



# Avalon Preservation Trust

Incorporated as Avalon Preservation Association

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*Merry Christmas & Best Wishes for  
2024  
to our APA Members and Friends*



*Christmas Bells, Plateau Park Bilgola*

## APA 56th Annual General Meeting 2023

**Thursday 23 November, 7 pm at the Avalon Beach Surf Life Saving Club**

**Our guest speaker** was Northern Beaches Council's recently appointed CEO, **Scott Phillips**. Scott commenced in this role at end of July.

He commented that NBC is big: on services, complexity, community engagement as well as geographic diversity. Combining the three LGAs has added to the complexity and is delivering economies of scale.

Scott started his career as a town planner in Wyong, then MacArthur, then Hornsby where he was first appointed CEO. He spoke about the housing crisis in NSW with the state government announcing the plan to construct 380,000 new dwellings in 10 years in NSW. This will put pressure on NBC to plan for more housing. He also spoke about NBC's financial position, which while healthy, will require us have conversations about revenue and cost of services.

The second half of Scott's session was questions from the audience including discussion of the following topics:

- ◆ Capacity for certain areas with appropriate infrastructure (e.g. Frenchs Forest, Brookvale) to be allocated higher housing density
- ◆ Placemaking and acknowledging the Northern Beaches area is not homogenous
- ◆ Prioritising the natural environment and protection thereof
- ◆ Sustainability of housing design
- ◆ Amenity such as pathways for pedestrians

*In APA, we care for Avalon because we live here*

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Craig Boaden**

### **APA ACTIVITIES FOR THE PAST YEAR:**

Response to NBC Local Character statement

Response to NBC Tree Canopy Plan

Public land sale adjacent to 32 Watkins Rd. Public access signs.

2a Allen Ave Bilgola (joint response with Bilgola Beach Residents Association still before council)

Patyeragang Planning Proposal (Lizard rock), 450 home sites in bushland

DA for 48 Serpentine development Bilgola Beach

A Volunteer Week award went to Marita Macrae for APA in May

Black metal safety fences in Barrenjoey Rd (went up overnight). Corresponded with Transport NSW.

DA for 52 Old Barrenjoey road (overshadowing Casa Carlos)

Avalon Customer Contact Centre – to close end of November 2023

11 Capri Close – rock boulder in property to be protected

Central Rd parking (similar issues in Riverview Rd)

Paradise Beach tidal pool raised boardwalks (good model for engagement)

Supported NBC application for a Crown Land grant for revegetation of Careel Creek (2<sup>nd</sup> stage)

Flooding in shared space (Woolworths pedestrian access path from car park and also carparks adjacent to Dunbar park).

Meeting with other community groups (PB Business Chamber, CAPRA and BBRA regarding the Shared space trial).

DA for 189 Riverview Rd: threats to spotted gums on site

**THE FINANCIAL REPORT** was presented by Treasurer Ken Roberts



### **ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

There being no other nominations, the present 2023 committee was re-elected : President, Craig Boaden, Vice President: Dianne Ramsay; Secretary and Public Officer: Helena van de Linde, Treasurer: Ken Roberts, Committee members: Peter Mayman, Geoff Searl, Conrad Grayson, Roger Sayers, Joel Seaton, Marita Macrae.

## Thank you very much to APA members who have renewed their membership

Did you know that you can renew for three years for \$50, instead of \$20 per annum? This is convenient for you, our members, and for APA membership records.

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Avalon Beach 2107

## CURRENT ISSUES IN AVALON

### NBC Council Draft Conservation Zones Review

The NSW Department of Planning has recommended that Pittwater (and the rest of the Northern Beaches too) retain all its C zoned properties as is. We have been campaigning hard on this. This is a huge win for the community, for our landscape and our natural environment.

### Central Road Parking restrictions to come

Following community engagement Northern Beaches Council reported that the proposal was amended to retain parking on the northern side and relocate the 'No Parking' restrictions to the southern side of the road. Signage will be installed.



Summer in Avalon - Roger Sayers

### The aims of APA are to

- ◆ Preserve the natural beauty of the area through promoting proper planning of all future development
- ◆ Express positively and in appropriate quarters the point of view of residents with regards to any proposed development and to protect the residential amenity of the area
- ◆ Work with and assist local government in any efforts to improve and beautify the locality and where appropriate instigate such improvements

**APA depends on your support. Donations of time, money and expertise always welcome**

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