

A brief REPORT of a public meeting convened by The Friends of Mona Vale and held at the M.V. Golf Club, 8th August 2017.

Chaired by former Premier of NSW Mr. Barrie Unsworth, 51 people attended to hear a wide range of speakers from local election candidates and organisations.

Mr. Bob Grace of Protect Pittwater Association reported on the crowd funding and progress of its campaign seeking the return of Pittwater Council in a speech that was well received.

Mr. Peter Bosley, Independent candidate for **Friends of Pittwater** stated its opposition to the overdevelopment now proposed for Mona Vale and Pittwater generally. One of his major points was a demand for the de-amalgamation of Northern Beaches Council.

Mr. John Ward and Mr. Richard Pearse PhD, both **ALP candidates**, together expressed support for the principle that local councils should not be forced to amalgamate and that local communities should have the opportunity to vote for de-amalgamation. They stated that a Labour government when elected is pledged to provide this opportunity.

Ms. Selena Griffiths, Independent candidate of Elanora Heights offered advocacy and activism should she gain election.

Ms. Miranda Korzy, The Greens candidate emphasised that her party's local government policy bound councillors to community consultation. The Greens opposition to over-development was well known, she said.

Ms. Jenny Stone, Independent, Friends of Pittwater candidate read her detailed speech in which she called for a limit to building heights to a maximum of 4 storeys when seeking support for a community based alternative to the "Mona Vale Place Plan". She rejected any development of Pittwater's wildlife corridors, including on Bayview Golf Course.

Mr. John Lettoof, Independent, candidate for **Friends of Pittwater** is very interested to see Pittwater's waterways are properly cared for. He is also concerned that having one party in control of Federal, State and Local government can lead to a diminution of the benefits of democracy.

RESOLUTION OF MEETING. (Copy attached) Proposed by Mark Edwards and seconded by Mr. Bob Grace the attached Resolution was adopted 49 for and 2 against.



The Friends of Mona Vale public meeting Mona Vale Golf Club 8th August, 2017.

MOTION.

This meeting of residents of Pittwater expresses its strong disappointment with the Government of NSW at its refusal to de-amalgamate the Northern Beaches Council. It gives notice of its intention to continue a campaign to ensure the return of Pittwater Council as a singular entity.

Considering the already choked roads on this narrow peninsular, with only two roads in or out of it, the Meeting further states its rejection of the Government's ill-considered plans to grossly increase the population of Narrabeen and Pittwater Wards and so to increase building heights in those Wards from 4 storeys (13 metres) to 6 and 7 storeys, (23 metres).

This Motion is endorsed by The Friends of Pittwater.