



# Newport Residents Association Inc.

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## **Minutes of Meeting Held 15th October 2024 at Newport Community Centre**

**Meeting commenced at 7.25pm**

### **President's Note:**

Gavin Butler advised we would have an informal meeting to discuss any issues that members would like to raise.

**Approval of Minutes** of previous meeting held 17th September 2024

Moved: Peter Middleton

Seconded: Kyle Hill

### **Items for Discussion**

Gavin Butler explained he had invited the previous Police Superintendent to address our meeting. He has been transferred and we have a new Superintendent, John Duncan. He has agreed to be our guest speaker at our 19th November meeting. Please think about questions for him and send through to Gavin.

World Food Markets, a family event with different food trucks & entertainment, organised by NBC was held on Friday 11th October & a second one on 18th October on Newport Oval. Some members thought it was a good idea & well attended. Others were not aware of the event so it is suggested it be better advertised by NBC.

Andrew Johnston advised the footpath between Kalinya St and Trafalgar Park has been completed.

Also, Council's Draft LEP & DCP is with the Department of Planning and should be on exhibition in 2025.

The shared pathway from Newport to the Serpentine will be put forward to Council at the November meeting.  
Possibly there may be a decision on the Newport Surf Club by late November.

Gavin explained the Coastal Management Program (CMP) for the Hawkesbury-Nepean River system. The plan covers the tidal limit of the river from Yarramundi to the river entrance at Broken Bay which includes Pittwater & Brisbane Water. Currently as part of stage 3 of the CMP they are gathering information from the public to ensure the River's future. Representatives of the CMP will be at Palm Beach wharf on Saturday 19th October for anyone to give their input. Additionally their website is <https://hawkesburynepeancmp.org> You can have your say via the website or via Council 'Have Your Say' . The engagement period closes 24th November 2024.

They are trying to reach as many people as possible who work, live, & play along the river. Any questions can be answered via [hawkesburynepeancmp@hornsby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hawkesburynepeancmp@hornsby.nsw.gov.au)

The first meeting of the Robertson Road working group, which will hopefully have representatives of all the stakeholders in Roberson Rd is due before the end of the year. The terms of reference are currently being prepared.

Andrew Johnston explained that Council is finalising an Emergency Dashboard 'web page' which will be available soon to assist in Emergencies. It will be a one-stop shop bringing together information from all relevant agencies & emergency services. The link to the dashboard is: <https://emergency.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/>

The link to the media release is: <https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/council/news/get-ready-disasters-our-new-emergency-dashboard>

New signage near Trafalgar Park has seen a major decrease in both boat and trailer parking. Thank you Andrew.

Glenn Moore commented on illegal parking at the RMYC. This is still a major problem.

Ray Brooks told the meeting he was nearly knocked over by a bike ,on the footpath, going too fast. A very serious subject for us to raise with our Police Superintendent at the next meeting. What can be done to keep us safe from kids riding on the footpath in high density pedestrian areas like our footpaths in Newport?

Peter Middleton raised the subject of the lack of volunteers and especially new people joining and becoming actively involved in the Newport Residents Association. There was some discussion as to what we could do, including

ways specifically to target those living in strata/apartment complexes, who appear to be under represented.

The Newport Chamber of Commerce is organising a Spring into Summer Celebration on Saturday 2nd November, and Robertson Road will be closed off for the day. Market stalls will be set up in Bert Payne park and businesses will be on the footpaths. There will be a BBQ at the Surf club, kids activities & Santa making an appearance in the afternoon. Previously we have had a table at a similar event and it was decided we would have one again to talk to people about the NRA. WD to contact Rowie Dillon to ask if we could have a table in Robertson Road.

The RMYC is also holding its annual Timber Boat Festival that weekend.

On Friday 18th Gavin, Peter, Kyle & Wendy are meeting with our new Councillor, Sunny Singh to discuss local issues with him.

**Meeting closed 8.11pm**

**Next meeting: Tuesday 19th November at 7pm, at Newport Community Centre. NRA annual membership is now due.**

**Guest speaker, Police Superintendent John Duncan. All welcome.**