

MEETING MINUTES

ACT Place Names Committee – Tuesday 4 September 2018

Venue: Function Room, Gnd Fl North Building, DPMH 16 Challis St Dickson

Committee: Mr Jeff Brown (Co-chair), [REDACTED],
[REDACTED],
and [REDACTED].

Secretariat: Sharon Priestly, Genevieve Palm (ACT Place Names Unit)

EPSDD: Brett Phillips, Executive Director, Planning Delivery

Presenters: Mick Clifford, Aaron O’Hehir (ACTmapi)

Apologies: [REDACTED]

AGENDA:

1. Introduction and meeting apologies.
2. Minutes of previous meeting (5 April 2018).
3. 3.30pm: Demonstration of new place names search (ACTmapi)
4. Discuss Taylor theme—Architects, town planners and urban designers
5. Other Business:
 - (i) [REDACTED] - nomination submitted by [REDACTED]
 - (ii) [REDACTED]
 - (iii) Status of ongoing projects
 - (iv) Tudawalli Place, Chapman
 - (v) Permanent Committee for Place Names (PCPN) 2018 in New Zealand
6. Next meeting: consider November 2018

ITEM 1: Welcome and apologies

Co-chair, Jeff Brown, opened the meeting at 3.10pm and recorded apologies from [redacted] and [redacted]. Jeff introduced Brett Phillips, Executive Director, Planning Delivery Division.

ITEM 2: Minutes of previous meeting (5 April 2018)

The minutes have been referred to Minister Gentleman but not yet endorsed. A copy of the minutes was provided to the committee in the meeting papers.

Update:

- (i) Henry Rolland Park – official opening held 28 April; Jeff and [redacted] represented the committee in the official party along with the [redacted];
- (ii) Commemoration of Dr Robert Boden OAM and review unnamed roads in Weston Park – we are waiting on advice from TCCS about status of Weston Park master plan;

- (iii) [redacted].

[redacted]

Post meeting: The ACT Government endorsed the Tharwa Village Plan in September 2018.

Refer to Precinct 3: River Corridor Strategies and Actions (page 62):

*Work with the local community to investigate opportunities to improve recreation facilities at the Tharwa Bridge Reserve, including potential upgrades to BBQ and picnic facilities, and the establishment of a **nature play facility** to be designed and constructed with input from local artists, craftspeople and community members **incorporating recycled Tharwa Bridge timbers**.*

The village plan will be implemented through a range further actions including:

- *A variation to the Territory Plan to update the Tharwa Precinct Code.*
- *Capital works for public domain upgrades to be considered in context of future budget funding.*

Action:
Investigate opportunities to name the proposed nature play facility in consultation with Minister Gentleman and TCCS;
[redacted]
Keep the committee informed.

- (iv) Approval of new names Joey Park, Throsby and Yunggaballi Park, Moncrieff.



- (v) ACT Education has approved the name Margaret Hendry School in Taylor. Margaret Hendry served on the first ACT Place Names Committee with [redacted] and was a close colleague of [redacted].

Action:

- ACT Education has undertaken to invite the committee to a tree-planting event on the school site planned for October 2018;
- The Place Names Unit will keep the committee informed.

ITEM 3: New ACTmapi place names search – presenters Aaron O’Hehir and Mick Clifford.

Jeff Brown thanked the committee for providing feedback on the test site and explained the search will be made live within the coming week. Comments from [redacted] and [redacted] have been provided to the ACTmapi team.

Aaron O’Hehir presented the new search test site to the committee and ran through the different search options. The site will include links to a series of short video guides to explain the searches and are easy to follow. The link to the existing nomination for commemoration form will be available via the place names search

<http://app.actmapi.act.gov.au/actmapi/index.html?viewer=pn>

Mick Clifford confirmed there are problems with some of the place names data and the next step is to improve these discrepancies. The intention is to engage a programmer for a 6 month term to model and review the data. There are some constraints in searches due to the software. The site will be reviewed and updated regularly.

The committee feedback on the presentation was positive; comments included:

- Can the search provide an explanation on how to say names?

Response - Allen Mawer pointed out the difficulty of representing sounds that we don’t have in the English language. The Place Names Unit confirmed it is guided by the relevant cultural group/family and where possible, a written explanation is included on the website about how to say the word (not in the instrument).

Post meeting – examples include Warup (wa-roop); Kaigas, (KI-GUS); Wadeye, (wod-air); Forace (For-ra-che) and McCaughey (muh-KAK-ee).

- Difficult to return to the home page; the home icon button is misleading?

Response – selecting the home button will return the user to the ACTmapi home page; it is not an active button for place names search.

The presentation led to discussion on feedback provided by [REDACTED] about the terminology to explain the origin/significance of commemorated Aboriginal words (usually places named pre 1990s and particularly in the 1928 gazette). Generally the citations read “Aboriginal word for ...”. It was acknowledged that the cultural language background for these names is not recorded in our database.

[REDACTED] provided an insight into the resources accessed in the past by ACT place namers eg *Aboriginal Words of Australia* (A.W Reed 1965) and *The Australian Museum– New South Wales Aboriginal Place names and Euphonious Words, with their Meanings* (compiled by F.D McCarthy, 1959).

[REDACTED] commented that the issue is the task of addressing the cultural origin and English meaning of words against sources; many of the sources from which information is gathered is from the 19th century.

[REDACTED] suggested an explanatory message on the place names search page to explain the determination wording is “a product of its time and done with good intention”.

[REDACTED] suggested revising the citation for relevant records to read “An Aboriginal word for...” There was also discussion about the categories of names and in particular, the current category ‘Aboriginal language’ which does not provide for Torres Strait Islander vocabulary.

The meeting clarified that the reference to the 1928 gazette means the first nomenclature gazette to determine public place names in the territory under the *National Memorials Ordinance 1928*.

It was noted that the *Public Place Names Act 1989* was amended in 2017 to provide for the Minister to take reasonable steps to consult an appropriate cultural group before commemorating words from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander vocabulary. The Place Names Unit confirmed that it only proceeds with words which have been endorsed by a representative of the relevant language cultural group.

Action:
- Progress media for 20 September to launch the new search site to coincide with the 90 th anniversary of the first place names gazette by the FCC;
- Include an explanatory note on the front page of the ACTmapi place names search eg. the information in the citation is in the context of the time the gazette/determination was made;
- Review database category list to include Torres Strait Islander vocabulary; and
- Progressively amend existing legacy citations to read as appropriate eg. “ <u>An</u> Aboriginal word for...”

ITEM 4: Discuss Taylor theme—Architects, town planners and urban designers

Purpose: to consider the suggestion from the Place Names Unit to revise the nomenclature theme in Taylor from the qualified occupations of architects, town planners and urban designers (people only) to the terms architecture, town planning and urban design.

The proposal to revise the Taylor theme could provide:

- opportunities to name minor roads, including rear lanes, using non-personal names;
- wider opportunities to commemorate the names of women (gender balance); and
- improved scope for names reflecting cultural diversity and an inclusive community, including words from the vocabulary of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Jeff Brown explained that the overall intention is to assign themes to suburbs which enable cultural and social diversity to be commemorated across each suburb rather than applying Aboriginal words etc as the standalone theme (eg Pialligo and O'Malley).

commented that the current Taylor theme is exclusionary.

The committee was provided with examples of potential names including: Architectural photographers; artists with direct influence on notable architectural works; designers; buildings listed on the RAI A Register of Significant 20th Century Architecture; heritage listed gardens; garden designers; and words from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander languages (subject to approval from the relevant cultural group).

There was specific discussion about cultural sensitivities and whether it is appropriate to commemorate Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander words describing traditional forms of housing under the term 'architecture'.

