

Warringah Shire Council minutes – Bayview Wharf and Baths

15th November 1907 (handwritten: **32nd Meeting, Minutes**): that the engineer report on the necessity of putting up a second set of steps in the west side of the Bayview Wharf: also in same minutes; **that the drinking trough at Bayview be made accessible to calves ; referred to Works Committee.**

24th January 1908 (handwritten 37th Meeting, Minutes) Steps at **Bayview Wharf**; Cr. Quirk asked if the engineer had reported on the condition of the steps at Bayview Wharf. The engineer said "No". It was agreed that a letter be forwarded to the Department asking if any objection would be made to the building of additions to wharves by Council.

5th June 1908 (handwritten 46th Meeting, Minutes) Tenders for steps at **Bayview Wharf**:

Bayview Wharf Lighting: lighter of lamps on. **Bayview Wharf: C M Williams resigning from his position as lighter of lamps on Bayview Wharf 25/2/1920** (Cr.s Hewitt and Quirk) That C.M. Williams resignation be accepted, and that Charles Charlesworth be given the work at a wage to be arrived at by the Council's Inspector. Charles Charlesworth, offering himself for same position.

Pittwater Progress Association , 25/5/1920 on need for enlarging **Bayview Wharf**. Decided to inform them that the matter is under consideration.

25/7/1921: Resolved, - (Cr.s. Hewitt & Hitchcock) That the work of extending **Bayview Wharf** shed for a further 20' at an

3/12/1923: Pittwater Progress Association requesting Contribution of £12/10' towards cost of printing programmes and use of dressing sheds attached to Bayview Wharf on Regatta

38. John Williams. 28/3/24 complaining, on account of two rails being removed from **Bayview Wharf** that I carts loading and discharging cargo have badly out up the entrance to his premises: Resolved, - That the Engineer attend, to the matter if in accordance with his request.

Mona Vale Progress Association: (e) That they be given a similar reply regarding the Bayview Baths as was given to another request some time ago; (f) That they be informed of the Engineer's Statement that he has given instructions for the steps on Bayview Wharf to be repaired, and further that the engineer report on the state of the piles of the wharf. 15/9/1924

(crs. Hewitt, Campbell) That the Engineer estimate the cost of improving the tramline &c. at **Bayview Wharf**, in accordance with the Inspector's report. S do. 4a. Resolved, - (Cr.s. Hewitt, Hitchcock) That the goods shed (Vote) on the same wharf be extended for ten feet, at an estimated I cost of £17. 7/9/1925

Mona Vale Progress Association: 2) that the **Bayview Baths** be put in order : Resolved, - (Cr.s. Hitchcock, McKillop) That the Inspector report on the baths. 2/11/1925

Annual Pittwater Regatta. 11/11/25. thanking Council for its contribution to advertising, and requesting permission to use dressing sheds at **Bayview Wharf** on Regatta Day ; Resolved, - (Crs. Hitchcock, Hewitt) That the request be granted

Herbert Bowden. 12.4.26. trusting that the Council will permit the destruction of any but unsightly trees on the road line in front of **Bayview Wharf** Estate . To be informed ,the' Council has no intention of granting such permission.

Arthur Davis 2.6.26. enquiring what the wharfage charges would on 50 telephone poles to be landed on. **Bayview Wharf. (Crs. Atkins, Hope)** He beinformed the Council cannot allow the poles to go on to the Wharf, which is not suitable, but suggest that he land them in the sand.

(Crs; Hitchcock Simpson) That the Engineer estimate the cost of putting **Bayview Baths** in repair, and of cleaning them? 30/8/1926

Metropolitan Local Land board. 11/1/27. -, Advising that the Pittwater Aquatic. Club's application for a special lease on the eastern side of **Bayview Wharf** will be dealt with by the Board on 28th inst. at 10 a.m. Resolved (Cre. Parr, Simpson) — that Cr. Parr be appointed to represent the Council at the inquiry to oppose the application.

