

Draft Minutes of NWPOA General Meeting	
Meeting type	General Meeting
Venue	Oyster Point Scout Hall - Scarborough
Chairperson	David Clair
Date	Wednesday 10 th March 2021
Opened time	7:35 PM
Closed time	8:30 PM
Attendance	See Sign In sheet

1a. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed all in attendance. A quorum (15 properties in person or by proxy) was present.

Apologies:

Tom & Joy Herrigan	20/21	Jan Murray	20/21
Ron & Lyn Lewis	20/21	Ruth & Jim Snow	20/21
Peter & Sue Wilkinson	20/21	Norman & Jocelyn Davey	20/21
Murray Gellert	20/21	Maureen Bowmaker	20/21
Laura Valenti	20/21	Steven Penman	20/21
Cheryl Birch	20/21	Paul Strawbridge	20/21

1b. Proxies

Three Proxies were recorded:

Ron & Lyn Lewis and Maureen Bowmaker >> P Bauze
Norman & Jocelyn Davey >> Meeting Chair

Attendance

The following members and guests were present:

Hon Luke Howarth MP (Guest Speaker) Cr Sandra Ruck (MBRC) Member and Guest Speaker

Vicki Johnston	20/21	Faye Hope	20/21
Hayley Houghton	20/21	Marlen Kuhn	20/21
Sue Greasley	20/21	Coralie Sinkinson	20/21
Sandra Ruck	20/21	Paul Williams	20/21
Pam Bauze	20/21	Kath Monteith	20/21
Josh Kindred	20/21	David Clair	20/21
Ann & Terry Moore	20/21		

2. Confirmation of Minutes of General Meeting held 16 Sep 2020.

The Chairman advised that the Minutes of the last GM (16 Sep 2020) had been on the NWPOA website and also distributed tonight.

Motion: That the Minutes of the General Meeting of 16 Sep 2020 be adopted as true and correct.			
Move	Seconded	Decision	Action items arising
D Clair	Carried	Carried	Add P & K Williams to Apology List – Done in final version.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

The Chairman asked if there was any business from the minutes & advised that any Business arising from the September 2020 minutes would be addressed later in the meeting under General Business.

4. Presidents Report

David Clair presented the report from Departing President Murray Gellert. A copy is attached at Appendix 1.

David also presented the Membership report on behalf of Laura Valenti. Current membership is 340, with the report attached at Appendix 4.

5. Newport Watch Report – Pamela Bauze

Pam Bauze addressed the meeting and presented her report. The report is attached at Appendix 2.

Moved	Seconded	Decision	Action items arising
P Bauze	D Clair	Carried	Nil

5. MBRC Report

Cr Sandra Ruck addressed the meeting and presented her update on current Council initiatives. Her notes are attached at Appendix 3.

Moved	Seconded	Decision	Action items arising
A Moore	P Bauze	Carried	Nil

6. Presentations –

Hon Luke Howarth MP (Federal Member for Petrie) as guest attendee addressed the meeting and covered several initiatives/issues of local interest, including:

- Role as Assistant Minister for Youth & Employment.
- COVID and effect on Job Seeker recipients, including statistics of time and numbers etc.
- Federal funding for MRI machine at Redcliffe Hospital.
- \$1 M funding for Coast Guard.
- \$0.65 M for Surf Life Saving Club
- \$7.5 M (Dolphins – Events & jobs etc).
- Aged Care Packages – difference in cost between home and institutional costs.
- Road funding summary.
- Noted “Volunteering QLD” may be of assistance to us – contact is Mara Basanovic on 3002 7600 or reception@volunteering.qld.org.au

The Chair thanked him for his attendance and support.

7. General and Other Business

Committee Vacancies

- President (Murray Gellert resigned)
- Communications Officer/Newsletter Editor (Treasurer Ann Moore currently filling in for this role)
- Assistant Secretary (Clive Burrows resigned)
- Committee Member (Catriona Lightfoot resigned)

P Williams raised a concern about Crab Pots left in main channel.

Action T Moore to follow up with NWAG at next meeting – (has been added to agenda).

S Greasley raised concern about gravel barges travelling too fast in canal creating excessive wash.

Action T Moore to follow up with NWAG at next meeting – (has been added to agenda).

General comment – when will “Sundowners” recommence?

8. Next Meeting

The next General Meeting of the Association will be held on Wednesday 15 September 2021.

9. Closure

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:30 PM and invited the attendees to remain for light refreshments.

