



**TRRA INC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - 7pm**  
**Crows Nest Room, Nelson Bay Bowling Club**

**26 Attendees (as per attendance book)**

**Apologies:** Alistair Waddell, Nigel Dique, Roz Armstrong

**Vale Don Mc Donald, OA**

Geoff Washington, TRRA President spoke of the wonderful contribution Don had made to the local area and as a member of the Association. A letter of appreciation has been sent to his family from the Association.

Minutes of the previous general meeting are available on the website.

Matters Arising are covered in the agenda.

Treasurer's Report	Opening Balance \$2,182 Closing balance \$2,542 \$350 in donations
Correspondence	Many letters and emails covering the issues have been sent and received
TRRA Administration	A media officer is still needed but all the other positions have been filled. <u>Nigel Dique from EcoNetwork offered assistance when needed.</u>
Nelson Bay Town Centre and Foreshore Strategy Review	2012 Port Stephens Council adopted a Nelson Bay and Foreshore Strategy. 2016 The Nelson Bay Town Centre re examined 2017 A Discussion paper placed on public Exhibition in February 2017. TRRA held a public meeting attended by council planning staff and over 200 people in Nelson Bay Bowling Club Dec 2017 The results of the review were recommended to Council in a document entitled "Implementation and Delivery Program" for endorsement and placement on public exhibition. Council resolved in favour of the recommendation. There was no real review of the 2012 strategy. The Implementation document proposed a blanket of 35 metre (10 storeys) high limit for the CBD with a provision for application to vary without specific conditions Feb 2018 the so called Strategy Review was again placed on public exhibition with an invitation to consult with interested parties. A review of other council planning controls includes attempts to limit heights in sensitive areas. Terrigal low rise around the water, 21 to 25 metres in other areas. Kiama 12 – 15 metres. Lake Macquarie Council limits high rise to the Charlestown business precinct.

	Toronto building heights are stepped up to 15 -20 metres. Important considerations are view corridors and over shadowing.
RECENT TRRA ACTIONS	Members of the TRRA executive analysed the Strategy Review and found inaccuracies and inconsistencies and discussed these with the planners and the Mayor and councillors. They were advised that explanations and as necessary corrections would be made. The document released did not reflect these necessary amendments (with the exception of the correction of two numbers)
TRRA future Actions	A campaign against the blanket height limit will be undertaken. A proforma submission will be prepared for signing at stands. Prepare information for Facebook and link to the TRRA website. Prepare articles for the Examiner and Bay News of the Area. A public forum will be held on the 6 <sup>th</sup> March A request for volunteers to advise the public of the meeting Stalls will be set up in Nelson Bay, Salamander and in Woolworths A roster of volunteers will be circulated.
Traffic Report	The Tomaree Business Association asked for an update on the parking Strategy review finalised in 2013. The strategy is based on 2011 data. The consultants recommended a number of strategies for implementation, eg The Donald St car park needs to be repaired or replaced. 8 different recommendations have not been implemented. John Ballantyne is undertaking further research on the survey which was done on the Donald St car park.
Geoff Basser Report on other opinions on Nelson Bay Strategy	Bob Young has been a retail director, planning developer for Grocon projects including Shopping centres and the Martin Place GPO redevelopment. His advice is to get the basics right first, have an environment target and a beautification plan. He sees the necessity for both public and private investment in the CBD and foreshore. Geoff pointed to the redevelopment of Taree with simple changes in council regulations has resulted in a more vibrant shopping area. He advocates, "get the basics right first." What should happen is what council and residents want, not what developers want.
Reports on current Issues	<b>Webcasting</b> will begin at the next council meeting but public access will be not included. Only 3 meetings will be archived. A small group of volunteers has set up a <b>Civic Pride Group</b> to work with council and the Business Chamber to improve public space in Nelson Bay CBD. Will work on signage, steam cleaning, improved lighting shop presentations, landscaping, beautification and advise on the Yacaaba Street landscaping plans. <b>Soldiers Point Marina.</b> The court decided that the application for an extension of the marina was not consistent with waterways zoning. There was no guarantee that it would not cause environmental damage. There was insufficient parking in short the site was not suitable for further development. Draft Greater Newcastle Development Plan - TRRA submission will be posted on website. Other Developments of note – Nigel and John reported briefly on several other developments. Updates will be provided.
	<b>Meeting concluded at 9.20 pm</b>