

**Avalon Preservation
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incorporated as
Avalon Preservation
Association**



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1. Garvon Kable RIP



Garvon Kable, a long-time resident of Avalon Beach, died recently at the age of 93. Those of you who have been long term residents of Avalon would have known Garvon and although more recent arrivals in Avalon would not be familiar with his name, we all owe Garvon a great deal.

Garvon was someone ahead of his time in his concern for the environment in the 1960s when so-called progress was everything. Garvon was a foundation member and then long term Chairman of the Avalon Preservation Trust. The APT was established in 1967 as a result of local concern about the indifference to the natural environment displayed by Warringah Council and exploitative developers.

There are many stories of the work done by the APT with Garvon at the helm up until his retirement from the position of Chairman in **2008**. Avalon could have been a very different place if people of Garvon's calibre had not been vigilant and prepared to stand up to at times quite vitriolic attacks by those whose self-interests were threatened. Garvon was a very strategic operator. He was instrumental in stopping the installation of a storm water drain on Avalon Beach. His negotiations with Warringah Council resulted in a compromise that meant that storm water flowed into Careel Creek and out through the cleansing mangroves. In those days, there were far fewer environmental controls and so during storms and heavy downpours, Avalon Beach escaped the polluting water that poured onto all the other nearby beaches.

Garvon was the person who when walking down for his daily swim saw some council workers destroying a large rock near the pool to create rubble for the path to the pool. He was able to convince Warringah Council that it was unacceptable to destroy the beach rock. Garvon was a leader in the opposition to the proposal to "straighten out the Bilgola bends".

Garvon was a man of principle who was never strident, never obstructionist but always persuasive so that he was respected by Warringah and then Pittwater Council. Marita Macrae who succeeded him as Chairperson, said he was always rational in argument ensuring that APT opinions, advice and recommendations were always firmly based in fact.

Garvon gave selflessly of his time for 37 years to protect the Avalon Beach area and for that we should all be grateful. Our sincere condolences go to his family who are justly proud of their father and grandfather.

2. 2016 Annual General Meeting

The APA is currently in negotiation to provide a speaker for the 2016 APA Annual General Meeting. The AGM will be held on either Monday 21 November or Monday 28 November depending on the availability of our speaker. Please pencil in these two dates and we will advise you as soon as the speaker's availability is confirmed.

At the AGM, the members of the Management Committee are elected for the following year. The committee always welcomes new blood and is conscious of the importance of succession planning. If you would be interested in nominating to become a member of the Management Committee, please complete the form at the end of this bulletin. Committee meetings are held every second month but the majority of the communication is done by email.

3. Northern Beaches Council Strategic Reference Groups

APA has received a letter from Northern Beaches Council regarding the formation of reference groups to "shape, inform and create a pathway to guide Vision of the Northern beaches for the future of this newly created local government region."

The titles of the eleven reference groups have raised alarm within the APA management committee and we have written to the Administrator Mr Persson, the General Manager Mr Ferguson and the Deputy General Manager Ms Beth Lawsen expressing our concern about the very limited vision and parameters indicated by the reference groups:

- Affordable housing
- Economic development and tourism
- Place making
- Natural environment
- Waste and recovery management
- Sustainable transport
- Art, culture and heritage
- Community safety
- Inclusive communities
- Open spaces and recreation
- Youth.

They seem to indicate no consideration of the built environment, town planning, and sustainable development. We have asked N.B. Council to clarify where and how this critical area of vital interest to the community is addressed by the proposed reference groups.

The former Pittwater Council Sustainable Towns and Villages Reference Group proved a valuable resource and a vital part of community consultation. consultation and we consider that a similar reference group is an essential part of the stated N.B. Vision.

4. Plaque on Avalon Beach

In August 2015 we reported to you about plans by Pittwater Council to install a memorial plaque on the site of the kiosk constructed by A. J. Small in late 1931 at Avalon Beach to sell boiling water and ice cream to the weekend day-trippers. One year later, Pittwater Council is no more and there has been no progress. All that can be seen is a neglected looking brick octagonal configuration adjacent to the path to the beach from the bus-stop. APA will continue to pursue this.



5. Amalgamation into Northern Beaches Council

The APA management committee is in contact with the new Northern Beaches Council and will continue to closely monitor activities with the aim of protecting Pittwater's interests.

6. Pittwater Forever

As you are aware, Pittwater Forever (PFE) is the umbrella group for the 19 community groups formed to oppose the amalgamation of Pittwater with Warringah and Manly. Now that our concerns have been overridden and Pittwater has been absorbed into the mega Northern Beaches Council, the focus of PFE has changed. The PFE alliance will continue because it is felt that it is even more important now to ensure the protection and appropriate development of the former Pittwater Council area.

7. Kamikaze corner

APA has been informed that Council has developed a plan to improve the safety and aesthetics of the roundabout known as Kamikaze corner. The hardy native species commonly known as pigface will be planted and Council has committed to maintaining the landscaping and the roundabout itself on a quarterly basis. The landscaping works are scheduled for late August. Currently the roundabout is honouring the memory of Midget Farrelly, a highly regarded long term local resident who died too young..