**DEPARTING PRESIDENT'S REPORT PRESENTED AT THE
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This is my final report as I have resigned from the Presidency due to health concerns. I have been on the committee for 8 years originally during the so called upgrading/redevelopment of the 3 sand canals changing them from Sand to gravel. At this stage the Association created a subcommittee designated as NWAG (Newport Waterways Advisory Group) a group of 5 of us if memory serves me correctly. We engaged with council over dredging, the type/size/colour/depth and placement of the stone together with other matters. The canals were reprofiled and as a result of the operation have largely remained in place which has reduced the amount of dredging required to maintain the depth of these canals. This is saving our residents millions in fees. All in all I believe this was a very successful period of canal development although I'm sure there will be those who disagree with the process and change from sand but you can't please everyone. I have also served as president for 5 years in this time increasing the membership from 255 to currently 330+ household members.

Other initiatives during my tenure include:

1. The trailer which is very successful, an idea initiated by Josh Kindred who continues his support by allowing the parking of the trailer on his property in the marina.
2. Pipers and Santa have continued being as popular as ever.
3. Sundowners continues at the park.
4. The Easter egg hunt, which will hopefully recommence this year having been lost to covid last year.
5. Carols on the canal last year was a great success and will hopefully continue for years to come.
6. Finally, I have to mention Neighbourhood watch which continues under the guidance of Pam Bauze who does an extraordinary job and has done so for the past 20+ years. The association has no idea just how much Pam has contributed to the operation of Newport Watch, a fantastic job.

So, what's happened since the last AGM?

There have been 3 resignations, including myself from the committee/ presidency, and I believe there will be more at the next AGM.

There have been no other real concerns that I am aware of.

The association is at a major turning point heading in quite a different direction especially in the realm of communication. Whether we like it or not Facebook and the web are taking over the way we communicate and so the committee of the future is going to have to find new initiatives to keep the community interested in the association.

In doing so they really need people in the community to step up and play an active part on the committee, if this doesn't happen all the events and services will be lost, which would be huge disappointment to all. I have asked people to stand for the committee time and time again, and other than the current few who put their hand up the response has been very poor.

NOW is the time for action.

In saying this I wish the association success in the future. You may see me around the canal as Santa on Xmas morning.

Good luck to you all

Murray Gellert
Past president

NEWPORT WATCH REPORT PRESENTED AT THE
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Newport Watch is the neighbourhood watch activity of Newport Waterways Property Owners Association and was established early in 1986, making it 35 years in operation at this time. It was the first Neighbourhood Watch group in Queensland and is registered with Neighbourhood Watch Queensland as Newport Watch-Redcliffe 20. Membership of the Association automatically gives you membership to Newport Watch and includes wet and dry blocks covering the areas of the original Newport Estate and Isles of Newport. We are now also including residents who build their homes on the canal side of Quay Circuit in the Stockland Newport Estate if they choose to join. The areas are divided into 38 zones with each zone having a Zone Captain who is usually a resident living in the area. These days it is hard to get people to volunteer and become involved, so some of our Zone Captains cover more than one area. At present we have six zones without a Zone Captain. As always, I would ask if anyone is interested in helping out, please see me following the meeting and I will answer all your questions. It is not a difficult task, and one can build up a great awareness and relationship with neighbours, which is what neighbourhood watch is all about. Watching out for one another.

The neighbourhood watch group in the Stockland Estate now has a committee formed and are holding meetings with their residents. The work that they continue to do is right for their community as they have a lot of break-ins and stealing, particularly motor vehicles as a lot of building is still taking place. The name remains a problem for us, as they call themselves Newport Neighbourhood Watch on face book and when speaking about themselves to other organisations. Late last year, I spoke to the Police Inspector at Redcliffe Police Station and was informed that they were registered with NHWQ as Newport Waterside Neighbourhood Watch. This name really makes no sense to me, it can cause confusion, and I am not sure why they have not been given a number like the rest of the neighbourhood watch groups have, or had on the Peninsula.

Our Division 5 Councillor Sandra Ruck is presently endeavouring to get neighbourhood watch groups started at Scarborough and Deception Bay, and I have had meetings previously arranged by Kerri-Anne Dooley of Crime Stoppers and police representatives about a group at Margate. Covid changed a lot of things including numbers at meetings, distancing, suppers etc. but hopefully this is starting to change and we can perhaps once again return to normal and future planning.

Newport Watch meetings are held every three months on the third Tuesday in February, May, August and November here at the Oyster Point Scout Hall and we encourage residents to attend to meet their zone captains along with other neighbours. For many years now, at least 17 that I know of, we have had a police presence from the District Crime Prevention section at Redcliffe Police attend these meetings with crime statistics in the area and to answer any

questions that they could. Perhaps as a result of Covid requiring police presence elsewhere, it appears that if we are lucky we will have a police representative at these meetings maybe once a year, which is very disappointing. Some of the regular officers that we have enjoyed over the years have been deployed to other stations during the past few weeks. We sometimes have a guest speaker, and if you are aware of any appropriate topics and speakers, please let me know.

