the Community & Council highlighted significant points of difference. The landholders requesting changes to floor-space ratios which would inevitably bring higher than 3-storey buildings which also leads to whether the Masterplan is adequate or needs revision. The split ownership of the Foamcrest carpark is also an issue. The extension of the B-Line service to Newport is endorsed by landowners, retailers and some members of the community but those against are concerned the State Government may then open an opportunity for 6 or even 8 storey developments.

An extension of the 190 bus from Palm Beach was once again requested by those attending the NRA meeting.

James Farrington indicated his series of meetings is an endeavour to crystallise the direction of his report to Council in April or May. He could either recommend no change to the Masterplan which may inhibit development or revise / expand the Newport Village Masterplan.

Newport Planning Applications

WD noted 3 applications. Glenn enquired from Andrew Johnson the 'boathouse' extension at 116 Prince Alfred Pde. Apparently it was an extension to an onsite garage. GB enquired regarding the public access to Pittwater from Crescent Ave. It is still in the L&E court.

Draft Code of Meeting Practice

The State Government now requires Council to move public forums outside any Council meeting. Council is still to decide when the forum will take place. Council's draft code has been deferred to 17th March meeting.

At the February meeting Council discussed selling Unit 9 Vuko Place with funds being allocated to Council income. Councillor Korzy wanted to defer this decision while a survey of usage of Council indoor space takes place. Instead, Council voted at the February meeting to sell it. The NSW Govt has told Council to sell assets that are not in operational use. This will lead to further discussion regarding Council's use of residential rates which include the approved increase and how well is Council actually managing those funds. It was suggested that these spaces should be leased rather than sold.

PCA Update

The Private hospital services at NBH will continue after the transition to NSW Govt in April. Elle Hodgson advised the Mona Vale Rd extension will proceed. Bio tech reports & land acquisition continue. A contractor will be hired in 2027.

Shared Pathway to Bilgola

There will be some evening road closures this month for getting equipment on to the site . Although there has been a slight delay it is still due for completion mid-year. The project webpage will continue to be updated as the project progresses.

<https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/ConnectingNorthernBeaches>

General Newport Maintenance

Noted - the stormwater drain going through Newport needs clearing of weeds & rubbish. Council should attend asap. It contributed to the flooding experienced in January.

Other NBC Matters

Sally Lewis from NBC advised by email that expressions of interest are now open to artists & artists teams, closing 26th March 2026 for the Coast Walk Public Art project at Bert Payne park.

Patsy Fry did an installation of three tree stumps with flowers under the Bert Payne sign in the Bert Payne park. She wishes to install 3 more recycled stumps & has asked us to support her to NBC. It is suggested she make them bigger. WD to follow up.

General Business

Please continue to report stores selling vapes and pot holes.

Meeting Closed at 8.35pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 7th April 2026 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm

***NRA 2025/2026 annual membership renewal fell due 1st July
\$20 per person or \$25 per family***