



# NEWPORT NEWS

NEWPORT WATERWAYS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Wednesday 16 November at 7.30pm sharp**

### Annual General Meeting

Redcliffe Leagues Club,  
Ashmole Road (Level 2  
Dolphin Room)

**Sunday 30 October at 3.30pm and**

**Sunday 27 November at 3.30pm**

### Sundowners

Endeavour Esplanade

## YOUR COMMITTEE

**A/President:** Clive Burrows

**Vice President:** Vacant

**Secretary:** Terry Moore

**Treasurer:** Ann Moore

**Membership Registrar:**

Vacant (Terry Moore Acting)

**Newport Watch:** Clive Burrows

**Newsletter Editor:** Ann Moore

**Members:** Graeme Cadwallader  
& Jess Culling

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## ACTING PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In January 2022, I accepted the temporary position as Acting President following the resignation of several committee members (Caretaker mode). Acceptance of this demanding role was necessary to provide the NWPOA organisation with continued stability and continuity. When the NWPOA was formed in 1985, its primary and only mandate was as a "Voice for the Rights of Newport Waterways Canal Residents", with primary focus being on property developers and all levels of Government, where our rights and lifestyle were being adversely impacted.

Our first meeting with the property developer for Newport Waterways (Redcliffe Seaside Estates Pty Ltd who retained the Marina) was undertaken in 1985 to protect the Newport Waterways Residents lifestyle. Our first negotiations between NWPOA and a

property developer was 27 June 1985 with Tony Caulfield, Clive Burrows, and Tony Hobson (representing NWPOA) and John Langsworth and Alan Lutteral (representing Redcliffe Seaside Estates the developers) regarding illegal discharges into canals from the Marina Live-on-boards. We later lodged formal complaints with both the Queensland Government Ombudsman and Qld Department of Harbours and Marines regarding breaches to the Canal Act regarding live-on-boards.

Over recent decades NWPOA has become less relevant as a voice for residents of Newport Waterways with membership dramatically falling from 100% of the 200 developed residential homes in 1985, to now less than 20% of the 950 developed residential homes (canal and adjacent) in 2022. The financial health of the Association has also dramatically fallen to extremely low levels. The original 200 members in 1985 paid the equivalent of (Cont'd)



Challenge Sailing Albatross Canal



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(\$100 per annum in today's 2022 equivalent dollars for membership) whereas today annual membership is only \$20 in today's 2022 dollars. Today four out of every five houses (80%) do not consider the NWPOA Association to be relevant to their family or membership desirable to protect their homes.

The associations focus has changed over the past few decades with members funds now being spent on social functions (with low participation) and reduced focus our primary role as a Voice for the Rights of Newport Waterways residents and homeowners.

The only grass roots section of NWPOA Association with strong resident's support and participation is the Newport Watch (circa.1986). This is primarily due to the persistent promotion and sustained efforts by Pamela Bauze over the last decade. Unfortunately, our Newport Watch is NOT formally recognised as an Approved Neighbourhood Watch under the control and supervision of the Queensland Police Service (QPS) and Neighbourhood Watch Queensland (NHWQ). To be an approved QPS Neighbourhood Watch must have (1) a separate bank account, (2) a separate management committee, and (3) serve the total community (not 1 house in 5) and as well as many other legal stipulations and NOT collect fees from residents or members.

Unfortunately, the NWPOA currently has shrinking membership, little community involvement, and is heading for financial oblivion. Change is critical and we need to identify services our Newport Waterways residents and members really appreciate.

It is also in the QPS own interest to have strong local Neighbourhood participation (i.e., Newport Watch). Before NWPOA disappears, the simplest long-term solution is a seamless transition from "NWPOA" (with its large 8-member committee roles) to a smaller footprint east to manage "Newport Watch" with a 3-person committee (Co-Ordinator, Secretary & Treasurer) communicating better with members.

### Recommendation

A viable long term sustainable model for the 21<sup>st</sup> century would be a smaller Newport Watch Inc, committee of 3 to 4 with effective communication skills, and professional advice from residents. The changes could be simply achieved with minimum legal changes to "Newport Watch Incorporated."