(Crs; Simpson, Hitchcock) that £68 be voted, for renewing and repairing the tram line on **Bayview Wharf** in accordance with the Overseer's report. 30/5/1927

12th November, 1928. 2. Resolved (Crs.Hitchcock, Atkins) -. That the lamp on **Bayview Wharf** be repaired and removed as recommend, at an estimated cost of £1.10.0, and that the rubbish be cleaned up from the foreshores adjoining Church Point Wharf.

Williams of, Bayview be requested to tend to the lighting of **Bayview Wharf** at the same remuneration as graned to the previous lighter. 8/10/1929

Mrs A. M. Roche. 25/10/30. Protesting against the suggested removal of the Bayview baths from the present position to one on the eastern side of the wharf. Referr to A" Riding Councillor.

Bayview & Church Point Progress Assoc. 6/12/30 Requesting t'ouncil' "to keep the extension of watermains along Bayview Road to Church Point well to the fore in its programme of works. Association to be informed that the Council will keep this matter im mind. (Crs. Austin, Hitchcock) 6/12/30. Requesting the Council to reconsider its decision regarding an improvement of sanitary accommodation on **Bayview wharf** . Resolved, - That adequate Wharf sanitary services be rendered to these conveniences during the busy season.

5/12/1930

10/8/1931: Metropolitan District Surveyor: 31/7/31, advising that the Council's application for a –Permissive Occupancy for baths at Bayview, is now under reference to the fisheries and Navigation Departments, requesting further details of the proposal, and suggesting, that if the structures are to be of a substantial nature, the Council should consider the advisability of lodging a Special Lease application. Resolved, — The Department be informed the proposed bath enclosure will be similar to the existing enclosure, that the proposed baths will be free at all times to the

public except in cases of special carnivals and that the existing buildings will remain for the present and that the Council would prefer to have a 10 years lease of the site.- .

By Cr. Austin, seconded by Cr. Hitchcock - That £14 be voted for the lighting of the **Bayview baths** in accordance with the **Electrical Engineer's estimate**. Para. 9 regarding

BayView baths was :further considered. Cr. Austin reported What A.V. Jones of Fermoy Avenue was prepared, for the amount of the rates Owing by him, approximately £8; to erect about 30 or 40 feet of.wire up to the shore, carry out repairs, keep the public conveniences clean until April next, and also 'erect the iron 'steps donated by Colonel King. It was resolved that his offer be accepted, that he be appointed an honorary ranger for Bayview baths, and that Colonel King be thanked for his gift (Crs. Austin, Hitchcock) **5/12/21932**

16/1/1933: Cr. Austin reported that there not being enough Wire for the work at Bayview baths; he purchased on behalf of the Council about 42 yards of wire from a resident at **Bayview**, at the price Paid to Lysaght's Ltd. exclusive of freight, and it was resolved that his action be confirmed.

By Cr. Austin - That a notice be put up at **Bayview Wharf** warning against riding of motor cycles on the wharf, and a Baths notice at the baths prohibiting the swimming of dogs. By Cr. Austin - That Mr. Jones, Caretaker of Bayview baths, be appointed an Inspector, and be, given a copy of the Ordinance to assist him. 27/2/1933

By Cr. Austin, seconded by Cr. Fox - **That Mr. A.B. Jones be re-appointed on the same terms as during last season, to Bayview attend to lights at Bayview Wharf and baths, and to act as Baths caretaker of the baths and lavatories, his wages to be Applied towards the reduction of his rates indebtedness. 25/9/1933.**

A.B.Jones, inquiring whether' Council wishes him to continue his caretaking of **Bayview baths**. 'Resolved, He be informed his services are no longer required at present, and that he renew his application in September next. 7/5/1934

A.B.Jones, 18/9/34, (a) applying for the caretaking, etc. of **Bayview baths** under the same conditions as for last season; (b) requesting payment of £1.15.0 standing to his credit in • respect of this work. Resolved, - That the £1.15.0 standing to his credit be paid him, and that he be re-engaged at wage of 10/- perwee, to continue the cardtaking, etc. from 1st November, (Cr.m. Austin)

