



Newport Residents Association Inc.

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Minutes of Meeting Held 19th November 2024 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.03pm

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

President's Note:

Gavin Butler welcomed members and guests including Mayor Sue Heins, Cr Rowie Dillon, Cr Sonny Singh and Andrew Johnston from NBC.

Apologies: Wendy Dunnet, Roger Johnston, Sandy Tall, Cr Miranda Korzy

Approval of Minutes: of previous meeting held 15th October 2024.

Moved: Glenn Moore

Seconded: Kyle Hill

Treasurer's Report

Balance as @ 01/10/2024	\$829.77
Add Receipts	\$75.00
Sub total	\$904.77
Deduct Payments	\$0
Net assets as @ 31/10/2024	\$904.77

Moved: Kyle Hill

Seconded: Ron

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

Guest Speaker Supt John Duncan, Northern Beaches Police Area Command, was welcomed and addressed the meeting

Supt Duncan outlined the basics of the Command, being Manly to Palm Beach to Roseville with a population of 300,000+ and a staff of c300, including 5 dedicated mental health staff.

He took us through some crime statistics for recent months, with specifics for Newport, which illustrated we were well below average reported crimes for our population (although some matters such as domestic violence are vastly under-reported). For the most recent month (October) this covered: 2 stolen cars, 2 robberies 5 frauds (2 'sextortion' attempts and 3 'failed to pay for fuel').

With regards to **youth crime**, Newport had very little reported in 2004. In response to questions he commented:

- Youth Officers primarily targeted 'kids at risk'
- They steer these into a program, being both the primary and the most effective action
- Sending to youth detention takes the 'fear' away from that deterrent
- The vast majority grow out of it and 80% of those cautioned never come back into police view
- Improving lighting is a good deterrent but often residents oppose this

Supt Duncan summarised factors re **e-bikes**, including what is and isn't legal plus:

- A major effort goes into education
- Juveniles can generally only be cautioned
- BUT a parent can be pursued on an 'owner-permit' basis
- An injured pedestrian can report to police but getting recompense is very difficult due to no insurance

Other matters commented on included:

- Mona Vale police station is manned 24/7
- Neighbourhood Watch no longer exists but has evolved to "I watch" via Police Facebook

On general advice, he emphasized:

- If you feel something is not right, call your local police station BUT
- If a **crime is in progress, call 000**
- If the crime is already complete, call Dee Why Police station
- A new system, "Good Sams", facilitates police reaching out for community CCTV footage
- You can supply any relevant video material when reporting a crime

Gavin B thanked Supt Duncan for his attendance, information and responses to queries.

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

NBC 'Funding our future'

With the Mayor and Councillors present, a brochure outlining possible options for balancing Council's budget was distributed and briefly spoken to.

Community submissions are sought, the deadline being 12 January.

Items for Discussion:

Robertson Road update

The first of 4 meetings of a Robertson Road Project Working Group is still expected to be held pre-Christmas, involving representatives from NRA, Save Robertson Rd and the owners of the properties potentially involved. Concerns about the status of Councillors to be involved were expressed but the

Mayor clarified they would have only observer status within the PWG so their full involvement in Council consideration would not be compromised.

Coles temporary Closure

Coles Newport supermarket will be closed for 12 weeks from 19 January, for revamping to re-open as a 'Coles Local' brand store. This is understood to include the removal of the fresh seafood and fresh bakery departments and a reduction in the serviced deli department. Unlike the Avalon Woolworths revamp, Coles has indicated no substitute facility will be in place for the period of closure.

Kyle Hill commented that the store revamp had been dependent on the agreement of a new 25 year lease with the absentee landlord.

Shared Pathway, Newport to Bilgola

Andrew Johnston reconfirmed his advice to our October meeting that the tender had closed and a design will then go on Public Exhibition in early 2025.

NBC Safe Neighbourhood Program

A query had been raised about the absence of Newport from this proposal. Clarification was made that it related only to Narrabeen, and Avalon-Palm Beach, as it was aimed to enhance safety where there is significant secondary road traffic, through residential streets, between the main north/south artery and the coast.

General Business

General Business will return to the agenda for our February meeting.

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm

Next Meeting: This will be our Christmas get together on 17th December at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm.

Our next regular General Meeting will be on Tuesday 18th February.

***NRA 2024/2025 annual membership renewal fell due 1st July
\$20 per person or \$25 per family***