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Dates to Remember

Newsletters issued:

May,
June,
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Picnic:
7th Sept. 02
Half Yearly Meeting:
10th Sept, 02
Pipers:
20th Dec 02
Santa:
25th Dec 02
Annual Dinner:
21st Feb. 03
A.G.M.:
4th March, 03

NEWPORT NEWS: AUGUST, 2002

President's Report:

As the September General Meeting approaches, I feel like a broken record. Two issues remain so prominent in my thoughts when NWPOA is in focus:

- ✓ We must NOT let this Council discriminate against us with the disdain and total lack of integrity that has been evident to date in this differential issue; and
- ✓ Who has the commitment, the capacity and the time to relieve the current executive members – will our association survive?

In relation to the rates, things have moved slower than we planned but I believe you will be gratified by the progress we have made. Come to the meeting in September and add your weight to the campaign to return to rates justice. Don't let the anger die. Our position is bound to worsen if we don't take control now.

In relation to the Association's leadership needs, I can only assure those of you who may have the requisite capacity, that you would be taking over the helm of a very strong and vital organisation. The Association is enjoying record membership levels and has continued to make substantial progress with almost all of our priorities (water quality, monitoring of the canal fund and consultation on the relevant budgetary process, security issues etc).

I believe in the Newport Waterways Property Owners Association and in Newport Watch. I believe our quality of life would diminish and our treatment at the hands of an obviously disinterested Council would worsen if the Association does not remain strong and vital. Come to YOUR general meeting and be part of it.

Chris Dawe

PROPOSED INCREASE IN ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

Our Association takes much pride in having maintained the annual subscription level unchanged at \$10 since the Association was formed in 1985. Like many other organizations our Association has been shocked by the increase in the cost of Public Liability Insurance. Cost of this insurance now accounts for more than a third of our expenses and indications are that further increases are likely. In addition, for the same reason, we now also pay out considerably higher administration and audit fees. Most other costs in running our organization have also increased significantly in the 17 years of our existence. Fortunately, this has been to some extent offset by the increase in membership which now stands at a record 450 households.

In recent times our Association has relied largely on the generosity of members of our Management Committee, who apart from the voluntary time spent on Association matters, have also absorbed significant Association costs. The only income to cover the costs of NWPOA and Newport Watch activities comes from our member subscriptions. Whilst every endeavour has been made to contain costs, our Management Committee now believes that an increase in the annual membership subscription is necessary to assure the survival of our Association and Newport Watch. The activities of Newport Watch are totally funded by our Association and unlike other Neighbourhood Watch activities, Newport Watch receives no Government or other financial support.

If our Association is to be truly representative of our area, it is essential to encourage the maximum participation by residents in our area. After much consideration, it has been recommended to offer a special discounted rate of membership to 'dry blocks'. Whilst many of the activities of our Association (and certainly Newport Watch) are equally directed to dry block areas, certain other activities are directly related to our 'Canal' lifestyle. These factors have been taken into account in the recommendation for a discounted membership on offer to 'dry blocks'.

You, the members, must now decide on this issue. This is a most important matter to be resolved at our General Meeting on Tuesday - 10th September.

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SPEED LIMIT SIGNS : The committee has a few of these signs still for sale.

Are you affected by the wash and on going destruction of canal beaches from speeding boats?

\$25-00 - available at September meeting or call Lynda now on 3203 6731

GENERAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 10th September 2002

Time: 7.30PM

Venue: Oyster Point Scouts Hall, Cnr Sunnyside Road & Fernlea Ave
Scarborough

AGENDA

1. OPENING, PROXIES AND APOLOGIES
2. MINUTES OF AGM HELD 5th MARCH 2002
3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES
4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
5. TREASURER'S REPORT
6. NEWPORT WATCH REPORT

BUSINESS ON NOTICE

8. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Motion presented to the meeting:

'That the annual subscription for ordinary membership of NWPOA be now set at \$15.00 – with a discounted rate of \$10.00 available for dry block members.'

GENERAL BUSINESS

8. NEWPORT RATES

Individual Councillors from Redcliffe City Council have been invited to this meeting in order to express their position on the 'Differential Rating System' in relation to Newport properties.

9. DECKS BEYOND PROPERTY LINE OVER CANAL BEACHES
10. OTHER MEMBERS' GENERAL BUSINESS
11. MEETING CLOSURE

NEWPORT WATCH ACTIVITIES

There was a great roll up of Zone Captains for the quarterly meeting held at the Oyster Point Scouts Hall on Wednesday 7th August. Highlight of the evening was the farewell accorded to Vickie Jordan on her retirement as Area Coordinator. Association President Chris Dawe congratulated Vickie on a wonderful job done in guiding Newport Watch activities for almost ten years. The low crime rate in our area truly reflects the great value of Newport Watch to our community.

In reporting Police crime statistics for our area in this year, Chairman Trevor Anger highlighted the majority of incidents relate to security in regard to vehicles and land stored boats. (Break-ins and items stolen). Whilst there were a couple of incidents of isolated vandalism, break ins to residential properties were minimal. Vigilance is still the key to maintaining our security. It was noted that incidence of vandalism and graffiti (particularly along and off Ashmole Rd) should be immediately reported.

**Redcliffe Council 24 hour Graffiti reporting line – Tel 3830 8787 Police – Tel 3283 0577
Crime Stoppers – Tel 1800 333 000.**

New Zone Captain Peter Harradine was welcomed as the new Zone Captain for Zone 23 (Eagle Crt / Constellation Crt). We are still seeking Zone Captains for Zone 11 (Dame Pattie Crt / Valiant Crt), Zone 12 (Columbia Crt / Gretel Crt) and Zone 19 (Atlanta Crt). If you live in one of these areas and would like to offer a valuable contribution to your community please give us a call.

**If you are a Zone Captain (or someone interested in Newport Watch activities)
please enter in your diary –
next meeting Wednesday 6th November
at Oyster Point Scouts Hall.**