OVERSEER BROOKS' REPORT was submitted and dealt with as follows:- 2. Demolition of Clareville wharf: Resolved, - That tenders Clareville be called for the purchase and removal of the discarded timber in the wharf, and the best offer be accepted. (Crs. Hughes, Ross) 8. Re condition of **Bayview wharf** track: Referred to the Bayview Works Committee for report. 22/1/1935

Cr. Hewitt - That the arrangement with **A.B.Jones, Caretaker Bayview baths, be terminated as from 30th April. 30/4/1935**

A. B. Jones, 26/8/35, applying for re-appointment as Bayview Caretaker of the **Bayview baths** for the ensuing swimming Baths season. Resolved, - That this matter be referred to A.Riding Councillors. (Crs. Hewitt, Sheppard)

Mrs. L. McFee, 10/1/39, complaining of the condition of **Bayview wharf** and Bayview baths. Resolved, - That the Engineer prepare an estimate of the cost of moving the lavatories and dressing sheds, and re-erecting them near to the baths, and for replacing the old-girders on the wharf. (Crs. Latham, Hitchcock)

Mrs. L. V. McVee, 6/2/39, requesting compensation in respect of an accident sustained by her on **Bayview wharf** . Resolved, - That this matter be dealt with in Committee later.

By Cr. Latham - **Some, months ago the floodlight was taken away from Bayview baths,-and has not been returned:** -Will you Bayview instruct the Electrical Engineer to replace it? By Cr. Latham -,The red light on **Bayview wharf** has not been replaced as previously instructed. Will attention be given to this matter ?

Applications for Position of Caretaker of Wharves and Baths on Pittwater: Twenty-seven applications were received. Resolved,— That the matter be referred to the Rates Sub- Committee, and that the Engineer submit a report to that Committee regarding the applications. **21/3/1939**

D. Ross, Solicitor, giving Notice of Intention of **Mrs. L. V. McFee** to take action for recovery of £100 in respect of Council injuries sustained by her at **Bayview wharf** on 9th January last. To be dealt with in Committee. **30/5/1939**

Summons to appear at District Court on 1st August in re mop" v.Lilian V. McFee V. Council and claim for £100 compensation, Council Plus costs, in respect of accident to Plaintiff at **Bayview wharf 27/6/1939**

Reporting that plans and specifications for the reconstruction of **Bayview wharf** are being prepared with a view to calling Wharf for tenders: "Received" **5/9/1939**

Mona Vale Progress Assoc., **21/8/39**, requesting (a) that all wharves in A. Riding be put in proper order; (b) that rails at the **Bayview wharf** be attended to; (c) that the **flood-light at Bayview baths be replaced before the summer commences;**

Petition from 14 ratepayers and occupiers of Flood's Peninsula Estate, Pittwater, for attention to the dangerous Wharves state of the wharf and its approaches at Elvina Bay. Referred to Engineer for report and estimate, also for an estimate for repairs to **Bayview Wharf 22/8/1939**

Parking By Cr. Hitchcock - Will the Inspector inquire as to whether the Fees Caretaker at Governor Phillip Park collected parking fees last Sunday, and have the Collector at the Ocean Beach asked not to leave so early? By Cr. Savage Will you have urgent maintenance attention given to a dangerous hole on the approach to **Bayview Wharf** ? By Cr. Savage - 21/1/1941

(c) J V Austin: requesting that **Bayview baths** be repaired and made shark-proof. Resolved: That the first Bayview matter be "received", that the safety fence be renetted, and £25, the amount of the Engineer's estimate, voted for it; and (c) that the baths be repaired-by the maintenance staff. (Crs. Campbell, Hitchcock) 4/2/1941

16/12/1941 (no wire for use during wartime): By Cr. Williams - In view of the denier to swimmers in the **Bayview baths** from sharks, could the front of the baths be rewired this week, or a notice erected warning against the use of the baths? The President replied that the Engineer would be instructed to endeavour to re-wire the front of the baths before the holidays.

