

**Avalon Preservation  
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incorporated as  
Avalon Preservation  
Association**



**Bulletin no 94**

**August 2017**

**1. Government back down on forced amalgamations**

There was jubilation among the residents of the councils who had taken action opposing their forced amalgamation. Regrettably, Pittwater residents are not in the same position because the Pittwater Council agreement to seek legal advice was rescinded by the casting vote of the then Mayor against the wishes of the 89% of Pittwater residents who had said no to amalgamation.

The Upper House has passed a motion requiring the conduct of plebiscites in forcibly amalgamated councils. This bill will soon come before the Lower House requiring a vote by members such as our local member, Mr Rob Stokes. APA has written to Mr Stokes urging him to support this bill and thereby represent the wishes of 89% of the people of Pittwater. This Bill mandates that referenda be conducted in those former LGAs that have already been amalgamated so that local residents will have the opportunity of a say in the forced destruction of their old Council and amalgamation with other councils. The text of the Bill is at: [https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/bills/DBAssets/bills/BillText/3368/b2017-015d06\\_House.pdf](https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/bills/DBAssets/bills/BillText/3368/b2017-015d06_House.pdf)

**2. Council Elections - 9 September 2017 - Important *Meet the Candidates* meeting on Tuesday 29 August**

Nominations close on 9 August. Potential candidates should make contact with their local community association. They can find more information about the nomination process at [http://www.votensw.info/nsw\\_local\\_council\\_elections\\_2017/candidates\\_and\\_groups](http://www.votensw.info/nsw_local_council_elections_2017/candidates_and_groups)

One of the many positive features of the former Pittwater Council was that the councillors were apolitical. We did not face the situation, as in other councils, of councillors voting along party lines. It remains to be seen what will be the outcome of the September council elections for Pittwater residents.

*Pittwater Forever* will hold two Candidate Forums at which local residents can ask questions of the candidates. To speed up the process, only one candidate from each ticket/ party/group will be invited to make a brief presentation. This will ensure that there is time for you, residents of the former Pittwater LGA, to quiz the candidates on how they plan to care for our area.

**Tuesday 29 August in Mona Vale Memorial Hall from 6.30.** Residents can ask questions of candidates standing for the Pittwater Ward.

**Tuesday 5 September in Mona Vale Memorial Hall from 6.30.** Residents can ask questions of candidates standing for the Narrabeen Ward.

The APA Management Committee urges you to attend. The future of our area is at stake. We cannot afford to go back to the pre Pittwater Council days when our area was ignored. **Please attend! We need strong councillors who are committed to our unique area, and will ensure community engagement, appropriate development and protection of our unique environment.**

### **3. The B-Line**

On July 28, 2017, Peter Mayman and Craig Boaden from the APA Management Committee together with representatives of CABPRA (Clareville and Bilgola Plateau Residents Association), NRA (Newport Residents Association) and PBWBA (The Palm Beach & Whale Beach Association) met with the planners of the B-Line to discuss a better public transport solution north of Mona Vale.

A detailed report of this meeting is available on the Pittwater Online News website <http://www.pittwateronlinenews.com/B-Line-Newport-Dud-Residents-Groups-Solution.php>

*As David Owen, President of CABRA said terminating the B-Line in Newport would not work for most of us living north of Mona Vale.*

*Gavin Butler, President of the Newport Residents Association stated after the meeting, "The project team offered nothing in the way of addressing the service concerns raised in a joint submission from these community groups. The project team only tried to justify their proposals."*

*They have not finalised a new timetable as yet and **will not seek community feedback** before they publish it. They remain intent on taking the B-Line to Newport."*

*The B-Line Project Team attempted to justify Newport by saying their future demand study for the next 10 years suggested 60% of the demand at Mona Vale would be from the North and 40% from the West. This was a new answer completely at odds with those previously given whereby their initial economic assessment had Mona Vale as the start point.*

Read the full report of the meeting at <http://www.pittwateronlinenews.com/B-Line-Newport-Dud-Residents-Groups-Solution.php>

#### **The new Northern Beaches Bus Service Plan - by suburb**

##### **Palm Beach**

- New route 199 will operate as a full time, all-stops service between Palm Beach and Manly via Avalon, Newport shops, Newport loop, Mona Vale, Narrabeen, Collaroy, Dee Why and Warringah Mall (Pittwater Road). Route 199 will provide connections to B-line services at Newport.

