

NEWPORT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Notes from a meeting of the Newport Residents Association Committee.

Held Tuesday 17th August 2021 via video (Zoom), commencing at 7pm.

In attendance: Gavin Butler, President, Simon Barlow, Wendy Dunnet,
Peter Middleton, Sue Young, Glenn Moore, Kyle Hill.

Robertson Rd and current 351 amended DA plans

Gavin Butler commenced the meeting with a summary of the current situation on Robertson Rd and the forthcoming meeting on Wednesday 18th August between Simon Barlow, Gavin Butler, Louise Kerr & Andrew Pigott. The focus of the meeting is the DA for 351 Barrenjoey Rd currently with Council & submissions closing Friday 20th August. The Committee discussed at length the Masterplan details and the need to keep the pressure on Council. Woolies Carpark & Foamcrest Ave need to be included to be part of the solution for RR. Previous alternate plans prepared by Nalin Perera & Tony Edye were distributed via email. Also discussed was the letterbox drop organised by David Catchlove. To be discussed further when all, have a chance to read it.

Council paying for our Survey Monkey & Further distribution of Survey Results

Council have agreed to pay for the purchase of the Survey Monkey. The Committee discussed how we distribute the results - how much, to whom & when? No final decision was reached.

Proposed Press Release

It was decided to issue a press release to our local papers and possibly to Wendy Frew from Northern Beaches Radio. Glenn also suggested we look at using Social Media as well. Further discussion related to including survey results and timing. Pittwater Life & The Northern Advocate have both been very supportive of us.

Bilgola Bends DA

DA 2021/1164 at 521 Barrenjoey Rd Bilgola Beach was recently submitted. There are many concerns regarding the development including loss of native vegetation, traffic mayhem especially during construction, & the size of the development. It was decided GB would put in a submission on behalf of the NRA against it.

Mail Chimp for the purpose of 2021/2022 NRA fees

All decided it was a good idea.

AGM Date

Council elections are now 4th December 2021. The NRA AGM last year was held at the December meeting and will possibly need to be the same this year. If meeting restrictions still apply then it may need to be via Zoom.

NBC LEP / DCP

GB noted submissions close 5th September. He had asked Sue Young & Peter Middleton to look at NBC's proposed LEP and there was a lengthy discussion on what needs to be covered in our submission. GB also noted how important the Character statements are and should end up in the final document.

SRG Report

WD had the Transport & Travel SRG on 12th August via Zoom. She summarised the key items of discussion including Phil Devon's overview of the NBC submission to the NSW Stay Safe Committee Report into Reducing Trauma on Local Roads. The following were identified as crucial to achieving this outcome: Reducing speed limits on local & residential roads, Pedestrian Protection at traffic signals, Road User behaviour change, Enforcement, & Putting People first. Council is working closely with Transport NSW, having monthly meetings so TransportNSW understands Council's ways of trying to meet the needs of the local community. It is a complex & bureaucratic process.

Also discussed, Local Bus services across the LGA. The Keoride proving to be a very popular service with the potential to expand to smaller local roads & available to be booked for specific times. The challenge is Keoride which is heavily subsidised & there is a reluctance to bring it to other areas due to direct competition with private operators such as Uber & taxis. Strategic challenges for the Transport network on the northern beaches 2022 & beyond created some interesting discussion by the meeting. Key challenges are: The Beaches Link project delivery, Frenchs Forest Precinct, Implementation of safe speed limits, managing technology & community expectations. The effect of Covid on future transport requirements was highlighted. Next meeting 11th November 2021.

Council Elections 4th December 2021

Rory Amon has been selected by the Liberal Party to run for Pittwater. In addition, Sarah Turnbull is running on Michael Reagan's 'Your Northern Beaches Independent' team and has been in contact with Simon Barlow. Also on their ticket is Michael Gencher.

Marina Safety

GB suggested we contact NBC to clarify what they were doing. GM to draft a letter.

Matters Arising

Dearin Park

WD contacted Steve Lawler for an update. Trish Chaney replied that Jeremy will be looking at our suggestions (hopefully this month). We also asked for an update on the stairs at the end of Melaleuca St. Trish advised work will be carried out in 22/23 financial year. There is a land encroachment issue to be resolved.

No other outstanding matters at this time.

Meeting closed 9.00pm