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Minutes of Meeting

Held 5th May 2026 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.00pm

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

President's Note:

Gavin Butler welcomed members and guests including Andrew Johnston from NBC.

Apologies: Sue Ross, Ray & Bronwyn Brooks, Doug Cohen.

Approval of Minutes: of the previous meeting held 7th April 2026.

Moved: R.Seldon

Seconded: K.Hill

Treasurer's Report

Balance as @ 31/03/2026	\$926.04
Add Receipts	\$70
Sub total	\$996.04
Deduct Payments - Anzac Wreath	\$120
Net assets as at 30/04/2026	\$876.04

Moved: P.Middleton

Seconded: K.Hill

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

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

We have received notification from Council that our proposed fees for the forthcoming year, for hiring the Activity room at the Newport Community Centre will stay the same as this year.

Dr Sophie Scamps has advised a new funding grant, supporting community sports clubs to upgrade their facilities to become more energy efficient, climate resilient & affordable to run. Newport Bowling club, Newport Rugby Club, Mona Vale Raiders & others could apply. The full guidelines are available now on Grant Connect to allow time to prepare a strong application before the program opens on 11th June. Program closes on 8th July. Dr Scamps also suggests organisations register for MacKellar Grant Finder. More information is available from Susan Coleman on Ph 99139566.

Also from Dr Scamps a community update on the Northern Beaches Hospital officially transitioning to public management under NSW Health. There will also be expanded public access to services previously only available to private patients & upgrade to the mental health short stay unit. The 14 month transition period will see the hospital operate under an interim model while the Government finalises long term arrangements for private services. It was noted that 80% of local residents had private health insurance so it is not clear what the situation is for those patients.

GB followed up after the last meeting with the Newport Chamber of Commerce regarding their support for a 40km limit through the Village but there was no reply.

Andrew Johnston clarified that Porters Reserve is Crown Land & therefore is not managed by Council but by the Dept. Of Industry. It is approx 9000 m2 and all the work on it including the skate board ramp is unauthorised. Note to Jacqui Scruby's office.

Items for Discussion:

Robertson Road

The Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) for 351 Barrenjoey Rd has been received & Gavin Butler has posted it on our website.

Next steps include an Occupation certificate & a Construction certificate.

The plan still needs to go to the Council Traffic Committee meeting for consideration. The impact on Robertson Road will be a major disruption to all local businesses as the trucks will be entering RR from Barrenjoey Rd.

The Plug & Play initiative may be able to be 'moved' to another location as there will be no possibility of using RR for any events in Newport in the foreseeable future. Council to advise. James Farrington's decision on the Newport masterplan will be on the Council agenda, TBC.

Newport Planning Applications

No applications have been advised. Andrew Johnston explained that on the top left on NBC's Application page it will show DA's on exhibition by suburb & recommended we look at that.

Draft Code of Meeting Practice

The first Public Forum the week before the Council meeting, as per the Draft Code of Meeting Practice, was held on 14th April. Being the first one there were questions raised that Councillors do not get enough information on matters on the agenda at that meeting, although they then have an extra week to follow up to get more information if need be. It was agreed that we will have to gauge the effects over the next few months. This is currently a 6 month trial.

Those at the meeting agreed the forum should be held prior to the Council meeting as per Mosman Council's practice. It was noted the Council meeting did go for 4 hours but a number of items were deferred.

PCA Update

Gavin Butler & Glenn Moore attended the Hawkesbury / Nepean Pittwater & Coastal Management Program (CMP) meeting on 22nd April. NBC & 5 other Councils have come together in partnership with the NSW Govt to develop a co-ordinated, whole of catchment approach to the Hawkesbury- Nepean river system which includes Pittwater.

The CMP has a 10 year program to improve, protect, enhance & strengthen governance across the river system. Currently they are requesting people to have their say & details are on our website. Comments are needed and will go back to Council & the Minister for certification (2026/2027). Submissions close 31st May 2026.

On Pittwater there is also discussion of a sand nourishment program for some of the beaches. Additionally there has been discussion about the benefit of sand nourishment for Newport & Bilgola. It would protect the seawall that's to be built for the Newport Surf Club.

A CMP is being developed for the Open Coast & Lagoons & Outer Sydney Harbour beaches. The Collaroy / Narrabeen area will hopefully also have a CMP by the end of the year.

Also discussed at the recent PCA meeting was the NBC Bush Regeneration program. We have 670 hectares of bush to protect. The volunteers do an amazing job . Residents have also been encouraged to report sightings of foxes. More information is on our website.

Shared Pathway to Bilgola

The project is proceeding well despite many people thinking nothing is happening but quite a lot of work is being carried out that is not visible. There is a plan to obtain some photos via a drone to show this work. It is still on time to open mid year.

The webpage continues to provide updates as the project progresses.

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

Change of July meeting date

Due to changing our meeting date to 1st Tuesday of the month, this year we have two meetings that cannot be held then as Council is planning maintenance of the Newport Community Centre. Therefore the July meeting will be held on the 2nd Tuesday, 14th July & the October meeting will be the 13th October. Both meetings will be held at the Newport Community Centre as per usual.

General Newport Maintenance

The line marking in Bramley Ave carpark needs re-doing especially arrows to show the direction of traffic.

The Newport surf club carpark will need total resurfacing once the work is finished on the Newport to Bilgola pathway. It is already in a bad state of repair.

Coles lift to the carpark has been fixed.

Other NBC Matters

NBC Draft Budget Delivery Program 2027-2030 is now available for comment. Footpath renewal for Bardo Rd & Gladstone Rd are proposed as well as some environmental & storm water issues are being addressed.

The Council quarterly count for vacancies in Newport shows it at 19.4% or 26 vacancies compared to June 2025 when it was 24%. Avalon is currently 8.5% & Mona Vale, 6.6%. New tenants are needed for Newport.

General Business

Glenn Moore, Gavin Butler & Kyle Hill represented the NRA laying a wreath at the Anzac Day dawn service in Newport which was well attended especially by young families. Families who lost someone were noted by name this year. Many laid wreaths.

Disappointing that NBC's website did not mention Newport.

Wednesday 10th June, 2026 Jacqui Scruby is organising a Pittwater Community Forum at 6pm in the Newport Community Centre. Have Your Say for Newport. To attend, sign up to the website.

De-amalgamation is in progress across the State. Cootamundra-Gundagai just announced the members of the Demerger Transition Disputes Resolution Panel. Chair of the panel is NBC General Manager, Scott Phillips.

Meeting Closed at 8.35pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 2nd June 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***