Note that Samantha Faulkner has provided an undertaking to consider TSI words for hut/house/shelter and has also sought comments from a personal contact at AIATSIS.

questioned whether we are forcing the use of A&TSI words; traditionally Aboriginal people look at the science aspect – why is this built like this?

and both favoured commemorating Indigenous words to raise awareness; good policy to recognise language through the place names process.

provided support for the commemoration of non-personal names to recognise the cultural design within particular communities.

There was general support to raise awareness in the community about Indigenous languages

also questioned whether the dual naming policy applies in the ACT. Jeff Brown confirmed that the ACT supports the policy but so far there have been no nominations to dual name a feature.

. The project to formally determine names for nature reserves under the place names legislation could also provide opportunities for co-names and/or new names to commemorate local traditional words (possible agenda item for 2019).

Following further discussion the members voted in favour of the commemoration of A&TSI words in Taylor under the term 'architecture'.

Note: following the meeting further discussed this item with Genevieve Palm and suggested the .

Recommendation: the committee supports changing the Taylor theme to 'architecture, town planning and urban design' on the proviso the usual naming processes are followed including

prior consultation with families about the use of personal names and consultation with the relevant cultural group about the commemoration of A&TSI words.

Action: The Place Names Unit will–

- Recommend the revised theme, architecture, town planning and urban design to the Minister;
- Research names for Taylor 3 Residential Estate, including names/words which provide for gender balance and cultural diversity (eg Budj Bim cultural landscape);
- Circulate all naming proposals to the committee for review.

ITEM 5: Other Business

(i)

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Action:

- The Place Names Unit will note the research file that the nomination is supported by the committee for consideration in future Denman Prospect (activism and reform); and
- Co-chair Jeff Brown to respond to [Redacted].

(ii) Mentioning religious affiliation in our place names information eg Henry Rolland.
Is it an issue?

[Redacted] raised this matter in the context of the naming of Henry Rolland Park in Acton. [Redacted] explained that the word limit for the park sign was restricted to 100 words. The spiel [Redacted] recommended concentrated on Rolland's contribution as an architect and his connection to Acton. The text does not mention Rolland's contribution to St Andrew's parish in Canberra.

It was agreed that the committee is sensitive to the wider contribution people make to society, including religious affiliation. This contribution can be relevant for the instrument citation if it is an important part of their life.

Post meeting: The Place Names website entry for Henry Rolland Park mentions Rolland's membership of the committee which led to the establishment of the Presbyterian Church in Canberra (St Andrew's).

(iii) Status of ongoing projects:

The Place Names Unit updated the meeting about completed projects and ongoing research.

Completed:

Eleven instruments have been approved since the committee meeting in April for roads in Coombs north, Denman Prospect 2, Greenway, Strathnairn 1, Taylor 2 (x4) and Wright north; and parks in Moncrieff and Throsby.

Denman Prospect 1 & 2 (Capital Estate Development) is now complete.

An instrument of 13 names is being prepared for the final set of names in Taylor 2 (stage 4) – due date 21 September.

Ongoing projects include:

[REDACTED];

Lawson south; 'Henry Lawson's Australia' – seven names previously agreed in 2015 will be provided to the current committee for review;

Whitlam 1 stage 1 – 'Art and Culture', approx. 16 names

Note the committee agreed the iconic 'Blue Poles' deserves consideration for commemoration in the suburb.

Denman Prospect 3 (land release to the west) – ongoing research for names for the next land release is ongoing.

Taylor Residential Estate 3, a pool of 30 – 40 names required;

Also in Taylor – several parks to be named; consider landscape architects [REDACTED] and also a nomination to be provided by SLA.

(iv) Tudawalli Pl, Chapman – named in 1973.

A resident has queried the spelling of Tudawalli Place; should it read Tudawali?

The road commemorates Aboriginal man, Robert Tudawalli (1929–1967). In 1952 he was chosen by Charles Chauvel and his wife Elsa for the leading male role in the motion picture Jedda (1955).

Research by the Place Names Unit favours the spelling 'Tudawali' but there are also Northern Territory Administration records, media articles and correspondence in our file from Mrs Elsa Chauvel, spelt as 'Tudawalli'.

The advertising poster for Jedda reads 'Tudawali'.

Jeff Brown confirmed that the process to change a road name includes consultation with residents/property-owners and if agreed, the revocation of the original naming determination and the making of a new determination.

[REDACTED] spoke about the strength of Robert Tudawalli (Tudawalli) in addition to his acting career – as an activist; advocate of Aboriginal rights including the Wave Hill walk-off. David recommended Frank Hardy's 'The Unlucky Australians';

One option is to leave the place name as it is and update the place names search to inform the other spelling of his name recorded throughout his life.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] support the principle of doing the work to research his name and consult stakeholders.

Anne McGrath suggested finding a document with his signature.

Action:

- [REDACTED];
- the Place Names Unit will consult AIATSIS and the NFSA; and
- the Place Names Unit will keep the committee informed.

- (v) Sharon Priestly will represent ACT Place Names at the annual meeting of the Permanent Committee on Place Names (PCPN) to be hosted this year by Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) in Wellington. The agenda includes discussion about the sensitivities associated with the commemoration of words from Indigenous languages.

Item 6: Next meeting

A tentative date of **Tuesday 13 November** will be circulated for consideration by the committee. Jeff Brown will invite Minister Gentleman.

The meeting closed at 4.55pm.

Sharon Priestly
ACT Place Names

4 September 2018

ACT PLACE NAMES COMMITTEE MEETING – Tuesday 13 November 2018 (3pm–5pm)

Venue: Exec Boardroom Level 3 South Building, DPMH 16 Challis St Dickson

Committee:

Present: Mr Jeff Brown (Co-chair), [REDACTED] (Co-chair), [REDACTED],
[REDACTED],
[REDACTED].

Apologies: [REDACTED]

Not present: [REDACTED]

EPSDD: Mr Brett Phillips, Executive Director, Planning Delivery

Secretariat: Sharon Priestly (Minutes), Genevieve Palm

Presenter: Simon Cox, Suburban Land Agency – Senior Project Director; Greenfields Molonglo

Observer: Rene De Kiefte, Addressing Manager, Office of the Surveyor-General and Land Information

AGENDA:

1. Introduction and meeting apologies;
2. Minutes of previous meeting (4 September 2018) including:
 - Legacy terminology eg Aboriginal place names
 - Commemoration of Mr Val Jeffrey OAM, AFSM
 - Tudawalli Pl, Chapman
3. 3.30pm: Division of Whitlam – Estate Development Plan (Simon Cox)
 - Character of the division (suburb); construction and development; first land release
4. Media – “Push for review of ‘hurtful’ place names”
5. Other Business:
 - Status of ongoing projects – road names;
 - United Nations 2019 Year of Indigenous Languages;
 - Permanent Committee for Place Names 2018 report
6. Next meeting – March/April 2019

ITEM 1: Welcome and meeting apologies

Co-chair, Jeff Brown opened the meeting at 3.10pm and invited all present to introduce themselves. The meeting congratulated [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] will deliver his lecture about Prime Minister George Reid (First Eight Project) at Parliament on 4 December 2018 and undertook to issue an invitation to the committee through the Place Names Unit.

ITEM 2: Minutes of previous meeting (4 September 2018)

1. Review draft minutes including terminology to explain the origin of places named to commemorate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander words.

Action: Progressively amend citations in the place names database to read as appropriate.

2. Commemoration of Mr Val Jeffrey OAM, AFSM - Motion passed in the ACT Legislative Assembly on 31 October 2018.

- Mr Mark Parton MLA motion to rename the Tharwa Bridge.
- Minister Gentleman's amending motion was passed:

That this Assembly:

(1) calls on the ACT Place Names Committee to:

- (a) consider a substantial tribute to Mr Val Jeffery which adequately reflects his passion and commitment to Tharwa; and
- (b) [REDACTED], the Tharwa and wider Canberra community on the best way to commemorate the life and legacy of Mr Val Jeffery.