If you have CCTV and security measures at your home, please remember the Community Camera Alliance programme where you can register with the Police Service to assist them to respond to call outs in your area. I can assist you with further information and a registration form.

Covid-19 has also meant that we have not had any planned activities such as Dogs on Patrol and Tamper Proof Screw days. I have some of these items available on request. The quarterly NHWQ District meetings have resumed this year. This is where representatives of the NHW groups in the Moreton District come together to exchange information etc. Last November we joined together for a Bunnings BBQ with the other two neighbourhood watch groups ie. Woody Point and Newport Waterside NHW. We raised just over \$400 for each group which was amazing. Our money from Newport Watch was added to the donation the Association gives the Redcliffe Coast Guard each year. We are always grateful for their involvement with us, particularly at Christmas time. We are looking at having a Bunnings BBQ with just our group in the near future, but there is a fair bit of red tape to get through, and we need volunteers to cover the day.

If you notice a lost or damaged Newport Watch sign (provided by the Association) missing from under the street name sign please contact me and again, our Division 5 Councillor is only too happy to arrange for a new one to be installed by MBRC officers. Newport Watch stickers are provided in every folder issued to new members, and these can be placed near your letter box or front door.

We sincerely thank our Zone Captains and volunteers for the valuable service they provide to the community through Newport Watch and the Association, and to the Oyster Point Scout Group for the continued use of their hall for our meetings. **THANK YOU.**

Pamela Bauze – Area Coordinator, Newport Watch.

MEMBER COURTESY TRAILER:

The courtesy trailer is for the use of all financial members. It has brought new members into the Association, has been used for a variety of purposes, and continues to be a great initiative. Being able to ‘garage’ it at the Marina makes it very accessible in a central spot. and we are most grateful.

Since the last General Meeting in September, the trailer has been **used 48 times**, sometimes overnight. Please remember if borrowing, that it is returned clean, and report any problems that may occur.

There is also a net and an adaptor that can be borrowed with the trailer.

**MBRC REPORT PRESENTED BY Cr S RUCK AT THE
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Update on Council Business

- **Two (2) Neighbourhood Watch groups** currently being established - Scarborough & Deception Bay
- **QPS:** Modelling a new operations style. Trialling this in the Moreton Bay Region first.
- FYI: I'm also a member of **Redcliffe Crime Stoppers** group
- **What Moreton Bay will look like in 20 years time:** Currently the Moreton Bay Region is growing by 10,000 new residents each and every year, this means by 2042 we will have increased from the 480,000 residents we have today to almost 700,000 residents. It is the 3rd largest local govt area in Australia and the 5th fastest growing local govt area in Australia! Traffic -155,000 cars travel between Bris & MBRC each day and this will grow by 50% by 2041.

We are now taking the opportunity to strategically and deliberately diversify our economy and work with businesses to create jobs and opportunities. Last month Council adopted the **Regional Economic Development Strategy (the REDS)** which is set to turbocharge our economy:

The REDS outlines a plan to make Moreton Bay Region **Bigger, Bolder and Brighter**.

- **Bigger:** our region will become bigger, with our economy reaching \$40 billion in 2041, more than double its current size.
- **Bolder:** we act bolder, with the creation of 100,000 new jobs and 16,000 new businesses by 2041.
- **Brighter:** we aim to make Moreton Bay one of the top 10 regional knowledge and innovation hubs in Australia.
- **Neighbourhood Planning** - Council has been recruiting expert planning staff to a new Neighbourhood Planning team and are preparing to commence two yet to be confirmed/announced locations in the region this year.

These are thorough and lengthy processes that involve community engagement, and can take 2-3 years from initiation of the project to commencement of any amendments to the planning scheme. The challenge for Council is how and where to best prioritise where to neighbourhood plan first. We are a large and diverse region and our growing pains are not confined to any one area.

- **Review of Next Generation Neighbourhood Precinct, Secondary Dwelling Provisions, Building Heights and Off-Street Car Parking Provisions**

These are active planning projects that Council is currently being briefed on. A number of key issues have been identified to progress as amendments to the planning scheme.

There will be future opportunities for public comment on these matters.

- **Scarborough Marina Area - Barge EOI and Master Plan**

Council is aware that TMR are running an Expression of Interest (EOI) process for a barge service and are progressing a review at this moment. There has been engagement with Council however the nature of these briefings have been confidential to date. Any queries at this stage should be directed to the State Govt. I understand that if TMR/ the State do progress with a preferred location in the area, the operation will be subject to a development application process.

In terms of the Scarborough Harbour master plan, Council is yet to be formally engaged by the State; but have made it clear that it is supportive of this process and more than willing to be involved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT PRESENTED AT THE
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