



## General Meeting Nelson Bay Bowling Club 7pm Monday 8 April 2019

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### Attendance

1. **Committee Members:** Geoff Washington (GW), Nigel Waters (NW), Denis Pittorino (DP), Geoff Basser (GB) Alistair Waddell (AW), Ben van der Wijngaart (BW).
2. **Members & Members of the Public:** 15 members of the public and members attended the meeting. GW recognised Mayor Ryan Palmer's attendance and expressed TRRA's appreciation for his presence at the meeting.

### Apologies

3. Cath Norman (CN), Bill Salter (BS), John James (JJ), Gail and John Ballantyne, Ken Schadler, Ian and Judy Hearn, John and Wendy Lane, Jean Armstrong.

### Guest Speaker

4. Peter Clough, Convenor of the Friends of Tomaree Headland, provided a presentation on the background, plans and progress achieved on furthering the preservation and development of the Tomaree Headland. He stressed that the aims of the group were to:
  - a. keep the land in public hands,
  - b. preserve and enhance the WWII heritage site,
  - c. make Tomaree Mountain more accessible,
  - d. improve parking and amenities for visitors, and
  - e. develop an interpretive centre for the WWII heritage, the Worimi original inhabitants and the local maritime history.

### Previous Minutes

5. **Moved:** Michael Mace, **Seconded:** GB that the minutes of the previous GM on 11 Feb 2019 be passed. **Agreed** by consensus.

## **BUSINESS ARISING**

### **TRRA Administration –**

#### ***Meet the Candidates Forum***

6. BW reported on the successful and well attended (280+) 11 March Meet the Candidates Forum. He advised that the Committee had agreed to the following improvements to future forums:

- a. Candidate speaking time be reduced to 5 mins.
- b. TRRA question answers be reduced to 2 mins.
- c. More time for public questions.
- d. New format – similar to ABC's Q&A - that would involve selection from pre-written question, to provide better control over questions.

#### ***Meet the Candidates Forum for May Federal Election***

7. BW reported to the meeting that the Committee had determined that it would not conduct a federal election meet-the-candidates forum, owing to the absence of key committee members over the forthcoming weeks. The Tomaree Business Chamber had been approached to re organising it, but they had yet to consider the idea.

#### ***Committee Absences Over Coming Weeks***

8. GW advised the meeting that due to Committee member absences over the coming weeks, the next General Meeting may have to be deferred or cancelled and that general TRRA activity may be in temporary hiatus.

#### ***Request to Join Bowling Club***

9. BW advised the meeting that he had received a request from the NB Bowling Club for more TRRA members to join the club. He expressed TRRA's appreciation for the Club's ongoing generosity in providing meeting facilities and encouraged members to consider joining.

### **Nelson Bay Town Centre and Foreshore Strategy Review**

10. NW briefed the meeting on progress with the Strategy, stressing TRRA's general enthusiastic support for it with the singular exception of the building heights and floor space ratios being proposed. He indicated that he expected the LEP proposal from Council to go to the State Government for approval through the Gateway process in the next couple of months. He stressed that should it pass the Gateway agreement, there would then be a further round of public consultation.

## **Submission on Nelson Bay Public Domain Plan**

11. GW outlined the general strategy being proposed. Several points raised were discussed, concerning matters related to:
- a. drainage in shared traffic areas,
  - b. the importance of awnings and covered areas, and
  - c. the need to encourage winter tourism

## **Special Rates Variation**

12. BW outlined the recommendations of TRRA's submission to IPART.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Fingal Bay Link Road**

13. GW outlined recent political issues associated with the construction of the Fingal Bay link road, indicating that there were very mixed views about its benefits and its costings. No decision on this proposal had been reached, other than the State Premier's post-election support for the project. GW indicated that it was TRRA's general feeling that a business case needed to be presented for this proposal before it proceeded further.

### **DAs of Interest**

#### ***1 Yacaaba St***

14. NW outlined that the 1 Yacaaba St development as amended was now a 9 storey building to which TRRA had submitted a strong objection, but that the DA had yet to be considered by Council.

#### ***Fleet Street***

15. Colin Howard gave a detailed presentation on the Fleet St development that required extensive excavation of materials and was presented with consequent serious water pumping problems owing to it being set so far below the water table. He encouraged all to present submissions on this DA which were due by Fri 12 April.

#### ***Anna Bay EOI***

16. NW briefed the meeting on the proposal for EOIs for the use of land on the corner of Gan Gan Rd and Nelson Bay Road – the Anna Bay Oval. He advised there was as yet no indication for the proposed use of the site, but stressed that many locals felt it was essential to preserve the northern section as a transport interchange. The Mayor indicated that a car park was part of the consideration for this site.

## MEETING CLOSURE & NEXT MEETINGS

17. The meeting closed at 8:55pm pm hours.
18. **Next meeting:** Currently planned for 10 June 2019 but note that this might be cancelled for reasons stated in the minutes.

Ben van der Wijngaart  
Secretary

10 April 2019