Action: [REDACTED].

3. Margaret Hendry School in Taylor

Action: The Education Directorate will coordinate a school event in late term 1 2019 to recognise the naming. The intention is to invite members of our committee.

4. Taylor nomenclature theme – the committee's amendment has been endorsed by the Minister ie 'Architecture, town planning and urban design'.

Action: The Place Names Unit will apply the revised theme to research for Taylor 3.

5. Investigate renaming Tudawali Pl, Chapman – named in 1973.

Jeff Brown acknowledged assistance from [REDACTED] to consult Frank Hardy's 'The Unlucky Australians' and confirmed information provided by The National Film and Sound Archive also favours the spelling 'Tudawali'.

Action:

Consult Robert Tudawali's [REDACTED] to consult residents/property owners in Tudawali Place about the possible action to amend (revoke) the spelling of the road name to Tudawali Place.

ITEM 3: Presentation - Whitlam – Estate Development Plan

Jeff Brown introduced Simon Cox, Senior Project Director; Greenfields Molonglo, Suburban Land Agency (SLA). The presentation began at 3.25pm and concluded at 3.45pm.

Simon Cox advised the meeting that the Estate Development Plan for Whitlam 1 has been lodged for Development Approval in DA 201834628. Documents detailing the design of the suburb are available for public review until 21 November 2018.

Simon provided the meeting with an idea of the feel and character SLA is trying to achieve in the new suburb:

- Vision- closeness to nature; open space and playgrounds; passive recreation areas;
- Good central location; connectivity in relation to the City;
- Views and vistas;
- Very steep topography in some parts; working with natural contours to design the estate;
- Approximately 2100 dwellings; predominantly single residential with some medium density sites (ie townhouse style); average block size of 500 sqm;
- More density in the south around the local centre and ACT government primary school site;
- One main avenue (with no driveways from it) and a second collector road;
- Four access points/entrances into the suburb from John Gorton drive;
- No vehicular access from William Hovell Drive;
- High points along the centre green space;
- Two embankments to cross Deep Creek; water quality control pond;
- The colours of the Blue Poles iconic artwork are being applied to guide some landscape features;
- Hoping to achieve good access to river corridor;
- SLA is looking to relocate electricity lines and lessen the visual impact of the sewerage pipe;
- Looking to dramatically provide increased tree plantings in the suburb;
- Stage 1 residents are likely to use Belconnen or Coombs/Denman Prospect for shops; shopping in stage 3
- Display centre proposed; considering a pop up café.

Timeframe for development (subject to planning approval):

Stage 1 – construct early 2019; 600 dwellings; tenders out now; land release March/April 2019;

About 12 months apart for subsequent land releases of about 500 blocks;

Stage 2 – draft EDP is with agencies for comments; SLA expecting to lodge DA in early 2019 and construct mid-2019.

Stage 3 - in very early design;

Stage 4 – construction envisaged about 12 months after stage 3.

Action:

1. Simon Cox will provide a copy of the street tree schedule for Whitlam Stage 1 to give the Committee an idea of the street trees planned throughout the estate;
2. The Place Names Unit will consult SLA about the road layout and suitable road terms eg View, Vista, Terrace.
3. The Place Names Unit will work with the committee to research a pool of suitable names for the suburb;
4. [REDACTED].

ITEM 4: Media – “Push for review of ‘hurtful’ place names”

Start 3.55pm; [REDACTED]

This issue was raised in the media by Ms Cody MLA on 29 Oct 2018. Jeff Brown noted that he has given several media interviews at short notice. An interview with ABC TV was televised nationally. Surveyor-Generals in other jurisdictions have asked Jeff to keep them informed.

The meeting considered the wording of the prospective motion from Ms Cody which may be debated in the Assembly on 28 November 2018:

MS CODY: To move—That this Assembly:

(1) notes:

- (a) the naming of many places in Canberra, including suburbs and streets, after historical persons;
- (b) that the behaviour of some of those persons was criminal, reprehensible and/or abhorrent; and
- (c) the ongoing hurt caused in the community by the commemoration of villains as heroes; and

(2) calls on the ACT Place Names Committee to review existing place names in the ACT to ensure they meet the community standards, and provide advice on necessary revisions.

(Notice given 30 October 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A).

Discussion points raised during the meeting included:

- Very important to communicate the message that the committee is sensitive to the views of the community – be careful and genuine in the tone of the response; welcome the opportunity for a discussion;
- Statement from the committee before the motion goes to the assembly; keep succinct;
- The committee’s work is generally well publicised in the community;
- Restate the purposes of the committee and principles of naming, noting the criteria in the legislation;
- A committee statement “this is impossible” shouldn’t be the first argument;
- Positive statement to reinforce that there is a review mechanism in place and the committee is open to people bringing concerns to its attention;
- Place naming is marking people of significance with mixed histories;
- Issue of ideas changing over time; how can place names reflect community standards? Social and cultural historians know well that community standards/values are not set in stone; perceptions of commemorated individuals will change over time;
- Very important for the committee to be aware of the implications of the prospective motion;
- The committee does not want to be put in a position to examine legacy place names and make an assessment of an individual;
- Difficult to determine contemporary views as factual in relation to some aspects of Australian history;
- Villains and Heroes – problem of language; no one leads a perfect life; the commemorative place names process is marking people of significance and they will all have their histories;
- A review could be deeply problematic; changes to place names can impact the timely delivery of emergency services; difficult to reach community consensus about changing addresses;

- Were this to become a substantive move, the moral criteria must be established as to where you draw the line; who is in, who is out? – Impossible;
- What are ‘community standards’? Standards and attitudes can evolve; change over time and changed perceptions;
- Impossible for the committee to establish moral criteria that are clear cut;
- Opportunity to expand the knowledge of Australian history and encourage interrogation of names put forward for review; names requested for review should be accompanied by evidence justifying the request;
- Members spoke of the work of the Australian Dictionary of Biography (ADB). The criteria established by ADB can be subject to criticism; the original work in ADB is not altered but it can publish supplementary information;
- Brief to Minister setting out the administrative load and the consequences?
- A place name can encourage reflection and discussion as discussed by the former committee in relation to the naming of Haig Park;
- Further information can be included in the website citation for the relevant division/public place name to additionally describe the commemorated person’s historical legacy and encourage reflection and discussion;
- The committee does not have a general objection to a review of individual or specific names, but does not consider a whole scale review is appropriate;
- No need to include options for changing place names in this initial statement to the Minister.

Brett Phillips provided advice about the process for the prospective motion to be debated in the Assembly.

Jeff Brown reminded the meeting about the statutory naming process - disallowable instrument publicly notified in the legislation register and tabled for 6 sitting days in the Assembly.

Sharon Priestly gave an example of a motion made in the Assembly to amend an instrument (in Gungahlin to include the names of more women). This led to an amendment in the legislation to provide that the Minister must consider gender balance when determining a new division or public place name.

The meeting agreed that if supplementary information is included in an entry to further explain the origin and significance of a place name, then this could be done by updating the database/website entry – no need for a formal instrument.

Action: Committee motion agreed 13 November 2018:

Statement from Co-chair, [REDACTED] to Minister Gentleman, which reflects the committee position; before the motion goes to the assembly; keep succinct.

Two parts to the statement:

1. Four areas of the motion require response:
 - ‘criminal, reprehensible and/or abhorrent’;
 - the hurt must be articulated by the individual feeling that hurt;
 - the idea of review of a place name should be put on the individual to come forward;
 - community standards change/evolve over time; are not set in stone;
2. Respond based on the strength of the processes already in place and then point out the issues were such as a review to go ahead.

