

4. Launch of the APA website. www.avalonpreservationassociation.org.au

Craig Boaden launched our new website at our 50th Anniversary AGM. The website was developed over 12 months and managed by committee member, Craig Boaden. Web design services were provided pro bono by local photographer Michael Mannington. On the website, people will find information on Current Issues, updates on important matters, information about the APA and its aims and objectives. Members can also download the latest APA Bulletin or renew membership.

5. President's report by Peter Mayman

2017 has again been a very busy year for your committee. In honour of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Avalon Preservation Association (Trust) Geoff Searl prepared an early history of the APT, which was recently published by Pittwater Online.

In summary

- *The Avalon Preservation Trust (APT) was founded in July 1967 as a reaction to a proposal by Warringah Council for 90 acres of flats.*
- *In the late 1960s, the APT successfully stopped the mining of the Avalon sand dunes.*
- *In 1968, the APT, under the leadership of Connie Adams, formed the Angophora Reserve Management Committee. Initially, the Management Committee oversaw the planting of appropriate eucalypt food trees for the then thriving koala population.*
- *In 1979, the Management Committee was able to block the bulldozing of a sewer track through this precious reserve.*
- *In 1989, Angophora Reserve was listed on the National Estate Register because of a campaign led by the indefatigable Connie Adams. Note that the Angophora Reserve is still under the watchful eye of the APA with ongoing bushcare led by APA committee member, Geoff Searl.*
- *The APT joined with other local associations to block the proposal for an airport at Duffy's Forest and the attempt in 1971 to establish a hovercraft pad in Careel Bay.*
- *In 1972, the APT was successful in blocking attempts to clear and establish major development in the Careel Bay mangroves.*
- *In 1985, Garvon Kable, president of APT, was successful in stopping unauthorised work to widen the Bilgola bends.*
- *Successful negotiations between Avalon Preservation Trust and the then Warringah Council, ensured that Avalon Beach, unlike many other local beaches, does not have a storm water drain polluting the beach after excessive rain.*

We can celebrate fifty years of looking after Avalon Beach with those and many more issues and expect plenty more challenges today and ahead----so there is an ongoing role for APA.

Activities during the past year, 2017

- *We initiated and met with administrator Dick Persson to walk him through our local area to help him understand our focus and concerns.*
- *We presented our Vision for Avalon [Place Planning] to the Administrator and senior staff*
- *The views of the APA were represented by members of the APA Management Committee participating in Pittwater Forever Group meetings including the Meet the*

NBC Candidates meetings. In light of the forced amalgamation, of Pittwater into NBC, the future role of PFE is now under review.

- *APA prepared submissions on the on redevelopment of Ibiza cafe---resulting in the successful retention of the heritage character of the building.*
- *APA participated in the planning and design committee. For the Palm Beach walkway, now under construction.*
- *The significant Cultural Audit of the Avalon Beach area was sponsored by APA and presented to NBC Council and the Administrator.*
- *After the forty-year-old APA noticeboard was removed by the building's owner. APA has been looking for a new home. Hopefully soon a new noticeboard to be erected*
- *APA lodged submissions regarding:*
 - *Sports fields and golf courses review*
 - *Walking Avalon report*
 - *Childcare centre ,47 Central Rd*
 - *Strategic Plan*
 - *Numerous DAs for residential developments when concerns were raised regarding their appropriateness.*
- *There has been ongoing correspondence with NBC and Woolworths re rubbish in Edmund Hock Lane between Woolworths and the Shell Service Station.*
- *APA together with Palm Beach, Clareville and Newport resident groups has attended numerous meetings with Rob Stokes and BLine management regarding services north of Mona Vale.*

Thank you to our committee ---it has been a busy year and APA is fortunate to have such a committed committee.

We are also extremely sorry that Pat Gleen will be retiring after so many years. We will miss her greatly and David, always available in the background.

Acceptance of the Chairperson's report was moved by Geoff Searl and seconded by Sue Martin Carried.

6. Treasurer's Report

Sue Martin tabled the Treasurer's Report.

Summary	
1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017	
Funds at the start of the period	\$3999.79
Received during the period	\$2053.74
Spent during the period	\$624.62
Funds at the end of the period	\$4428.91

Acceptance of the Treasurer's report was moved by Craig Boaden and seconded by Peter Mayman Carried

7. Election of Management Committee

Sadly, Pat Gleen stepped down after many years as a significant contributor to the APA Management Committee.