- Route L90 will continue to operate during the weekday **off-peak** (9:00am-3:00pm) and weekends (7:00am-10:00pm), with a service frequency of 60 minutes. For travel to the City outside of these times, you will need to catch route 199 and connect to B-Line services at Newport.

##### **Avalon**

- Route 199 will operate as a full time, all-stops service between Palm Beach and Manly via Avalon, Newport shops, Newport loop, Mona Vale, Narrabeen, Collaroy, Dee Why and Warringah Mall (Pittwater Road).

- Route E88, which will be peak hour only, will have a modified stopping pattern, with services operating all stops to Narrabeen then stopping only at Neutral Bay Junction and the City. Additional route E88 services will be provided.

- Route L90 will continue to operate during the weekday off-peak (9:00am-3:00pm) and weekends (7:00am-10:00pm), with a service frequency of 60 minutes. For travel to the City outside of these times, catch route 199 and connect to B-Line services at Newport.

#### **Bilgola and Clareville**

- Routes 191 and 192 will now operate every 30 minutes across the day.
- Route E89 will have a modified stopping pattern, with services operating all stops to Narrabeen then stopping only at Neutral Bay Junction and the City.

#### **4. Walk Avalon – Pedestrian Access & Mobility Plan (PAMP).**

NBC commissioned a survey of local residents regarding the aim to ensuring a *High Quality Walking Environment*. As you are aware, APA has been committed to the development of a holistic approach to planning through a place plan for Avalon rather than a piecemeal approach to different sections and issues. We requested that any funds currently set aside for follow up to Walking Avalon be held over.

Our comments on PAMP included:

- a. We opposed the introduction of traffic lights at the intersection of Old Barrenjoey Road and Avalon Parade noting that currently this intersection is effectively controlled by pedestrian traffic whereas there have been accidents at the intersection of Avalon Parade and Barrenjoey Road which has traffic lights.
- b. We rejected the proposal for footpaths in Ruskin Rowe and Elouera Rd as they have low pedestrian traffic and wide safe grass verges. We believing that money can be better spent elsewhere such as along parts of Barrenjoey Road ,Riverview Road and Cabarita Road which have heavy traffic and are hazardous for pedestrians

A response received from NBC indicated that any major infrastructure works would be considered in partnership with the Avalon Place Plan, and with further community engagement. Council will not now be proposing a footpath beyond Elouera Road.

#### **5. Woolworths use of Edmund Hock lane**

APA has written to NBC expressing concern about Woolworth’s use of Edmund Hock Lane between Woolworths and the Shell garage. Although this is a public thoroughfare, most people have to avoid using it because of the frequent blocking by trucks, trolleys and crates.



We have referred NBC to the Deed of Licence, which states:

- *The Licensee shall not do anything in the area, which would constitute a nuisance or annoyance to other users of the Land other than in accordance with a use which is allowed under the terms of the Agreement.*

- *The laneway which runs alongside the eastern side of the shopping centre shall not be used for the storage of crate boxes or other materials. Such items shall be stored within the Shopping centre generally...*

As yet, we have had no acknowledgment from NBC regarding receipt of our letter or action.

## 6. Development Applications

- **45 Riverview Road**

Northern Beaches Council refused the resubmitted D.A.

- **41 Marine Parade**

Despite a number of submissions, including one by the APA, which raised a number of issues including concern with the bulk and scale of the proposed, dwelling. Northern Beaches Council approved the D.A.