ITEM 5: Other Business

- (i) The Place Names Unit provided a general update on the status of ongoing projects including:
Jacka 2 – Valour and Community Service; construct July 2019; extension of Roden Cutler Dr; possible opportunity to commemorate [REDACTED];

Lawson south – Henry Lawson’s Australia – 8 names to be reviewed by committee before the end of year; EDP approved;

Taylor 3 – Architecture, Town Planning and Urban Design; it was agreed to consider eminent [REDACTED] for a future opportunity possibly in a more central location. Consider in discussion with NCA.

Strathnairn 2: Primary Industry and Regional Service; community input; met October 2018 with People and Place Group and Ginninderry Local History Study - nominations of names to be submitted to our committee for consideration including nature names associated with the Murrumbidgee River Corridor;

Weston – Artists; former AFP site; revised Development Application to be submitted;

Whitlam 1 – possible opportunity to name [REDACTED]; the Place Names officers will discuss opportunities for suitable range of road types etc with Simon Cox SLA and keep the committee informed about naming options.

- (ii) The United Nations has declared 2019 to be the Year of Indigenous Languages (IY2019).

ACT Environment and Conservation is proposing to investigate renaming the nature reserves within the Canberra Nature Park to commemorate local Aboriginal words: eg. [REDACTED]. The committee will be kept informed.

2019 provides an opportunity for the committee to be proactive about inviting the community to nominate possible dual naming or co-naming proposals.

- (iii) Permanent Committee for Place Names 2018 report

Sharon Priestly provided a very brief report; recognition of Indigenous language and culture in place naming including making provisions in record keeping for more than one name for a feature.

ITEM 6: Discussed next meeting date for early 2019

Jeff Brown undertook to circulate prospective dates to the committee which exclude periods of public holidays and school holidays. The meeting agreed that the current arrangement for Tuesdays 3-5pm is suitable.

It was noted that the public holidays are Canberra Day – Monday 11 March 2019; Easter – Good Friday 19 April – Easter Monday 22 April 2019; Anzac Day Thursday 25 April. ACT public school holidays – Monday 15 April until Friday 26 April 2019.

[REDACTED] is unavailable from 1 – 16 April 2019.

Post meeting - the suggested dates of Tuesday 26 March or Tuesday 19 March 2019 will be circulated for the committee’s consideration.

Jeff Brown thanked the committee for its highly valued work during the first year of its three year term, and wished members all the best for Christmas and the New Year.

The meeting closed at 5pm.

ACT PLACE NAMES COMMITTEE MEETING – Tuesday 19 March 2019 (3pm–5pm)

Venue: Exec Boardroom Level 3 South Building, DPMH 16 Challis St Dickson

Committee: Mr Jeff Brown (Co-chair), [REDACTED] (Co-chair), [REDACTED],
[REDACTED],
[REDACTED].

EPSDD: Mr James Bennett and Ms Sarah Young – ACT Place Names Committee and Guidelines Review

Secretariat: Sharon Priestly, Genevieve Palm

Apologies: [REDACTED]
Not present: [REDACTED]

AGENDA:

1. Introduction and meeting apologies
2. Assembly Review - ACT Place Names Committee and Guidelines Review
3. Minutes of previous meeting (13 November 2018)
4. Other Business
 - Ministerial request to name [REDACTED]
 - Registration UN International Year of Indigenous Languages (IYIL)
5. Next meeting – set date for mid-year

ITEM 1: Welcome and meeting apologies

Co-chair, Jeff Brown opened the meeting at 3.10pm and introduced James Bennett and Sarah Young, Project Review team, Planning Delivery Division.

The meeting congratulated [REDACTED]

ITEM 2: ACT Place Names Committee and Guidelines Review

Purpose: to consider the ACT Legislative Assembly resolution passed on 28 November 2018 and provide the committee's views on the resolution, and the specific actions listed in 2(a) to 2(d) of the resolution, to the Executive Director, Planning Delivery in EPSDD by Friday 29 March 2019.

The Project Review team distributed two sets of information to the committee members comprising copies of redacted representations and responses about the naming of Haig Park and William Slim Drive. The point was made that the committee had not accessed this information previously.

James Bennett addressed the meeting on behalf of the Project Review team and provided context and background about the Assembly resolution, the review and tight reporting timeframe:

- the resolution calls on the ACT Government to make a good process even better;
- the Minister is aware of the positive contribution of the committee and the Place Names Unit;
- requesting the committee to prioritise advice about the naming of Haig Park and William Slim Drive;
- provides an opportunity for resolution of ongoing issues;
- confirmed advisory role of the committee; political powers can make a different decision;
- encourage committee input into other items to make a positive contribution for place naming into the future eg increase community participation, provide an easy process to raise concerns, complaints and nominations;
- draft report due by end of March 2019;
- the Project Review team has looked at processes in other naming jurisdictions;
- consolidated committee response to Executive Director due 29 March to feed into Review Report;
- undertaking to confirm whether the committee will be given an opportunity to respond to the Review Report before it is recommended to the Minister;
- the review document will be on the public record once it is discussed in the Assembly.

James Bennett acknowledged the good discussion/points raised at his face-to-face meeting with both co-chairs in February 2019 and the importance of doing a better job "shining a light on the committee's work and its protocols".

There was committee discussion about the reference to "significant community disquiet" and issue of "community standards". James Bennett clarified that the Legislative Assembly has determined there is significant community disquiet – passed in resolution, cannot be defined; the committee to respond and raise the issue – how do we ensure the committee nominates names that are acceptable to the current community?

Further to the issues relating to William Slim Dr and Haig Park, the meeting agreed that a defined process is required to prepare the committee for future, similar situations.

If issues are publicised the committee will require very clear protocols to manage community feedback.

There was discussion about increasing scrutiny of public figures by the community/media, protracted public debate, sensitivities and repercussions. Other jurisdictions/countries are dealing with similar issues. Links to articles giving examples was provided to the committee on 12 March including: Brenda Macdougall *Naming and Renaming: Confronting Canada's Past*, Shekon Neechie *An Indigenous History Site* - "...the *when* and *why* matters as much as the *who*..."

<https://shekonnechie.ca/2018/08/01/naming-and-renaming-confronting-canadas-past/>

The Project Review team left the meeting at 3:40pm. The meeting broke for a short refreshment and reconvened at 3:45pm

At 3:45pm, Co-chair Jeff Brown called on the meeting to consider paragraph 2 of the resolution in order:

Resolution 2(a): Review the terms of reference and expansion of membership for the ACT Place Names Committee.

Discussion -

- the current Terms of Reference already provide for flexibility in the membership;
- no mandatory requirement for minimum or maximum numbers;
- Minister can form the committee on the basis of the expertise of respondents to the public expression of interest;
- Consider advertising EOI more broadly;
- appointments undertaken in accordance with the ACT Government's committee appointment guidelines and governance principles;
- discussion about specifying a quorum in the TOR – 50% of membership plus one?
- the specific appointment of a young adult person, with relevant expertise, would bring value to the committee;
- is there a gap in current membership by not having a Ngunnawal representative?
- protocols for diversity (find example of another committee which has articulated protocols for diversity);
- 2020 EOI will not limit the committee to 12 members if there are applications which the Minister considers will bring another perspective or demonstrate particular expertise.

Committee response:

- reiterate the EOI process complies with governance principles; range of expertise in membership;
- TOR – no prescribed minimum or maximum membership;
- suggest targeting a younger person (with relevant expertise) to bring the youth perspective to the place names discussion eg target universities and technical colleges for younger persons (with relevant expertise) for contribution in regard to present-day community standards.

Resolution 2(b): review the Public Place Names Guidelines to ensure that they meet with community standards, allow for greater community input and capacity to raise concerns; and **Resolution 2(c)** ensure that the ACT Place Names Committee considers community proposals relating to place names that no longer meet community standards.