Evacuation Circular letter from Minister for National Emergency Services, **16/1/42**, to Town and Shire Clerks, regarding arrangements which must be made to deal with the evacuation, if and when considered necessary, of the civil population from areas affected or likely to be affected by enemy action, and placing responsibility for such work on Councils. On the recommendation of the President it was resolved that a Special Meeting of the Council be held after the meeting of the Finance Committee on Tuesday next,,27th inst. for the purpose of considering the matter. It was decided, on the suggestion of Cr. Williams, that the Bayview Military Authorities be requested to delay the completion of the Wharf wiring of **Bayview wharf** for as long as deemed advisable in order that the public may continue to use the wharf as long as possible. The Shire Clerk, through the President, sought permission to Aluminium order 6,000 dodgers for house-to-house distribution in B and C. Ridings in connection with the collection of aluminium for war purposes, and desired authority was given.

Reporting that **Bayview Wharf** had been closed off and a notice erected pending repairs: The Engineer orally reported he had been in touch with three or four divers whose services could be obtained when they were available, that the Council "would pay anything up to £100", and when they had finished their work the Council would be free to operate on the rest of the Wharf: **5/1/1943**

Submitting progress report in regard to repairs at **Bayview wharf** : "Received" **19/1/1943**

The SHIRE ENGINEER'S REPORT was dealt with as follows:- (1) Submitting report on the progress of the work of repairing **Bayview Wharf**, and what is still to be done, and giving estimates: Wharf Resolved, - That the work be carried on and completed, and that £300 amount of the Engineer's estimate, be voted to cover the cost of the whole work. (yrs. McLean, Bathe) 2) Reporting that portion of Taylor's Point wharf has collapsed, submitting estimates of the cost of necessary repairs, stating that notices have been erected at the wharf advising that the wharf is closed: Resolved, - That the necessary repairs be proceeded with, and that £100, the amount of the Engineer's estimate, be voted for the work. (Crs. Batho, Hitchcock) 2/2/1943

12/10/1943: Cr. Hitchcock: Can something be done to the **Bayview baths** to make them usable? The President replied that the work would be done if wire can be obtained.

Petition (per J. W. Lustin) 14/10/43, from 59 residents of Bayview for the placing of the baths adjacent to **Bayview wharf** in good repair. Resolved, - They be informed that the Council has no wire netting, and asked if they are able to obtain any. (Crs. Batho, Hitchcock)

12/9/1944: J. W. Austin, 29/8/44, regarding a previous petition for the re-wiring of **Bayview baths**, and the Council's intimation that the necessary wire could not be obtained, stating he Bayview understands Mr. Coatin, of Church Point, could procure some Baths for the Council. Resolved, - He be informed the Engineer is taking steps to obtain the wire.

12/12/1944: By Cr. Morrow - Can the work of wiring the **Bayview baths** be done as soon as possible? The President replied that this Bath work was well in hand.

9/1/1945: Resolved, - That the Engineer submit an estimate of the cost Baths of concreting the piles at the **Bayview baths**

30/1/1945: Submitting estimate, £50, for concreting alternate piles Bayview in the deep water section at **Bayview baths**: Resolved, - That £50 be voted for this work. (Cm. Forster, McLean)

19/1/1953: Land Office, 5/1/53, offering Special Lease for a Bayview term of eight years in respect of the site occupied by the Baths, at a rental of £1 per annum (following re-appraisal) . 29. Resolved: That the Council accept the Department's offer of an year extension of this Special Lease, and that the Council's Seal be affixed to any covering documents, if necessary. (Crs. McKay, Quinlan)

13/10/1958: Pittwater Road Bayview - Application by J.L. and C.M. Williams for Special Purchase for land adjacent to **Bayview baths**, and request for permission to instal petrol pump on this land 14 ft from the street alignment: Resolved, - That consideration of the application be deferred and that Messrs. J.L. and C.M. Williams and the Cumberland County Council be informed that the Council is not prepared to give its opinion or a decision in this matter until such time as the applicants place before this CoUncil plans for the re-modelling of existing installations to meet the Council's foreshore requirements and to improve the area for the benefit of the public. (Crs. ' Fisher, Corkery)

2/2/1959: Item (9) Letter from Cumberland County Council requesting Council's views on application by J.L. & G.M. Williams for "Special Purchase" covering land adjacent to **Bayview Baths**. Moved by Councillor Berry, seconded by Councillor Reynolds that this matter be referred to the next Meeting of the Finance Committee for consideration to the granting of a "Special Lease". This Motion was carried on the President's casting vote.