The Newport Watch structure would remain outside of the QPS and NHW-Qld control and allow for the collection of funds on an annual donation basis from

the 950 homes who would benefit from a dual function Newport Watch. (Neighbourhood Watch and Voice for Newport Residents Rights)

### Advantages of Simple Re-Badging

The NWPOA committee could be reduced to only 1 Secretary, 1 Treasurer and 1 NHW Co-ordinator with rebadging as **Newport Watch Incorporated**. The body could still be represented at the Moreton District Neighbourhood Watch quarterly group meetings. We could maintain financial independence and local membership in our suburban area. Constitution change and name change could be simply achieved avoiding the major disruption that would be necessary to become a QPS and NHW-Qld approved Watch. Our "Crowsnest" Logo and Newport Street signage would remain and display our unique 1985 heritage as the first neighbourhood watch in Queensland. I have witnessed the birth of the NWPOA organisation in 1985, and after 37 years we have seen major societal change and so it is inevitable that we (the NWPOA) must also change with the times. I will be putting forward further details of this concept at the next AGM on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 for membership discussion.

**Clive Burrows**  
Acting President



To arrange to borrow the trailer in the first instance please contact Graeme Cadwallader on 3860 1291.

If this number is not available, please contact Clive Burrows on 0411 690 909.

It is becoming quite clear that members are not reading the information provided and are still contacting the previous occupant of the position.





# Fact Check

## Newport Watch Conundrum

### NEWPORT WATCH CONUNDRUM

In 1986 the NWPOA established a charitable sub-group following advice from Redcliffe Police of an established group in Victoria at that time. We established the first equivalent of a Neighbourhood Watch in Newport Waterways estate in 1986.

This was well before Queensland Police Service (QPS) and Neighbourhood Watch Queensland (NHW Qld) commenced management and control of all Queensland Neighbourhood Watches.

QPS Police technology and Neighbourhood Watch liaison has changed dramatically over the intervening 20-30 years with fast social media, new technology, residential CCTV, and vehicle number plate recognition software which have made the tracing of criminals more effective. The QPS need the Public (via NHWs) to be responsive and assist police in data collection and reporting of all incidents which results in more successful results and justifies more police resources for suburban areas like Newport.

The old Newport Watch is a fully funded sub-group of NWPOA but with shrinking current membership, (only 1 in 5 homes in Newport Waterways) the Newport Watch discriminates against 80% of local homes.

Newport Watch is NOT a compliant Neighbourhood Watch under the control of the QPS and NHW Queensland. The areas of non-compliance are many and if Newport Watch were required to change to a fully compliant QPS NHW this would mean separation from NWPOA and financial insolvency.

### Major Changes to Achieve Full QPS Compliance

To be 100% compliant the following detrimental changes would be required to "Newport Watch"

1. Newport Watch currently serves ONLY 165 homes, whereas a fully compliant NHW requires 100% of residents ie, 950 homes would have automatic free membership.
2. Newport Watch is funded via membership fees from NWPOA members annual fees, whereas a compliant NHW would require no direct membership fees only public donations.
3. Newport Watch will require a separate bank account in its name, with two signatories and audited by QPS, as necessary. NWPOA currently have a separate corporate bank account with two NWPOA committee signatories.
4. Newport Watch will require a new additional committee of three, 1 Coordinator, 1 Secretary, and 1 Treasurer, with copies of all marketing material and minutes reviewed by QPS, as necessary. The current NWPOA committee run Newport Watch with no additional paperwork.
5. NHW meetings do not allow alcohol whereas the NWPOA and Newport Watch have Allowed alcohol in all meetings over the past 35 years.
6. All events run by Newport Watch must first be approved by QPS prior to events occurring.
7. All paid advertising and promotion by businesses must first be approved by QPS.
8. In summary it would be a financial and administrative nightmare to add an additional layer of committees and banking to achieve separation between NWPOA and Newport Watch.

### Political Risks and Weaknesses

The changes required to satisfy compliance with QPS and NHW Queensland are not only unwarranted but would be detrimental and destroy Newport Watch which is the first and longest established Neighbourhood Watch in Queensland.

The Next Moreton District NHW is proposed for Thursday 1 December 2022 at the Tigers AFL Clubhouse, Nathan Road Newport at 6.00 pm.