Discussion-

- guidelines – consider the wording in relation to consulting relatives;

- the guidelines already require avoidance of “derogatory or discriminatory terms or terms in poor taste” — opportunity to articulate issue of community standards;
- feeling that community standards is a “nonsense in contemporary historical thinking”;
- improve access to website documents to submit feedback/complaints;
- develop criteria requiring proponents to substantiate any request to revisit the naming of a division and/or public place by providing strong reasons for the request; evidence based;
- criteria would assist the committee to investigate requests made in light of further research, controversy or contemporary opinion and facilitate timely advice to the Minister about whether a place name should be revoked or retained;
- commemorated family member can be subject to scrutiny for alleged indiscretions (real or perceived) which could result in protracted public debate;
- opportunities to amend the particular ACTmapi place name citation to additionally describe the commemorated person’s historical legacy and encourage reflection and discussion in the community;
- suggestion to amend the guidelines to reference the term “community standards”;
- publicise examples of recent names which reflect inclusive community, cultural diversity;
- provide examples of names which have involved the community eg Rosalie Gascoigne Park and Rosemary Dobson Park.

Committee response:

- reiterate the committee’s concern about the phrase “...community standards...”.
- how does one generation determine community standards as opposed to another?
- the current guidelines already provide for “the desirability for the totality of public place names in the ACT to be reflective of diverse cultural situations” and for the avoidance of “derogatory or discriminatory terms or terms in poor taste”;
- reaffirm the message that the committee is cognisant of community sensitivities and will continue to advocate for place names which can be reasonably presumed to be acceptable to the community at the time the naming determination is made.

Resolution 2(d): Review particular non-residential place names that have been the subject of significant community disquiet, such as William Slim Drive and Haig Park, as a priority.

The committee has previously noted that place names commemorate deceased people and we need to afford them, and their family, procedural fairness and substantiate allegations before acting to remove or change an established name.

William Slim Drive – the committee has been generally made aware of the allegations raised concerning the 13th Governor-General of Australia, Field Marshal Sir William Slim. In 2014, the former committee agreed–

- to wait and consider the outcome of any legal action in NSW and/or any recommendations resulting from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse;
- it would like to be on the front foot ready to respond; and
- if a decision is made to rename the road it should not be named after a person.

Discussion- the committee noted that the Final Report of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse was released in December 2017; there does not appear to be any information in the public report dealing with allegations concerning William Slim and [REDACTED].

The committee’s discussion determined that it is not in a position to make a moral nor historical judgement about the naming of William Slim Drive.

Committee response:

- the committee to recommend that the ACT Government consider formally writing to the Federal Government (Prime Minister's Office) for [REDACTED]

Haig Park – the name commemorates the historically controversial Commander-in Chief of the British Forces in the First World War, Field Marshal Earl Haig.

Previous memberships of the committee have considered representations about the naming of Haig Park and whether it is appropriate to continue to commemorate Haig, in the context of criticism of his leadership and his strategies.

In the past, committee representatives have spoken on local radio about the naming of the park and its support to retain the name.

The point was made at the meeting that there was already a historical perspective about the leadership of Haig available to the decision makers at the time the park was named in 1928 – a decade after war's end (ie the Canberra National Memorials Committee). In the first round of naming, people still thought on balance that his name should be commemorated in the National Capital. It is significant that the determination of the park name was published by the Federal Capital Commission in its first nomenclature gazette dated 20 September 1928.

Haig's advocacy for veterans and their families after the war was also raised at the meeting.

[REDACTED]

Jeff Brown confirmed that the City Activation team (City Renewal Authority) is prepared to look at new signage in the park. It will wait for the outcome of the Review and the Assembly Resolution.

Committee response - It is the committee's recommendation that the historic place name remain and that the ACT Government investigate opportunities to provide additional interpretative signage in Haig Park (in both Braddon and Turner) to encourage community reflection and discussion about the First World War.

ACTION: The Place Names Unit will draft the Committee response to the Executive Director (ED), Planning Delivery; circulate draft by Friday 22 March and ask for quick turnaround; forward agreed copy to ED by due date - Friday 29 March

ITEM 3: Minutes of previous meeting (13 November 2018)

- Place Names Unit to investigate status of future nature play park in Tharwa and progress discussion with Jeffery family; intention to inform the community of the intention to name the space to commemorate the late Mr Val Jeffrey;
- Place Names Unit still trying to identify and contact Robert Tudawali's [REDACTED] about the renaming of Tudawali Pl, Chapman – named in 1973.

ITEM 4: Other Business

- (i) Update website – supplement gazettal information with direct accounts of the origin and significance of the names Canberra and Russell? **Not discussed; carry over to next meeting.**

- (ii) Ministerial request to name O'Connor park –Toll Dale to be progressed; name of Shumack property; the park is commonly known as Finn St park, annoying to Finn St residents as the name encourages visitors to the play area to park in the narrow street when there are other options.
- (iii) Registration United Nations 2019 to be the Year of Indigenous Languages
The United Nations has declared 2019 to be the Year of Indigenous Languages (IY2019).
ACT Place Names has registered as a participant;
ACT Environment and Conservation is proposing to investigate renaming the nature reserves within the Canberra Nature Park to commemorate local Aboriginal words eg the [REDACTED];
Promote UN IYIL during NAIDOC Week (July 2019); Promote UN IYIL and the naming of roads, features and localities eg via EPSDD social media; write to the United Ngunnawal Elders Council requesting suggestions of traditional names for features.

[REDACTED] comments tabled:

Recommendation to contact AIATSIS to assist with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander names. There may be a role for our committee to play in celebrating ACT Reconciliation Day, National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week. "...Canberra is the host city for National NAIDOC celebrations this year, so the spotlight will be on us".

[REDACTED] supports contacting the United Ngunnawal Elders Council.

ACT Reconciliation Day, Monday 27 May; National Reconciliation Week, 27 May – 3 June and NAIDOC Week, 7 – 14 July <https://www.naidoc.org.au/get-involved/2019-theme>

- (iv) Status of ongoing road naming projects.

A general update was provided to the meeting:

- o Jacka 2 – Valour and Community Service; draft Estate Development Plan (EDP) to be circulated in March 2019; includes extension of Roden Cutler Dr;
- o Lawson south – Henry Lawson's Australia –names endorsed by committee; EDP decision endorsed 18 March 2019;
- o Strathnairn 2: Primary Industry and Regional Service; Estate Development Plan (EDP) approved 19 March 2019;
- o Taylor 3 – Architecture, Town Planning and Urban Design; EDP approved; Place Names Unit to meet with the developer (Suburban Land Agency) to confirm staging and timing for construction; researching suitable opportunities to commemorate words from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander vocabulary;
- o Weston – Artists; former AFP site; revised Development Application submitted;
- o Whitlam – Arts and Culture; EDP approved; Place Names Unit to meet with the developer (Suburban Land Agency) to confirm staging and timing for construction; draft place names to be circulated to the committee (subject to clearance by families etc).

ITEM 6: Discussion next meeting date – tentative date Tuesday 30 July 2019

Jeff Brown undertook to circulate the prospective date to the committee, excluding periods of public holidays and school holidays – aim for 3rd/4th week in July – ie Tuesday 23rd /30th July.

Post meeting – the ground floor function room in North Building has been tentatively booked for Tuesday 30 July 3-5pm. The usual venue (Exec Boardroom) is not available on 23rd or 30th July. The ground floor function room is not available on 23rd July.

The meeting closed at 5pm

Sharon Priestly
19 March 2019

ACT PLACE NAMES COMMITTEE MEETING – Tuesday 6 August 2019 (3pm–5pm)

Venue: Exec Boardroom Level 3 South Building, DPMH 16 Challis St Dickson

Committee: Mr Jeff Brown (Co-chair), [REDACTED] Co-chair), [REDACTED],
[REDACTED],
[REDACTED].