25/5/1959: Item D17. Pittwater Road Bayview - Letter from J. Williams & Sons, regarding their application for Special Lease adjacent to **Bayview Baths**, and requesting consideration of Councils requirements for a parking area of 30 cars:

14.Resolved - that in regard to this application Council inform J. Williams & Sons that the full terms of Council's Resolution of the 21st April must be adhered to. (Crs. Fisher/Wilson.)

16/10/1961: Bayview LaunchingLRamp it was resolved to recommend that this proposal be included in the scheme for **Bayview Baths**, and in the meantime the area be placed on the maintenance list. 30.Resolved, - that this item be received and adopted. :(Crs. Job/Wade).

7/8/1962: 7/8/1962e REPORT BY SEM ENGINEER NO. G62/91 ;, WORKS COMPLETED AND IN. HAND AS AT 31.7.1962. **Bayview Baths**:-During discussion on this report, Councillor Brown moved, seconded by Councillor Ellis, that the Engineer prepare an estimate for information to the next Parks & Reserves Committee Meeting for the extension of the wharf eastwards in front of the 26. new baths. CARRIED. By Cr. Brown: Would you arrange maintenance to be given to the shelter shed at Bayview Courts and **Bayview Baths** toilets with particular emphasis on painting? Yes.

By Cr. Knight: Could **Bayview Wharf** dressing sheds have urgent maintenance? Yes
15/10/1965

22/5/1967: ITEM 19 - SPECIAL LEASE, **BAYVIEW BATHS**. Consideration of a letter dated 16.5.67 from the Land Board Office, Sydney, notifying, without prejudice, that the District Surveyor will recommend to the Land Board that the annual rental for the Special Lease 1960/105 covering "Bayview Baths" be re-appraised at \$15. RECOMMENDATION: That the proposed re-appraisal be accepted.

20/11/1967: **Bayview Baths**. Life buoy replaced and box fitted with door to prevent interference with equipment. Toilet paper dispensers fitted in adjoining conveniences. Taylors Point Baths, Sharkproofing of seaward wall of pool completed and numerous palings replaced on side walls. Oysters cleaned off. Paradise Baths. Spring board repaired and bearer replaced under decking.

Bayview Wharf and Baths. Repairs to floor, roof and walls of ladies' and gent's dressing sheds adjoining baths completed. 9/9/1968

Bayview Baths. Shell growth removed from steps and vertical rod sharkproof surrounds, prior to bluestone treatment on 23.9.68.

Could an additional 44 gal. drum be placed in each of the two reserves near the **Bayview Wharf**? I will see if it can be done. 15/5/1972

The building site pan service will be phased out by the end of 1985. The total income from service charges in 1986 on current rates will be reduced to approximately \$21,000 with the loss of income from builders service charges per annum and the cost of rendering the service will be approximately \$25,000. Many of the residences now receiving a pan service could be serviced by a septic tank system or connected to sewer. Council provides a pan service to **Bayview Wharf** Reserve, Wimbledon Reserve and Hinkler Park. Such a means of sanitation should not now be operated by Council for public use. It would be practical to relocate, provide a septic V tank or pump to a sewer main to eliminate these three remaining Council sanitary pan serviced public toilet blocks. By 1986 it should only require two half days per week to

service the remaining pans. That funds be provided in the 1986 Estimates to upgrade the public toilet facilities at **Bayview Wharf**, Wimbledon Reserve and Hinkler Park to eliminate the present sanitary pan service.12/1/1985

18/3/1986: Building Programme: **Bayview Baths**, Amenity Block \$44,000 by 29/7/1986 has become \$45,000. Environment report at Special Meeting noted dying magroves at baths as well as a need to put aside trees for preservation at Avalon Koala Reserve and colony!

