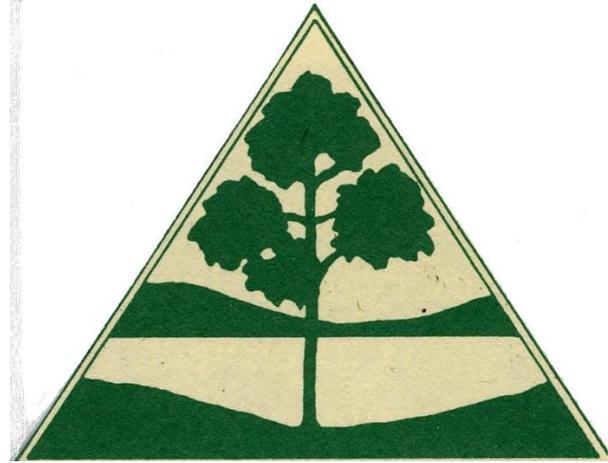


# Avalon Preservation Trust incorporated as Avalon Preservation Association



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## 1. The APA committee

To put names to faces



### From L to R

Conrad Grayson, Ros Marsh, Craig Boaden, Peter Mayman (President), Marita Macrae (Vice President), Roger Sayers, Sue Martin, Geoff Searl.

This photo was taken at the 9<sup>th</sup> Great Historic Photographic Exhibition held in the Avalon Beach Recreation Centre over the June 2018 long weekend. No doubt many of you attended this exhibition to enjoy reminiscing over the history of our area and raising awareness of the richness of our local history to newer and younger residents. Geoff Searl, the visionary President of the [Avalon Beach Historical Society](#), should be justly proud of such a wonderful event.

## 2. Place making and Avalon Beach

**Placemaking** is a multi-faceted approach to the planning, design and management of public spaces and capitalises on a local community's assets, inspiration, and potential, with the intention of creating public spaces that promote people's health, happiness, and well being.

In 2015, The Avalon Preservation Association, concerned for the future planning of Avalon Beach and the surrounding area formed the Avalon Beach Core Working Group with representatives from community groups and stake holder organisations. This followed on from initial work which had been commenced by the Avalon Palm Beach Business Chamber Inc.

The Avalon Preservation Association, Avalon Palm Beach Business Chamber of Commerce, Palm Beach & Whale Beach Association, Avalon Beach Historical Society, Pittwater Natural Heritage Association, Pittwater Community Arts, Eramboo, Young Gourmet, Sym Studio, Avalon SLSC, CABPRA, Tourism Advisory, Avalon Bowling Club, Sub branch Avalon RSL and the North Ward Pittwater Councillors all participated.

APA commissioned Sym Studio Pty Ltd, a landscape architecture and urban design practice with a commitment to place planning, to facilitate the place planning process – to develop a clear vision for Avalon Beach and the surrounding area.

The result was an impressive document providing some guidelines for future planning and development of the local area based on a vision of Avalon Beach as:

- a casual peninsula village where a multi faceted community expresses creativity, curates biodesign and values quality of life
- a haven where a sublime interplay of landform, water and tree canopy connects people with place;
- an active and healthy community that values heritage and nurtures the arts and architecture
- a place where local trade values products and services derived from nature, contextual architecture and unrefined materials that enhance over time.

In 2017 after the amalgamation, APA presented this document to the newly formed Northern Beaches Council who, like their predecessors in Pittwater Council, expressed their approval and appreciation.

Finally, in 2018, Place Planning for Avalon Beach has commenced with a workshop held on Saturday 30 June followed by a second workshop (by NBC invitation only) on Wednesday 4 July. Northern Beaches Council has stated that broader participation will be online and via pop-up desks in the village area and through a Community Reference Group which is yet to be formed.

Representatives from the Avalon Preservation Association attended both workshops. We now look forward to receiving from Council a full record of the results of the workshops and other consultation to date. We will then provide this to APA members with details of the next steps in the Place Planning process.

We encourage all our members to think about the Avalon Beach you wish to have in the future. For the future wellbeing of our Avalon Beach, it is essential that you participate by making these thoughts known.

### **3. Tree clearing and the sound of chain saws**

The committee has become concerned by the amount of tree clearing that appears to be happening in the local area. It was claimed that over the Easter weekend there were 14 reports of tree clearing with no apparent response by Northern Beaches Council which may have been too busy or too short staffed to take notice. Mayor Regan has said that as the State Government has loosened the restrictions on tree clearing, it is now easier than ever for home owners to remove trees.

APA has contacted Northern Beaches Council to ask for a review by NBC of compliance with tree management rules.

- **Tree clearing on 96-104 Cabarita Road**

There was considerable alarm about the number of trees cleared from this property. The response from NBC was that the trees removed were not indigenous and as such not subject to protection.

#### **4. Footpaths**

APA was most concerned recently to learn that Northern Beaches Council had only allocated \$1.5 M for new footpaths. This may seem a reasonable amount for areas that have had footpaths for decades but the area with the least number of footpaths is the former Pittwater LGA.

