

Geographical Names Advisory Committee

Minutes | 3rd March 2021

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SHIRE OF QUAIRADING

Geographical Names Advisory Committee

The Geographical Names Advisory Committee Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd March 2021 commencing at 5.05 pm.

ITEM 1 OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairperson opened the Meeting at 5.05 pm.

"Before we start our Meeting, I would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on Noongar / Ballardong land and we pay respect to the original custodians...past, present and future and welcome you all here today for this Meeting".

ITEM 2 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Committee

Cr Trevor Stacey Chairperson

Mr Brian Caporn

Mr Murray Yarran

Mr Russell Stacey (from 5.21 pm)

Council Officer

Mr GA Fardon Chief Executive Officer

Mr R Bleakley IPR& Strategic Projects Officer

Apologies

Ms Jill Hayes

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION: GEO3-20/21

MOVED Mr Caporn SECONDED Mr Yarran

That the Minutes of the Geographical Names Advisory Committee held on the 27th January 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate.

CARRIED 3/0

ITEM 4 THE NEW LIGHT INDUSTRIAL SUBDIVISION ROAD NAME

4.1 Light Industrial Subdivision Road Name - Update

The Meeting noted that Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 25th February 2021, resolved as follows: -

RESOLUTION: 112-20/21

RECOMMENDATION: GEO1-20/21

That the Geographical Names Advisory Committee Recommend to Council that: -

- 1. That Council support the Road Name "Hinkley Way" for the Road within the new Light Industrial Subdivision.*
- 2. That the CEO be authorised to finalise the Submission for lodgement with Landgate for consideration by the State Geographic Names Committee.*

Committee Discussion

Supporting Evidence for "Hinkley Way" Submission

- Pioneering Farming Family
- Val & Constance arrived in WA in the early 1900's
- Shearers that came to WA from Victoria
- Firstly in Gnowangerup and then relocated later to Quairading
- Circa 1920 – Constructed the Commercial Building opposite Hotel
- Circa 1930 – Purchased Farmland to the West of Quairading Townsite
- Family had 4 Boys - Tom, Allen, Terry, Jack and 2 Girls Mary and Pat
- Terry and Alan excelled at Football in the 1950's and 1960's
- Tom and Son Garry excelled in Bowls
- CEO to obtain further details from Football and Bowling Clubs.
- Russell Stacey to ascertain further details from local History Books.

ITEM 5 NAMING OF QUAIRADING COMMUNITY NATURE RESERVE

5.1 Naming of Quairading Community Nature Reserve - Update

The Meeting noted that Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 25th February 2021, resolved as follows: -

RESOLUTION: 113-20/21

RECOMMENDATION: GEO2-20/21

That the Geographical Names Advisory Committee Recommend to Council that: -

- 1. The Proposal to rename the Quairading Community Nature Reserve to "Nookaminnie Rock Nature Reserve" and the naming of the Walk Trails as the "Rowlie Mellor Walk Trails" be listed for Consideration at the next meeting of the RAP Committee.*
- 2. Subject to Support from the RAP Committee, Council support the renaming of Reserve No.16405 from the Quairading Community Nature Reserve to the Nookaminnie Rock Nature Reserve.*
- 3. That the CEO be authorised to finalise the Submission for lodgement with Landgate for consideration by the State Geographic Names Committee.*
- 4. Council support the naming of the Walk Trail Network as the Rowlie Mellor Walk Trails.*

Committee Discussion

Supporting Evidence for "Nookaminnie Rock Nature Reserve" Renaming Submission

Committee requested to seek out and provide any Storylines on Nookaminnie Rock.

Mr Murray Yarran advised that there up to 500 people living at Nookaminnie Rock Area.

Gnamma Hole/s at the Granite Outcrop.

Further research on Post European Settlement History of the Reserve.

ITEM 6 NAMING OF THE COMMUNITY PARK

6.1 Background Information

IN BRIEF

- At the Committee Meeting held on the 27th January 2021 the CEO raised the issue that the Community Park Project Name has been known as "Kwirading Koort" and that this name would need to be formalised and submitted to the State Geographic Names Committee.
- The Meeting noted that the spelling of the proposed Park had been discussed and supported by the Reconciliation Action Plan Committee.

The below extract was included in December 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting *Item 8.1 Community Park Concept*: -

The proposed Project Name - *Kwirading Koort*: Feedback from the Focus Group told us that previous working title of 'Centenary Park' was a bit bland and generic for what will be an amazing feature within our community. A great project name was also highlighted by Lotterywest and Regional Development Australia, Wheatbelt during their visits. Something memorable that recognised the local input and significances of a project really makes it stand out amongst a pile of applications.

2019 was declared the International Year of Indigenous Language by the United Nations. This aims to raise awareness of the consequences of losing our Indigenous languages across the world, and works to establish a link between language, development, peace, and reconciliation. With this in mind, we have considered several Noongar words and phrases as potential names for the site.

The Quairading Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Committee considered several potential names at their meeting on 6 November 2019. [Memo to RAP Member Attached](#)

The current front runner as a potential name is *Kwirading Koort* which brings together an alternative spelling of Quairading (as Noongar is an oral language it is about the sounds of the words rather than spelling) with the noongar word for 'heart / heartbeat / the coming together of two hearts'.

The Ballardong Elders Language Group and the QDHS high school students suggested *Nyulung koolangka waabiny maya* which means Our children's play place but I think the site will be more than just somewhere for children to play.