## 7. Casuarinas on Old Barrenjoey Road near the 192 bus stop



As stated in the previous bulletin, the APA committee strongly opposes the removal of the casuarinas. We believe that there are other solutions to any uneven areas of the footpath. NBC Council has confirmed nothing will be done about the casuarinas until the area is reviewed as part of the Place Plan for Avalon as a whole.

## 8. Sporting fields versus golf courses

Sadly, there has been some spirited discussion in the local paper, pitting users of sporting fields against users of golf courses in the Northern Beaches Council area. Concerns have been expressed that there are insufficient sporting fields and an oversupply of golf courses. The APA committee has discussed this issue and feels that the Pittwater area seems well served by both sporting fields and golf courses.

There is of course concern that, as we are now part of the mega Northern Beaches Council, averaging numbers of sporting fields and courses over the whole of NBC could affect us. APA invites feedback from Avalon residents as to whether there are any issues of undersupply of sporting fields in the area.

Do you consider that we need more sporting fields to serve the needs of residents of Avalon? Please email [avalonpreservationa@gmail.com](mailto:avalonpreservationa@gmail.com) regarding your opinion of the balance of golf courses and sporting fields for Avalon residents.

## 9. Avalon Golf Course

These has been some anxiety re the future of Royal Av, the Avalon Golf Course. A letter from NBC to the honorary secretary of the Avalon Men's Golf Club states, "Notwithstanding the outcomes of the Sportsground Strategy, Council has no plans to close Avalon Golf Course. Council has an existing agreement with a commercial group for management of the

golf course expiring in February 2019 and our staff coordinate maintenance. Prior to the expiry of this agreement, Council will review these arrangements in light of our community's expectations at that time."

Even if you are not a golfer, do consider visiting Royal Av for a cup of coffee in the beautifully restored clubhouse.

### **10. Signage 35 Avalon Parade Avalon Beach.**

The APA was concerned to see the very large bright yellow signage dominating the roof of 35 Avalon Parade. This prominent corner building, currently operating as a bottle shop, is listed as a heritage item under Pittwater Council's LEP.

The Pittwater Council had guidelines for signage and so APA contacted NBC in March to express concerns about the excessive size. We did receive acknowledgement of our letter, however, despite a follow up email at the time of writing this bulletin, there has still been no contact from NBC regarding action.



### **11. Trees of significance**

As a result of the recent cultural audit of the area, there has been discussion of the contribution of our natural environment. All members would be aware of the huge Angophora tree that gave the reserve its name. If you would like to nominate any trees or stands of trees that you consider to be of significance, please contact your committee

[avalonpreservationa@gmail.com](mailto:avalonpreservationa@gmail.com).



### **12. Retirement of Helen Clark as Head Librarian for Avalon Beach Community Library**

Helen Clark has for 37 years been the Head Librarian for the Avalon Community Library. Avalon residents are justly proud of this library which has provided such a wonderful resource for so many years under her leadership. The APA Committee has appreciated her support over many years and on behalf of members, wishes Helen a long and happy retirement.

### 13. Thank you Northern Beaches Council



The Management Committee of APA is delighted to report that Northern Beaches Council has installed a water bottle filling point. There is no need to keep buying bottles of water. Just fill up in Dunbar Park, on the path between the Community Centre and the RSL.

We hope this will be the first of many on the area. Australia is fortunate to have high quality tap water, which is infinitely preferable to the relatively expensive bottled water in disposable plastic bottles.

### 14. Bushcare

#### Angophora Reserve Bushcare Group

The Angophora Reserve Bushcare Group usually meet at 8.30 am on the third Sunday of the month at one of the entrances to the reserve. Morning tea usually happens around 11. Any queries please call Geoff on 0439 292 566.