Avalon Preservation Association wrote to NBC commenting on the inadequacy of \$1.5M when considering just how many roads in the former Pittwater area alone, are still without footpaths. We also questioned the recent renewal by Council of sections of already existing footpaths in Central and Old Barrenjoey Roads while other roads are still without any form of footpath. We requested the prioritising of footpath development in the Avalon Beach area, especially along such high usage roads as Riverview Road and Cabarita Road where currently pedestrians and vehicles share a narrow road.

Fortunately, Councillor Rory Amon, a councillor for the Narrabeen Ward, successfully moved a motion to double the amount for new footpaths to \$3M. We still feel that this is an inadequate sum in light of the number of roads in our area on which cars, trucks, pedestrians and on some, buses, compete daily.



**Riverview Road**

#### **5. Development Applications**

Previously, when we were part of Pittwater Council, a list of Development Applications was published in the Manly Daily. This provided residents with the opportunity to comment on proposals before decisions were made by Council. Now, only Development Consents are published which seems somewhat illogical as the approval would surely only be of relevance to the person who applied. Those who may be affected by the D.A. may be unaware until approval is granted. APA has raised this issue with NBC on a number of occasions with no success. Apparently, the NBC website will ultimately provide opportunities for people to look for D.As in areas of interest but currently unless people are immediate neighbours they can be unaware of the possible deleterious effects on their property until too late. Apparently, our elected Councillors are not briefed about D.As. It is solely a staff issue.

At a recent meeting with the Pittwater Community Alliance, Mayor Regan said that publishing DA consents was a government requirement but publishing Development Applications was not.

- 69 Central Road Avalon Beach NSW 2107

The application for the demolition of existing dwellings and construction of a 12-unit Seniors Living development with basement parking, landscaping and strata subdivision was refused by NBC in May 2018.

## 6. Recycling

We are all now familiar with using the green, yellow and blue recycling bins.

Are you familiar with [REDCycle](http://www.redcycle.net.au)?



<http://www.redcycle.net.au/what-to-redcycle/>

If it is plastic, dry and **clean**, and can be scrunched into a ball, it can be put in the RedCycle Bin in Avalon Woolworths.

What to REDCycle	
Biscuit packets (outer wrapper only)	Netting produce bags (any metal clips removed)
Bread bags (without the tie)	Newspaper and magazine wrap
Bubble wrap (large sheets cut into A3 size pieces)	Pasta bags
Cat and dog food pouches (as clean and dry as possible)	Plastic Australia Post satchels
Cellophane from bunches of flowers (cut into A3 size pieces)	Plastic carrier bags from all stores
Cereal box liners	Plastic film wrap from grocery items such as nappies and toilet paper
Chip and cracker packets (silver lined)	Plastic sachets
Chocolate and snack bar wrappers	Potting mix and compost bags - both the plastic and woven polypropylene types (cut into A3 size pieces and free of as much product as possible)
Cling Wrap - free of food residue	Rice bags - both plastic and the woven type (if large, cut into A3 size pieces)
Confectionery bags	Snap lock bags / zip lock bags
Dry pet food bags	Squeeze pouches with lid on (e.g. yogurt/baby food)
Fresh produce bags	Wine bladders - clear plastic ones only
Frozen food bags	Please make sure your plastic is dry and as empty as possible.
Green bags (Polypropylene Bags)	
Ice cream wrappers	
Large sheets of plastic that furniture comes wrapped in (cut into A3 size pieces)	

Although regrettably, Avalon Woolworths is not participating in the Container Deposit Scheme, they do provide a REDCycle bin. It is located at the front eastern end of the store near the disabled toilet.



**The REDCycle bin is currently rather inappropriately located where it blocks access to the disabled toilet in Avalon Beach Woolworths.**

### **7. General rubbish collections**

Pittwater residents for many years had a general clean up twice yearly. More recently, this was changed to requiring a householder to book a bulk waste collection. The reason given for changing to on demand clean-ups was apparently a cosmetic one, in that twice a year each designated zone had rubbish strewn along the streets. Ironically, now that we have on demand bulk waste collections, there seem to be rubbish heaps in streets all the time. In addition, dumpers from outside the immediate locality are able to dispose of their rubbish all year by adding to the heaps awaiting collection. The former Warringah Council area still has twice-yearly general waste collections, which are strictly controlled. APA has written to NBC pointing out that this method seems to be more effective in limiting dumping and the time that waste sits on nature strips. NBC has responded that they have called for tenders for waste collection services including both options. NBC will then *“make a decision as to which service best meets the needs of the community”*.

The photos below were of rubbish heaps all within 20 minutes’ walk of each other and within four days.





### 8. Avalon & Bilgola Bush Care

Our bushland makes this such a lovely place to live. However, bush needs looking after. Bush care volunteers work on fixed days of the month for about three hours. Starting times vary in summer. Check meeting place with the contact person. Morning/Afternoon Tea and a chat is an important part of the work!