It would also be great to recognise the contribution of the local Rural Youth club who have donated approximately \$74,000 towards the park but I haven't struck on a good way to do this. I anticipate I can recognise their contribution with signage or an art component as an alternative to acknowledgement within the name.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 19th December 2019, Council resolved as follows: -

RESOLUTION: 88-19/20

That Council: -

1. *Approve the Project Concept for the Community Park;*
2. *Support the proposed name for the Park Project - Kwirading Koort; and*
3. *Support the Shire's progression to sourcing external grant funding for the program through LotteryWest and other funding bodies.*

Landgate Recommendation

- The existing Consultation with the RAP Committee would be deemed adequate but will need to ascertain if the Name and Spelling has formally been minuted in the RAP Meeting.
- If not fully minuted, it will need to go to the next RAP Meeting before the Name can be submitted to Landgate.
- Background information and meaning required for the Name and the phonetical spelling of the Name.
- Map of the Park within the Town.
- Consent of the Landowner (PTA) required.

Committee Discussion

The Committee noted that the matter will be considered at the next RAP Meeting and thereafter be presented to the Geographical Names Advisory Committee for recommendation to Council.

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ITEM 7 OTHER NAMES FOR ROADS/ FEATURES

7.1 Other Names for Roads/ Features

The Meeting asked to consider listing any other Names for future consideration.

The CEO advised that he understood that "Visa Road" was originally incorrectly spelt or mis-interpreted and should have been "Vischer Road". This historical fact to be further investigated and verified.

Committee Discussion

Discussion ensued on the spelling of Vischer / Visser – Recommended that the QDHS be contacted for the correct spelling of the Family Name - Years 1963-1967.

Zis Family – Bruce Rock Family with Quairading connection. Butchers Shop buildings built by the Zis Family. Uncertainty as to whether there is a Zis Road in the Bruce Rock Shire.

Falconer (Landholders in Pantapin for an unknown period).

Further names (if any) to be submitted to the next Meeting of the Advisory Committee.

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ITEM 8 NAMING OF CARAVAN PARK CABINS

8.1 Naming of Caravan Park Cabins

At the last meeting, Ms Hayes raised the issue of naming the Caravan Park Cabins after local flora or fauna rather than having Cabin numbers.

The Committee requested that a list of suggested names for the existing Cabins and the future Single Persons Cabins be compiled for consideration at this Meeting.

Ms Hayes submitted the following names for consideration to the March 2021 Geographical Names Advisory Committee Meeting.

Website reference: <https://www.noongarculture.org.au/glossary/noongar-word-list/>

| BIRD NAMES | ANIMAL NAMES |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Willy wagtail - Djiti Djiti | Kangaroo - Yonga |
| Magpie - Koorlbardi | Yabbie - Djilgi |
| Eagle - Warlitj | Echidna - Nyingarn |
| Parrot - Darmoorluk | Bobtail - Yoorn |
| Owl - Mopoke | Goanna - Karda |
| White Cockatoo - Manitjimat | |

Committee Discussion

Mr Murray Yarran provided comment and clarification on the Nyoongar spelling and pronunciation for the various animals and birds.

RECOMMENDATION: GEO4-20/21

MOVED Mr Yarran SECONDED Mr Caporn

That the Geographical Names Advisory Committee Recommend to Council that the following Nyoongar names for Animals and Birds be adopted for the Caravan Park accommodation: -

1. Three (3) Caravan Park Cabins: -
 - Yonga (Kangaroo)
 - Nyingarn (Echidna)
 - Karda (Goanna)
2. Four (4) future Single Persons Cabins: -
 - Warlitj (Eagle)
 - Djiti Djiti (Willy wagtail)
 - Koorlbardi (Magpie)
 - Mopoke (Owl)

CARRIED 4/0

ITEM 9 NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Geographical Names Advisory Committee to be scheduled by the CEO, as and when required.

ITEM 10 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson closed the Meeting at 6.11 pm.

Confirmed....._/___/2021

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Memo

To: RAP Committee
 From: Sarah Caporn, Project Officer
 Date: 13th August 2019
 Re: Potential Name for the Quairading Community Park

Dear RAP Committee Members

I have been working on a Community Park / Playspace design and concept for the last 12 months. I'm at the point where design drawings are almost ready. They will be circulated back to the Focus Group for their review before I move ahead with applying for grant funding.

I'd like to approach your Committee with assistance in devising a name for the site that recognises our local area as well as the community members who will use the park. Council currently refer to the area as **Centenary Park** but I am sure we can come up with something a little more creative. The park will focus on the local environment while encouraging community members and visitors to come together for play and social wellbeing.

I have consulted various Noongar dictionaries and language websites and have these three suggestions:

1. Quairading Koort – heart, heartbeat, coming together of two hearts together

I travelled through the City of Perth recently and saw this banner (right). It was part of a series of Noongar language banners displayed along St Georges Terrace. I appreciate that the word Koort works both in Noongar (this park will hopefully become a heartbeat of Quairading) and English (a place like London Court also within the Perth CBD).

2. Ngalla maya Quairading – our place

Also the name of a not-for-profit organisation in Perth assisting Aboriginal Australians and Torres Strait Islanders newly released from prison with employment services and mentoring opportunities to bridge the gap between incarceration and the wider community.

3. Waabiny Quairading – play or playtime

There are various compiled dictionaries for the Noongar language. I found *waabiny* is defined as general play in one but specifically to play cards in another.

<https://www.noongarculture.org.au/glossary/noongar-word-list/>

These are just some suggestions. Quairading Koort is my favourite as I view this park as the real heart of our community but welcome your other suggestions and input. I have enclosed both dictionaries we have in the Shire for your reference.

With thanks,
 Sarah Caporn



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land, the Whadjuk Noongar people