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While the Newport Watch is NOT an officially approved Neighbourhood Watch, it represents a group of taxpaying residents who fund the Queensland Police Service. Exclusion of the Newport Watch representatives from NHWQ would be discriminatory and the NWPOA (a community voice and long-standing action group), could complain directly to the Queensland Commissioner of Police of QPS/NHWQ discrimination against our community.

We also note in the NHW Queensland publications "Welcome to NHWQ Guide" 2020 edition, Page 7 they have **rewritten history** claiming the first trial of NHW in Queensland was 22 June 1988 at Isle of Capri and Sorrento on the Gold Coast some 2 years after our Newport Watch was officially formed in Newport (suburb named Scarborough at that time).

The Newport Watch under NWPOA have worked with both Redcliffe Police and Redcliffe City Council (RCC) since 1986, with our own logo (Man in crow's nest) and Newport Watch signage which has been affixed to Newport Street signs by RCC since 1987.

#### HOW DO WE RESOLVE THIS CONUNDRUM

Despite pressure from QPS and NHW Queensland to change, our well-established and financially stable Newport Watch, we need to remain financially viable into the future. The **QPS and NHW-Qld also need a viable Newport Watch into the future**, more than we need their approval. Small NHW's are difficult to establish and many fail as they struggle to keep volunteers and ongoing funding to keep them viable.

At the AGM on 16 November 2022 (Leagues Club 7.30 pm) further discussions would be held on keeping "Newport Watch" relevant to our society particularly in this new social media environment.

One suggestion is for a reinvigorated Newport Association under a new banner of **Newport Watch Incorporated** (free from QPS and NHWQ control) to deliver the original mission of a **"Voice for Newport Residents Rights"** as well as **"Liaison with QPS for Homeowners Protection."**





## NWPOA 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
Day: Wednesday  
Time: 7.30pm sharp  
Venue: Redcliffe Leagues Club, Ashmole Road (Level 2 Dolphin Room).

### AGM AGENDA

1. Opening and Apologies
2. Call for Proxies
3. Minutes of last AGM
4. Presidents Report and Financial Statement
5. Receive Auditors Report
6. Election of New Committee Members for next 12 months.

All positions on the management committee will be declared vacant at the AGM with nominations from the floor for all committee positions for the next 12 months. NWPOA has a non-discriminatory policy with committee positions open to all male and female members of all ages from 18 to 99.

- President - vacant
- Secretary - vacant
- Treasurer - vacant
- Newsletter editor - vacant
- Newport Watch Co-Ordinator - vacant
- Website editor - vacant
- Facebook Administrators (Private & Public) - vacant
- Trailer Manager - vacant

7. Appointment of Auditors
8. General Business & formal motions (as detailed below)
9. If you cannot attend, please provide a "your Proxy" so we can achieve the minimum numbers necessary for a "Quorum" and thereby enable the AGM meeting to be formally conducted.
10. If no committee is elected at the AGM, you are advised of a **formal motion** on notice:

**"That failing of the election of a new management committee at the AGM, it is moved that the NWPOA be formally disbanded, with residual funds dispersed as stipulated by the Constitution."**



## Form of Proxy

I, ..... of

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Being a member of the N.W.P.O.A Inc, hereby appoint

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Or failing them

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As my proxy to vote on my behalf at the General Meeting to be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.30pm at the Redcliffe Leagues Club level 2 "Dolphin Room" or any adjournment meeting thereof.

Signed this ..... Day

of ..... 2022

Signature:

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Members wishing to appoint a proxy at the General Meeting should do so on this form, to reach the Secretary **prior to the commencement of the meeting.**

**Please return to The Secretary NWPOA  
38 Courageous Court, (before the 16<sup>th</sup> of  
November 2022)**

## Nomination Form

As Financial members of N.W.P.O.A Inc., I/we have pleasure in proposing the following nomination to be presented at the 2022 AGM

POSITION:

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NOMINEE:

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Address of NOMINEE:

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NOMINEE Signature:

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Date: .....

Nominated by:

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Signature:

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Date: .....

Seconded by:

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Signature:

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Date: .....

