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President's Report for year ended 30th June 2020

I would like to thank the members of the Newport Residents Association for allowing me the privilege once again of being their President for the past twelve months. This 2019/2020 year has been a challenging one with the Covid-19 pandemic and causing our AGM to be deferred for five months. Despite these difficulties we have continued to be very active.

One of the major ways that the Newport Residents Association had been previously been able to represent and influence matters that affected Newport Residents was the close involvement with our Council and councillors. The new Northern Beaches Council is one of the biggest in the state and developing those close working relationships has been quite different. In this regard council has appointed community liaison officers who report directly to the CEO and we wish to thank the principal liaison officer, Trish Chaney & also her assistant Annie Laing who not only turn up regularly to our meetings but follow up both Newport maintenance issues and policy and other matters on our behalf.

We do have two of our committee members representing us on two of the Strategic Reference Groups in the council and I would like to personally thank Wendy Dunnet, and Peter Middleton for that commitment. I would also like to thank our member Dick England for his representation on the Newport Flood Study committee.

The NRA is a member of Pittwater Community Alliance, which was originally a federation of 19 Pittwater community groups who came together to fight for the retention of the Pittwater LGA known as Pittwater Forever. PCA is now a group of the twelve major community organisations within the old Pittwater LGA, and has refocused its objectives to;

Protect and preserve the unique environment of Pittwater and achievements made to both the built and natural environment over the former Pittwater LGA's twenty four year history.

We have had a few contentious development issues during this year, some continuing from prior periods being the Nooal/Bardo St effective rezoning of E4 land (which unfortunately was lost at the State Gov't level), and the DA's at the corner of Robertson & Barrenjoey Rds. We are certainly not against new developments at these locations but they need to be in accordance with the Newport masterplan. In this later respect we have made some ground of awareness of the Newport Masterplan with the council principal planning officers which goes to the preservation of being able to close and retain Robertson Rd for periodic plaza type events.

I would like to make special mention of thanks to our Secretary, Wendy Dunnet, our Treasurer Bill Thomson, Vice President Kyle Hill and our committee members Peter Middleton, Sue Young, and Glen Moore for their support and assistance during the year.

Thank you

Gavin Butler
President 2019/2020