15/12/1987; New construction, allocated, was suspended due to objections from residents and members of Bayview Church Point Progress Association; contractors were then told to demolish then unsafe current amenities structure and: ...
'requested to complete the construction of a concrete path to the public wharf and replace turf removed from the site. '

Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting 24th April. 1990 '12 9 LIGHTING - SALT PAN PUBLIC WHARF. PITTWATER (File: 115.006.011) The wharf at Salt Pan Cove is a public wharf provided pursuant to Ordinance 35A of the Local Government Act. Council has received a request from the Marine Neighbourhood Watch Zone Commander requesting that consideration be given to installing lighting on the wharf as a means of deterring vandalism and theft from the large number of moorings in Salt Pan Cove and its environs. The Neighbourhood Watch Committee feel that lighting would deter thieves who access the moorings by stealing dinghys stored around the wharf as well as providing an illuminated. area in the bay, and by encouraging public usage after hours of the wharf, Councils electricians have coated the provision of lighting to this wharf at approximately \$3,000 subject to a detailed estimate being prepared after the requirements of the Sydney County Council are established. The Council presently lights Palm Beach Wharf, Newport Wharf, Church Point Wharf, Mackerel Beach Wharf and the Bayview Boat Ramp Wharf. These wharves are all on the street lighting circuit. In addition to these wharves Sydney County Council lights **Bayview Wharf**, the public wharves on Scotland Island and the commuter wharf at Church Point. All other wharves are unlit. The wharves that are lit by Council annually cost Council between \$500 and \$750 to maintain and repair including the changing of globes, and an ongoing cost for electricity consumed. The principle seems to be that the Council and Sydney County Council have lit those wharves that are regularly used for commuting purposes. This is not uniform as few of the wharves on the Western Foreshore are lit. If Council is to provide the lighting requested for Salt Pan then it could expect that the public wharves at Paradise Beach, Taylors Point, the Cottage Point Wharf and Browns Bay Wharf could also have requests for lighting as those wharves also primarily service local moorings. The major cost involved is the initial capital expenditure to connect the street lighting system to the wharf. The 1990 Property budget does not include provision for the capital expenditure involved in upgrading all these wharves, however, can accommodate the expenditure to provide the lighting requested at Salt Pan Public Wharf. This matter has been considered by the Property Management Panel and the Insurance Officer who advises that lighting the wharf does not increase public risk liability.so long as a satisfactory maintenance program is in place. PAGE
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Report to Corporate Services. Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting, 30th April, 1991 WARRINGAR SHIRE COUNCIL PUBLIC WHARVES 7 16 (File: 255/003/000)
flAQKGROUND The Council has 28 wharves throughout Pittwater, Cowan Creek and

Coal & Candle Creek all of which are available for use by the public. Attached is the schedule of those wharves and their location (Appendix I). The purpose of this report is to propose the establishment of some parameters for the future administration of these wharves, as well as having the Council consider the future provision of these facilities, given that the wharves represent a considerable investment by the Council and a consequential ongoing obligation to maintenance. ADMINISTRATION Part XVI of the Local Government Act deals with wharves. A wharf includes:- "A dock, pier, jetty, landing stage, slip, platform or any embankment • or work of any kind intended to facilitate the loading or discharging from vessels of goods or passengers". Section 414 of the Local Government Act provides that any wharf constructed by or in the possession of the Crown may, by declaration of the Governor be vested in the control of the Council or:- "(IA) Where any wharf has been constructed by the Council, the Council may declare the wharf, together with any adjoining land which is the property of the Council, to be a public wharf". Similarly the Council may close and remove any wharf vested in it. Section 415 then sets out the Council's powers in respect of the administration of public wharves and Ordinance 35 under the Local Government Act establishes certain regulatory powers. The Local Government Act also has several other Ordinances relating to wharves most notably Ordinance 35(A) which applies to public wharves described in that Ordinance of which the following are included in Warringah Shire:- - A.Church Point Wharf B. **Bayview Wharf** C.Newport Wharf