#### Avalon Dunes Bushcare Group

The Avalon dunes need you. We meet on the first Sunday of each month, 8.30 - 11.30 near the Montessori School off Tasman Road. Contact Marita Macrae 0439409202.

#### Avalon Golf Course Volunteer Bushcare Group

The Avalon Golf Course Volunteer Bushcare Group work on the second Wednesday of the month and meet in the golf course car park at 2.30 pm finishing at about 5pm for a well-deserved afternoon tea. New bushcarers are very welcome and tool belts and tools will be provided along with advice where necessary. Any queries, please call Geoff on 0439 292 566

#### Bangally Headland Reserve Bushcare Group

The group meet on the second Sunday of each month from 8.30 – 11.30 entering from Whale Beach Road. Contact Marita for more information on 0439 409 202.

#### Careel Creek Bushcare Group

This group meets on the fourth Saturday of each month from 8.30 to 11.30 am. Meeting places vary. To check location, ring Karin Nippard NBC bushland manager on 0417040945.

#### Old Wharf Reserve Bushcare Group.

The group meets in the Reserve next to 30 Hudson Parade, near Avalon Sailing Club on the third Saturday of every month from 8.00 to 11.00 am.

#### Plateau Park Bushcare Group

The Plateau Park Bushcare Group meets on the first Friday morning of each month from 8.30 – 11.30 am in the playground on Plateau Road Bilgola Plateau. For further information contact: Ken Hughes 9918 9170

**Toongari Reserve Bushcare Group**

The Toongari Reserve Bushcare group meets from 8.30-11.30 on the third Saturday of each month. This reserve lies between Avalon Parade and Central Road. Contact: Robyn Hughes 99183931

For information on all the local bushcare groups contact Helena Dewis at Northern Beaches Council on 0408 164 235 or [helena\\_dewis@pittwater.nsw.gov.au](mailto:helena_dewis@pittwater.nsw.gov.au) There is also information on the website

[http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/environment/bushcare/bushcare\\_groups -  
\\_when and where](http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/environment/bushcare/bushcare_groups_-_when_and_where)

**15. APA membership renewal**

**The \$10 membership fee is due on 30 June each year. Many of you have paid for a number of years in advance.** Details of your subscription, including expiry date, are emailed to you with your bulletin. Please note if you still require your bulletin to be mailed to you, you will sadly receive the cut down version without photos because of the cost of printing. The expiry date of your subscription is printed on your envelope.

Your APA membership number makes it easier for people to pay by direct deposit. Include your APA number so that the APA treasurer knows the identity of who has paid by direct deposit. **Renewals can be paid online to Westpac: Avalon Preservation Association Incorporated BSB 732-095 Account 07-0127. Please include your name and/or APA membership number to ensure I know who you are!** You can still renew your membership by mail (or in person) to Sue Martin, 164 Riverview Road, Avalon Beach 2107. To save additional postage, your receipt will be mailed to you with the subsequent bulletin or via email. Please encourage your local family members and friends to join APA. Please consider donating to our Fighting Fund to support campaigns. Simply select the amount you wish to donate and add to your annual member fee when renewing, or donate at any time. Please specify whether the money is for membership renewal or for the FF (Fighting Fund).

**The Avalon Preservation Association thanks Avalon Beach Community Library for their support.**

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**APA membership**

The cost is \$10.00 per family renewable on 30 June annually at **Westpac Avalon Preservation Association Incorporated BSB 732-095 Account 07-0127** or to 164 Riverview Road Avalon Beach.

I/We:.....Phone:.....Address:.....

hereby apply for membership in the Avalon Preservation Association. I/We agree to abide by the provisions of the APA Constitution if accepted.

Email:.....

We are happy for our bulletin to be emailed rather than mailed. Yes  No

Signed: .....Date: .....

I wish to donate \$ ..... to the APA Fighting Fund. I understand that the purpose of the Fighting Fund is to allow members and others to support specific campaigns of concern to Avalon residents.