The hardworking Bangally Headland bush care group

To get the bush healthy, mostly only weeding is needed.

The bush needs you to help keep those weeds at bay. Why not give it a go?

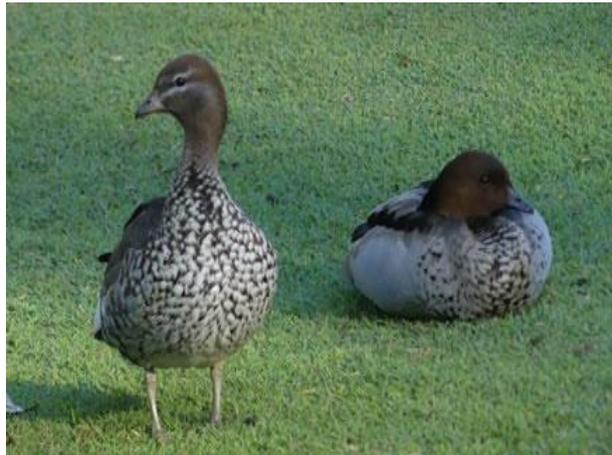
RESERVE	DAY OF MONTH	CONTACT
Algona Reserve	First Saturday 9-12	Paul Webb 0449 894 811
Angophora Reserve	Third Sunday 8.30-11.30	Geoff Searl 0439 292 566
Avalon Dunes	First Sunday 8.30-11.30	Marita Macrae 0439 409 202
Avalon Golf Course	Second Wednesday 3-5pm	Geoff Searl 0439 292 566
Bangalley Headland Reserve	Second Sunday 8.30-11.30	Marita Macrae 0439 409 202
Bilgola Beach	Third Monday 8-11	Paul Webb 0449 894 811
Careel Creek	Fourth Saturday 8.30- 11.30	Karin Nippard 0417 040 945
Old Wharf Reserve	Third Saturday 8-11	Jan Koltai 9918 2986
Plateau Park	First Friday 8.30-11.30	Ken Hughes 0417 287 320
Toongari Reserve	Third Saturday 8.30-11.30	Robyn Hughes 0403 927 588

For general bush care enquiries contact Michael Kneipp, Northern Beaches Council bush care coordinator on 9942 2766.

### Spotted on Avalon Golf Course by bush care volunteers.



Masked lapwing



Wood ducks also known as maned geese

### Avalon Dunes

Avalon Dunes have been plagued by lack of weed management and destructive teenage camps over the last few years. Changes in responsibility among Northern Beaches Council staff, in consultation with the Avalon Dunes Bushcare group, look likely to greatly improve the situation. Several truckloads of camp rubbish have been removed. We understand that school holiday inspections will result in speedy future removal of camps and rubbish. Strategic and properly funded bush regeneration will tackle serious weeds such as bridal creeper, African Olive and Brazilian Nightshade. So we look forward to positive results at last.



Examples of the vandalism in the Avalon dunes area (25 January 2018)

### 9. Weed Alert – the African Olive

The African Olive is a weed! It bears tiny green and black fruit, but forget about eating them. They are nothing like the olives you may have seen in Italy and now in some parts of Australia. Unfortunately, currawongs and other birds like them and so seedlings pop up everywhere. Avalon has a huge infestation, but it can look like a native plant, with dark narrow leaves and very hardy constitution. Most of the upper roadside edge of Avalon Golf Course is covered with this weed, a subspecies of the edible olive. You may remember the uproar when bush regenerators removed some of the African Olives with outraged locals believing them to be indigenous plants.



The photos show the berries, also the two different types of foliage; the seedling is an upright plant with leaves opposite and at right angles to the stem, the adult foliage is more drooping. If it is in your garden, dig out the seedlings, and prune larger plants to stop seeds spreading. Preferably, get rid of it altogether. It can grow into a tree many metres tall.

#### **10. Avalon Youth Hub**

The APA commends and support the Avalon Youth Hub which has been established to provide community services support for the mental well being and associated issues of our young people in the area of Pittwater. Further information is available on the [AYH website](https://avalonyouthhub.org.au/).  
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#### **11. APA website and APA FaceBook**

Many people have lamented that they used to get their news about what was happening in the area from the Manly Daily. The reduction to just two editions per week has certainly limited the dissemination of information. Visits to both the [Avalon Preservation Association website](#) and the [APA Facebook](#) will ensure that you are kept up to date on what is happening. [Pittwater Online News](#) is also a valuable source of information about the local community.

#### **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. 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.

- **Mystery renewals**

I still do not know who made the two renewals listed below. It is essential that you include some ID or email me. Please contact me if you deposited \$40 on 16 March or \$10 on 18 April so that I can update your membership.

16/3/18	Deposit	9974458	\$40
18/4/18	Deposit	180418	\$10

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.