EPSDD: Mr James Bennett

Minister Gentleman's Office: Ms Louise Crossman, Planning Adviser

Secretariat: Sharon Priestly, Genevieve Palm

Apologies: [REDACTED]

AGENDA:

1. **Introduction and meeting apologies**
2. **Review ACT Place Names Committee and Guidelines**
 - Update on the outcome of the review – James Bennett and Louise Crossman (30 mins)
 - Summary of the recommendations and draft implementation plan (Attachment A).
 - Detailed summary of the Options and Recommendations (Attachment E).
3. **Minutes of previous meeting** - 19 March 2019 (Attachment B).
4. **Commemoration of Indigenous people and language**
 - (i) Meeting with United Nggunawal Elders Council (27 June 2019);
 - (ii) Permanent Committee on Place Names (PCPN) – workshop Alice Springs.
 - (iii) Naming public parks.
5. **Other Business**
 - (i) Parks
 - (ii) Appointment of Committee for 2020-2023;
 - (iii) Commemoration of former Prime Minister Bob Hawke;
 - (iv) Media
 - (v) Molonglo Valley District – update about major infrastructure;
 - (vi) Status of ongoing projects.
6. **At 4pm: Decision to rename William Slim Drive**
7. **Set next meeting date:** Tuesday 12th or 26th November.

ITEM 1: Welcome and meeting apologies

Co-chair, Jeff Brown opened the meeting at 3.10pm and introduced James Bennett and Louise Crossman.

The meeting offered belated congratulations to [REDACTED]

Jeff Brown welcomed committee member [REDACTED] to the meeting.

ITEM 2: Review ACT Place Names Committee and Guidelines

Response to Assembly Resolution, 28 November 2018 – Review Report tabled 6 June 2019.
The Minister's letter dated 3 June was tabled in the meeting papers.

The meeting noted the recommendations including:

- (i) Processes to ensure place names meet community standards;
- (ii) Introduce a set of principles for considering renaming proposals;
- (iii) Improve avenues for community input into the place naming process;
- (iv) Develop a transparent online feedback and complaints process;
- (v) Review the Committee Terms of Reference.

The meeting also noted the Minister's decision to rename William Slim Drive and retain the name Haig Park.

James Bennett addressed the meeting about the Review Report and provided a summary of the recommendations. James Bennett and Louise Crossman spoke further to explain the reasons for the Minister's decision to rename William Slim Drive and not change the name of Haig Park.

James Bennett: decision to rename William Slim Drive –

Very front of mind for the Minister in making the decision was that there is no formal process about guilt;

- Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and response about victims;
- Political decision made on all evidence in front of the Minister;
- Not a statutory decision;
- Nature of the allegations and question of community standards; modern community standards and the values held at the time the place was named eg Yale University example;
- Minister had reasonable satisfaction of community standards in relation to the naming of William Slim Drive and the allegations [REDACTED];
- The Minister has made his decision on a value judgement responding to the rights of victims;
- The decision has brought great comfort to the people who raised the allegations;
- [REDACTED];
- The Minister has responded to representations received about his decision to rename William Slim Drive;
- Key takeaway to the committee is how to assess future requests to rename and provide framework to update the renaming policy;
- The committee now has a clear mandate to advise the Minister on contentious naming issues eg consider threshold of offense; satisfaction level; evidence.

██████████ also spoke about the Minister’s decision to rename William Slim Drive – not a judgment of guilty in the criminal justice system; not taking any rights away; credible allegations from people in the Canberra community.

Robust discussion followed about “community standards” and questions from the committee about what demonstrates evidence; has allegation topped evidence and is the decision to rename a value judgement?

There was discussion about preparing principles to address the difficult question of community standards to:

- provide a strong framework for the Place Names Unit research;
- enable the committee to consider any requests to rename a place name; and
- enable the committee to advise the Minister about contentious renaming issues.

██████████ and ██████████ have requested that the minutes formally record their strong disappointment about the decision to rename William Slim Drive.

Recommendation to Review the Committee Terms of Reference

James Bennett addressed the meeting about the Terms of Reference including:

- Expansion of the committee to provide for the membership to include a younger person and a person with a background in Indigenous languages.

There was discussion centred on the membership representing a diversity of ideas. The committee agreed that (ideally) the membership should include a representative having an innate connection to Indigenous culture; not practicable to look for a person to advise on Indigenous languages.

The committee’s previous advice to the Minister has recommended the appointment of a young person with relevant qualifications/experience.

James Bennett invited the committee to provide feedback on how “we go about getting the right person”.

Jeff Brown thanked James Bennett and ██████████ for their assistance and advice. The meeting broke at 3:45pm for short refreshments and reconvened at 4pm.

Recommendation:

The committee’s recommendation is to amend the Terms of Reference to provide for the membership to include a person with a background in Indigenous culture.

Action: The committee agreed to provide advice/input to assist with the implementation of the Review Report recommendations.

ITEM 3: Minutes of previous meeting 19 March 2019 (Attachment B).

The meeting noted that the committee’s letter dated 28 March 2019 in response to the Assembly resolution, was tabled in the Assembly with the Final Review Report.

ITEM 4: Commemoration of Indigenous people and language

- (i) The meeting noted the Minister's letter dated 2 July 2019 requesting the committee to investigate the naming of a park in O'Connor to commemorate an Indigenous name/word – Minister's decision to not progress with [REDACTED]
- The members discussed how to engage with local Aboriginal people and other stakeholders in the community, including local residents in O'Connor;
- (ii) Consider sensitivities associated with engaging the public about naming if the relevant cultural group has already provided permission to commemorate the word;
- (iii) Consider that the proposed word may also have sensitivities for other cultural groups in the community.

[REDACTED] questioned whether it would be feasible/appropriate to ask UNEC if the group would be prepared to suggest a list of language words names preapproved by the Elders for consideration by the Place Names Committee as opportunities to name local parks are identified.

[REDACTED] suggested a representative of our committee could offer to meet/engage with UNEC about a 'store' of names.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] offered to be directly involved in a two-way conversation with UNEC.

[REDACTED] spoke about community engagement pointing out the importance of consulting widely beforehand to provide an opportunity for feedback especially as a word could have a different meaning, or sensitivity, in other cultures represented in our diverse community.

Action:

- Seek direction/advice about engagement with UNEC and identify stakeholders;
 - Ask UNEC if they are willing for their language to be recognised through the naming of local parks and if so, how they would like the process to be carried out;
 - Draft new consultation policy a part of the process to implement Review Report Recommendations;
 - Brief Minister Gentleman accordingly.
- (ii) Meeting United Ngunnawal Elders Council (27 June 2019) – Jeff Brown & Genevieve Palm;
- o Commemoration of words from other Indigenous languages;
 - o Call to rename significant local features including [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED];
 - o Haig Park – rename to recognise [REDACTED];

Jeff Brown provided a summary of his attendance (with Genevieve Palm) at the June UNEC meeting including his offer of future regular meetings to discuss place names. Letter to UNEC dated 16 July 2019 to clarify the issues raised at the meeting and request advice about opportunities to commemorate words from the Ngunnawal language in Taylor 3 (to recognise architecture, town planning and/or urban design).

The committee discussed the call from UNEC to rename significant local features including [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The meeting confirmed its support for the International/National principle of dual naming ie to reinstate a traditional name, provided by the traditional land custodians, to a natural feature eg Uluru/Ayers Rock.

Haig Park

UNEC has raised the question of renaming Haig Park to recognise Ngunnawal culture/language; some members have engaged in the City Renewal Authority (CRA) project to revitalise the park. Jeff Brown advised the committee that there appeared to be some confusion at the UNEC meeting about the Minister's decision to retain the name Haig Park.