8. Avalon Beach Cultural Mapping Project update



APA is delighted that following two successful community workshops in April, the Cultural Mapping Project team has built an online inventory with over 500 entries listing the scale of Avalon's cultural assets. This information will be used to inform the Council's forthcoming Avalon Beach Masterplan. Building on APA's foundation support, Eramboo Artist Environment has taken on the Youth Cultural Mapping Project focused on Barrenjoey High School creative arts students. Working with professional artist mentors, Years 9 and 10 students will create imaginative artworks that celebrate Avalon's culture. The Project, including the youth artworks exhibition, will be launched at Avalon Beach Market Day in November. The APA Management Committee was so impressed by the Youth Project initiative that it voted to kick-start fundraising with a \$500 donation.

If you wish to support this Project you can donate direct via the Chuffed crowd funding link.

<http://www.chuffed.org/project/eramboo-avalon-beach-youth-arts-mapping-project>

9. Avalon Preservation Association Website

Avalon Preservation Association is currently developing a website through which it is hoped we can reach out to more people and ensure the residents of post code 2107 are kept well informed of local issues and initiatives.

10. Bushcare Looking after Avalon Bushland

Angophora Reserve Bushcare Group

The Angophora Reserve Bushcare Group met on the third Sunday of the month at the Bilwarra Road entrance to the reserve (between nos. 26 and 28). We meet at 8.30am and morning tea usually happens around 11. Any queries please call Geoff on 0439.292.566

Avalon Dunes Bushcare Group

The Avalon dunes need you. The dunes look green but some of that is weeds. We meet on the first Sunday of each month, 8.30 - 11.30 near the Montessori School off Tasman Road. Contact 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 2.30pm finishing at about 5pm for a well-deserved afternoon tea. New bush carers 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



The Careel Creek Bushcare Group works sometimes at this area near the Barrenjoey Rd corner with Etival St, restoring a remnant freshwater wetland. A \$15000 grant to Pittwater Natural Heritage Association funded this as part of its Pittwater Estuary Care grant from the Federal Government's Community Landcare program (through Greater Sydney Local Land Services). Big coral trees and other weeds were removed, local native trees and shrubs planted and bagged to protect from rabbits. Northern Beaches Council coordinates and co-funds the project. Contract bush regenerators do the heavy work and volunteers do planting and maintenance. The Project is now completed.

Plateau Park Bushcare Group

Would you like to work beside Waratahs in flower? 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 bush care groups contact Helena Dewis at Pittwater Council on 0408 164 235 or 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)

11. Plaque honouring Connie Adams

Those of you who have visited Angophora Reserve would have noticed a plaque near the Palmgrove Road entrance commemorating the wonderful work of Connie Adams. Connie was a tireless member of the APT who died far too young. Recently Geoff Searl when working with the volunteer bushcare group, noticed that some idiots or idiot had jemmied the metal plaque away from its stone plinth bending it up at a ninety degree angle. Geoff notified NB Council but at the recent APA executive meeting Geoff reported that nothing seemed to have been done about the desecration.



It was decided to again approach NB Council and include a photo of the damage. However, when Geoff visited the site on the following morning with camera in hand, much to his delight the plaque had been beaten flat and fixed to the plinth on a bed of silastic along with two substantial phillips head screws. Maybe there is a good Angophora fairy who just needed some time and some brute force with some panel-beating talent to respectfully reinstate the plaque.

12. 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. The

expiry date of your subscription is printed on your envelope if you receive your bulletin by mail. We have now allocated an APA membership number to each member to make it easier for people to pay by direct deposit. The APA number also provides the APA treasurer with sufficient identification as to who has paid by direct deposit. **Renewals can now be paid 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).

13. Mystery APA member

On 18 August 2016 someone deposited ten dollars in the APA account but did not leave any identification. On the APA bank statement it just says TM Bank. Please let me know who you are. If you do online banking you can add your name and APA number. Inexplicably, for over the counter deposits, the Westpac Bank, where we currently have our account, will only accept numbers as identification. Please let me know who you are so that I can update your membership details.

14. New look bulletin

Those of you receiving the emailed bulletin will see our new look with the inclusion of images as deemed appropriate. Regrettably, printing costs mean that the printed and mailed version will not include the images.

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.

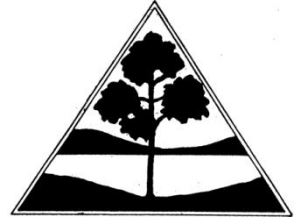
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We are happy for our bulletin to be emailed rather than mailed. Yes No

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.

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NOMINATION FORM

We, member/s of the APA hereby nominate
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- for the position of: President Vice President
 Sec/Treasurer Committee Member Public Officer

Proposed by the following **two** members of Avalon Preservation Association:

Name:

Signature:

Name:

Signature:

I agree to the above nomination:

Name: (Nominee)

Signature:

Date:.....

Please send nominations prior to the AGM to Sue Martin,
sumartin2107@gmail.com or
164 Riverview Road Avalon Beach 2107.