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Minutes of Meeting

Held 3rd February 2026 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.00pm

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

President's Note:

Glenn Moore welcomed members and guests including guest speakers, Sue Boaden & Conrad Grayson from BAAC, Andrew Johnston from NBC & Pittwater MP Jacqui Scruby. (Attendance as per sheet circulated).

Apologies: Gavin Butler, Sue Ross & Robert Jory.

Approval of Minutes: of the previous meeting held 4th November 2025

Moved: R.Seldon

Seconded: P.Middleton

Treasurer's Report

Balance as @ 30/9/2025	\$1193.04
Add Receipts	\$40.00
Sub total	\$1233.04
Deduct Payments	\$189
Net assets as @ 31/01/2026	\$1044.04

Moved: K.Hill

Seconded: R.Seldon

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

Coast Walk Public Art in Bert Payne Park Newport

Presentation by Sue Boaden & Conrad Grayson from BAAC

Sue Boaden from the Barrenjoey Alliance for Arts and Culture -BAAC- was formed in 2017 subsequent to a preliminary Avalon Place Plan meeting where people were asked by the Avalon Preservation Association about arts & culture. So people interested in cultural wellbeing led to being an advocate & broker of other voices in the community. There's no structure for the alliance.

At that time Council was going through amalgamation but BAAC now concentrate on Mona Vale to Palm Beach. They consult to Council on arts & cultural policy & planning. It's a small group with cultural experts in a variety of disciplines.

They then explained the process now that the brief is due to go to artists very soon. There is a general agreement on themes & location. There was some discussion regarding the budget to produce the artwork & separately maintain it.

Glenn thanked Sue & Conrad for giving us such an extensive understanding of what they do & what we may expect with the artwork that will eventually be installed in Newport.

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

WD read an email from a member of the Community requesting information on the Newport Chamber of Commerce. Councillor Rowie Dillon & a representative from Council used to regularly report on Chamber activities but that has not happened recently & the community is concerned with the number of vacant shops in Newport. There was going to be a Community Get Together to discuss ways to revive Newport on 17th February. It has been postponed to a later date, not a Tuesday. Rebecca from Jacqui Scruby's office is organising it.

Andrew Johnston advised Donnah Georgeson is our new Council representative who looks after Newport & Avalon. We look forward to meeting her.

Items for Discussion:

Robertson Road

Andrew Johnston explained the history of the Plug & Play program that should make it easier for communities to hold events. It was approved for Robertson Road in March 2025. Council has now purchased the infrastructure & the first event was the Eleanor Heights Christmas Market. This means we can now start planning events for this year in Robertson Road.

Peter Middleton summarized the RR working group meetings held during 2025. The former Director of Planning did not see Council having a leading or coordination role on RR. The new DoP has advised that the Robertson Road/ Newport Masterplan notice of motion will not go to Council in February. He has emailed stakeholders from the working group that there will be consultation before the report is put to Council. It is encouraging that he has toured Newport village early in his role.

No information yet regarding a request for a construction certificate for 351 Barrenjoey Rd. However, Peter M reported seeing workmen on site last week, in safety vests branded with the name of a demolition and excavation company. He added that today (3 February) 3 applications related to construction bonds have appeared on the NBC register.

Newport Planning Applications

Gavin Butler lodged an objection re; DA2024/1708 2A Allen Ave, Bilgola Beach. The L& E court decided in favour of the project.

Glenn Moore asked Andrew Johnston for clarification regarding public access at The Crescent. It is still to be heard in the L&E court.

We also received notification of plans to build a boat shed at 116 Prince Alfred Pde Newport. Further information required.

PCA Update

Jacqui Scruby & members of the PCA met prior to Christmas & discussed the following:
Planning & HDA, National Heritage listing proposal
Noxious weeds in Pittwater & End of life vessels
NB hospital, E-Bikes & MV Road update, Coastal management

Shared Pathway to Bilgola

There have been some design changes needed but work is progressing. 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

Concerns were raised over recent flooding and some major outages involving Telstra.

Draft Code of Meeting practice & Other NBC Matters

At the last Council meeting it was decided to not hold a public meeting prior to the Council meeting which has been the normal practice for many years. Council now intends to hold the public meeting 7 days prior which means that not necessarily all Councillors will hear the public comment on matters to be considered. The voting will take place the following week at the Council meeting. A Rescission motion is scheduled for 17th February.

General Business

Jacqui Scruby has organised 2 community meetings. Shaping Pittwater together: community conversations, to be held 18th February at the Narrabeen Surf Lifesaving club, 5.30-7.30pm. Peter & Gavin will attend on behalf of the NRA. On 20th January a Community Grants writing workshop was held & attended by Glenn Moore on behalf of the NRA. Jacqui discussed the importance of businesses getting together & self-funding activities & events outside of Council.

Ongoing concerns with selling of Vapes and E-bikes. E-bikes should be licensed, registered, have side mirrors and signal indicators installed, same as a motor bike. Legislation is on-going on both issues.

Shark mitigation and funding for the Newport Surf club was briefly discussed. As was the B-line. If it continues to Newport there is the possibility that Newport will be considered a transport hub and that would mean a change in planning.

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 3rd March 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***