After the UNEC meeting Jeff Brown contacted CRA to confirm the Minister's decision to retain the name.

CRA community consultation – Haig Park

The meeting noted the City Renewal Authority (CRA) website consultation at <https://www.haigparkcbr.com.au/Experiments/First-Nations>

[redacted] and [redacted] strongly advised against any use of the phrase [redacted]. They suggested in this context the word 'input' could replace [redacted].

Post meeting – it was clarified that the community engagement is titled [redacted] – [redacted]. Advice was provided to CRA by email dated 27 August 2019 and with a suggestion to look into opportunities to name the pathways through Haig Park to commemorate Ngunnawal culture/language.

[redacted] provided further advice to the Place Names Unit on 9 September 2019:

I provided feedback to the CRA re the use of the term [redacted]. They will now use [redacted]. A good outcome.

Action:

- Jeff Brown will address the next Executive Management Board (EMB) meeting to canvas a whole of directorate approach to progress dual naming in the ACT, including Heritage, Parks and Conservation and Environment;
- Jeff Brown will keep the committee informed of progress.

(iii) Permanent Committee on Place Names (PCPN) – workshop Alice Springs May 2019.

The annual PCPN meeting will be hosted by the Australian Hydrographic Office in Wollongong on 2nd – 3rd October 2019.

Sharon Priestly provided a brief account of the PCPN workshop including:

- discussion about empowering Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Peoples concerning opportunities to recognise languages through place names;
- acknowledgment that Indigenous people may not be willing to 'give up' a word for the purpose of place naming;
- recognition that we should not impose our ideas onto a particular cultural group about how to recognise words from their language or apply timeframes to obtain permission;
- discussion about asking Indigenous cultural groups if they are willing for their language to be recognised and if so, how they would like the process to be carried out.

(iv) Naming public parks – the meeting noted Minister Gentleman supports the commemoration of Indigenous people/words through the naming of public parks; the Minister has been briefed by the directorate about sensitivities, consultation, engaging with UNEC etc.

ITEM 5: Other Business

(i) Local parks update:

Campbell Blk 17 Sec 49 (White Cr) - resident's submission to name Kuga Park;

- Existing parks in Campbell – (Defence theme) Anzac Park, George Cross Park, Hassett Park, Legacy Park, Remembrance Nature Park; RSL Park and Victoria Cross Park;
- Google Maps indicates the White Cr park is named 'Katoomba Park' but this is an unauthorised name (anyone can add a name to Goggle maps); TCCS has asked for the name to be shortlisted;
- The committee discussed the status of the 'Katoomba Park' name and noted the word is already commemorated in the ACT by Katoomba Street, Harrison (ie Katoomba Falls);
- The origin of the name could be the Katoomba mine sweepership in WWII – local person may have a connection to the ship; not considered to meet the criteria for a park name in Campbell;
- Discussion about the significance of [REDACTED];
- The meeting noted that the Place Names Unit has tentatively 'assigned' [REDACTED];
- Is it appropriate to name a large park site to commemorate an animal? It was noted that [REDACTED] fits the legislated criteria eg 'contribution to the nation; things characteristic of Australia';
- The word [REDACTED] can have different implications; sounds similar to 'cougar';
- [REDACTED] and Kaye Price suggested [REDACTED] (Post meeting Ted Loban is commemorated by the naming of Loban Court, Ngunnawal);
- [REDACTED] raised the issue of placing the name of a WWII serviceman in the same shortlist as [REDACTED]. There was further discussion about a shortlist of names for community engagement comprising people and [REDACTED]; likely to result in the popular vote being attributed to [REDACTED];
- Jeff Brown did not support subdividing the site to provide for naming two parks;
- Agreed that guidelines about community engagement must be formalised before we progress this naming proposal.

Action:

- Place Names Unit to consult Dept. of Defence about the significance of [REDACTED];
- Advise TCCS that the Committee does not support Katoomba Park; and
- Provide an interim response to the proponent explaining what needs to be done.

Coombs – DA expected for a large community park in Edgeworth Parade; the meeting discussed the possible commemoration of [REDACTED].

Action:

- Investigate the character and purpose of the park;
- Hold off naming the park until the guidelines are revised to include community consultation principles.

Whitlam – the committee revisited the naming of the central park area in Whitlam to commemorate the abstract expressionist painting, ‘Blue poles’. The purchase of Jackson Pollock’s ‘Blue poles’ (1952) by the National Gallery of Australia (NGA) in 1973 for \$1.3 million was a defining symbolic moment for the Whitlam Government and the arts in Australia. [REDACTED] strongly endorsed the significance of the painting – “dragged Australia into the 20th century artistically”.

Recommendation:

- [REDACTED];
- Place Names Unit to further consult with the Senior Curator, Painting & Sculpture, NGA for permission to commemorate the name.

(v) Appointment of Committee for 2020-2023

Jeff Brown advised the meeting that the Minister’s Call for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the 2020-2023 Committee is expected to be advertised in June/July 2020.

Action: Jeff Brown to keep the current membership informed about the EOI for the 2020-2023 committee.

(vi) The committee noted the commemoration of former Prime Minister Bob Hawke through the naming of Bob Hawke College in Perth.

(vii) Molonglo Valley – Sharon Priestly provided a general update about major infrastructure projects:



Recommendation:

- the committee agreed to investigate moving the commemoration of [REDACTED] name from Molonglo to Whitlam stage 1; ‘arts and culture’;
- [REDACTED].

(viii) Status of ongoing projects including Strathnairn 2, Taylor 3 and Whitlam 1

A general update was provided to the meeting about priority road naming projects in Strathnairn 2, Taylor 3 and Whitlam 1. The committee was reminded that the next major road name projects will be Jacka 2, ‘Valour and Community Service’ and Denman Prospect 3, ‘Activism and Reform’.

ITEM 6: Decision to rename William Slim Drive

Jeff Brown invited feedback about the naming of William Slim Drive and outlined options for renaming. The meeting discussed the Minister's letter requesting the Committee to consider whether it is appropriate to adopt the name of an existing adjoining road (ie extend the name Gundaroo Drive), or whether there are any names of prominent women or Indigenous words which could be considered. The meeting noted the Minister has asked the Committee to consult the community and provide the outcome when providing him with naming options.

Jeff Brown spoke about the former Committee's advice (June 2014) recommending that if a decision is made to rename the road it should not be named after a person; there could be sensitivities associated with replacing the name of a person whose legacy has been contested with another personal name.

The meeting was briefed about the ACT Government's intention to upgrade William Slim Drive to a dual carriageway between Ginninderra Drive and the Barton Highway. A copy of the draft design was tabled at the meeting.

There was discussion about community consultation and addressing.

Community consultation: It is the committee's strong opinion that consulting the community about a new name for the road could potentially invite criticism about the decision to remove the commemoration of William Slim and also invite extra scrutiny of any potential draft name/s in relation to community standards or causing offense. The extension of the name Gundaroo Drive is not a new name and will not require community consultation – less controversial.

Discussion about addressing: Jeff Brown confirmed that there are no addresses allocated from the existing William Slim Drive and the numbering is in the right order on Gundaroo Drive to provide for numbers through to Ginninderra Drive.

Extend the name Gundaroo Drive: Allen Mawer provided advice in support of the proposal – the recorded origin of the name 'Gundaroo' is derived from a local Aboriginal word - *Candariro*. Post meeting - [REDACTED] provided further information; *Candariro* was recorded by Throsby Smith on 7 December 1820; see Errol Lea-Scarlett's *Gundaroo* p. 2.

Recommendation:

The committee's strong recommendation is to extend the name of the existing Gundaroo Drive across the Barton Highway through to Ginninderra Drive, Belconnen.

Action:

- Jeff Brown will consult EPSDD Communications about engagement policy;
- Provide the committee recommendation to the Minister; and
- [REDACTED]

ITEM 7: Set next meeting date: Jeff Brown set a tentative date of Tuesday 12 November 2019. [REDACTED]. (Post meeting – next meeting date set for Tuesday 26 November 2019).

The meeting closed at 5:10pm

Sharon Priestly
6 August 2019

ACT PLACE NAMES COMMITTEE MEETING – Tuesday 26 November 2019 (3pm–5pm)

Venue: Exec Boardroom Level 3 South Building, DPMH 16 Challis St Dickson

Committee: Mr Jeff Brown (Co-chair), [REDACTED] (Co-chair), [REDACTED],
[REDACTED],
[REDACTED].

EPSDD: Mr Brett Phillips **Secretariat:** Mrs Sharon Priestly, Mrs Genevieve Palm
Apologies: [REDACTED]

AGENDA:

1. Introduction and meeting apologies
2. Minutes of previous meeting – 6 August 2019
3. Appointment of the ACT Place Names Committee – proposal to extend current membership term by nine months until 30 June 2021
4. Review ACT Place Names Committee and Guidelines

Begin discussion to implement the recommendations of the Review Report tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 6 June 2019.

- Review Committee Terms of Reference
- Review Public Place Names (Naming of Public Places) Guidelines 2014 (No 1)

4pm 15 mins break for refreshments

5. Other Business
6. Discuss next meeting date: consider Tuesday 18 February or 25 February 2020.

ITEM 1: Introduction and meeting apologies

Jeff Brown recorded apologies received from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

Jeff acknowledged some recent professional achievements by committee members including:

- Allen Mawer's new book to be launched in Canberra on 28 November – *Uncommon Valour: The Story of the Victoria Cross*;

Jeff invited all committee members to share their projects with the group and acknowledged that [REDACTED] is a well-timed resource for the Place Names team for 2020 research relating to 'valour and community service' in Jacka 2.

Item 2: Minutes of previous meeting – 6 August 2019

The minutes of the previous meeting have been noted by Minister Gentleman.

Rename William Slim Drive – Jeff Brown confirmed the Minister has agreed to the Committee's recommendation to extend the name of Gundaroo Drive. Jeff advised the meeting that the timing of the instrument to revoke the road name, and explain the extension of the name Gundaroo Drive, is to be discussed within the EPSD directorate. The original indication was to change the name as part of the construction work to upgrade the road to a dual carriageway. (Note post meeting at this stage the work is expected to be completed in mid-2023).

The Place Names Unit will prepare the disallowable instrument to revoke the name and explain the extension of Gundaroo Drive through to Ginninderra Drive. The instrument will be recommended to the Minister (or his delegate).

Action: Jeff Brown to seek advice from the EPSD directorate about the timeframe to formally revoke the name William Slim Drive.

Commemoration of Hazel Hawke – Jeff Brown [REDACTED]. The major collector road will service the Whitlam government school and local centre and extend into Whitlam 4.

Item 3: Appointment of the ACT Place Names Committee

Jeff Brown consulted the committee members about the prospect of being appointed for a further nine months, ie from 1 October 2020 to 30 June 2021. He confirmed the Minister supports extending the term of the committee to enable the experienced and expert members to contribute to the implementation of the recommendations of the Review Report and ensure the appropriate guidelines and policies are in place before the appointment of the next committee for 2021–2024. The proposal to extend the committee's term will also remove the appointment of the new membership from the special operating arrangements which apply in the caretaker period immediately before and after the ACT general election, scheduled for 17 October 2020.

Jeff confirmed the process to appoint the committee until 30 June 2021 will be undertaken in accordance with the procedures in the ACT Government document 'Governance Principles – Appointments, Boards and Committees' and include consultation with agencies responsible for women, multicultural affairs, ACT Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples etc. <https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/policystrategic/cabinet/governance>

The committee members will not be required to submit an application but there could be paperwork to be completed such as the Conflict of Interest Declaration.

There was discussion about the appointment of the committee for 2021-2024. Jeff confirmed it will be through an EOI process and include a broad and multi-faceted communications approach, in consultation with EPSDD Communications, to encourage applications from a diverse range of people to reflect our inclusive community.

██████████ queried the expansion of the committee membership in the draft Terms of Reference to include a young adult person. Jeff confirmed this change is in response to the recommendation in the Review Report but in effect the committee already meets this requirement through the membership of ██████████.

There was discussion about the extended contribution of some members who have served for two or more 3 year terms with ██████████ confirming she was a foundation member in 1999. There was further discussion about the diversity of the committee membership.

Jeff Brown restated that the usual practice is to refresh the membership of government committees periodically while retaining a level of continuity; important to finalise the implementation of the Review recommendations before the Minister appoints the next committee.

All members have indicated their willingness and availability to be considered to serve for an extended term until 30 June 2021.

Action: Jeff Brown will keep the committee informed about the appointment process.

Item 4: Review ACT Place Names Committee and Guidelines

(i) Review the Committee Terms of Reference

Jeff Brown explained that the draft version of the revised Committee Terms of Reference (TOR) at Attachment B has been prepared in response to the Recommendations in the Review Report. The draft TOR responds to the recommendations to expand the membership; outline the operations of the committee and outline the process to monitor and evaluate the committee's performance.

The draft TOR is consistent with the template and instructions in the ACT Government document 'Governance Principles – Appointments, Boards and Committees' <https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/policystrategic/cabinet/governance>

Title - ACT Place Names *Advisory* Committee

Jeff Brown noted the first change in the draft TOR is the inclusion of the term 'Advisory' in the committee title. This accords with the Review recommendation to reinforce the non-statutory and advisory nature of the Committee and is consistent with other committees appointed to provide advice to ACT Ministers including the ACT Ministerial Advisory Council on Women; ACT Ministerial Advisory Council on Ageing and Survey Practice Advisory Committee.

There was discussion about the place names decision-making process to clarify that the Minister has the power to make a determination/decision and takes into consideration any relevant advice from the committee. There was further discussion recognising that the inclusion of 'advisory' is a description of the factual situation.

Paragraph 2 confirms what is currently the case – ie the committee provides advice on the development of policies and processes.

Paragraph 10 new words 'Cognisant of community standards'

The meeting questioned the inclusion of 'cognisant of community standards' in the draft TOR. What does this mean? Jeff Brown explained that further work to explain what this actually means in terms of place naming will be undertaken as part of the revision of the Renaming Policy in early 2020. The intention is to respond to the review recommendation to require the committee to consider current community standards before naming a place after a person and to provide some guidance on what such consideration will entail.

Paragraph 11 Membership and expertise

The meeting discussed the new draft requirements for a person with a background in Indigenous culture and a young adult person. The draft wording for a member with a background in Indigenous culture reflects the committee's discussion at the August 2019 meeting.

Jeff tabled feedback from [REDACTED] recommending 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture' which is consistent with the place names legislation which refers to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander vocabulary (not 'Indigenous vocabulary').

[REDACTED] questioned whether the revised TOR is an opportunity to be more prescriptive to include a member of the local Aboriginal community; the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet; an ultimate mark of respect to have a person representing the United Ngunnawal Elders Council (UNEC) on our committee which is dealing with the naming of places on their traditional land.

There was also discussion about whether the purpose of the TOR membership provisions is to invite people with particular qualifications. Is the goal and objective to achieve membership of someone representing the Ngunnawal Aboriginal community?

Jeff Brown confirmed that the intention of both the TOR and EOI is to provide for flexibility to enable the Minister to assess applications and appoint the most suitable committee membership. Jeff explained the Co-chair of UNEC has served previously on the Place Names Committee. An invitation to participate in the EOI was provided to agencies, including UNEC, as part of the appointment process for the current committee. This invitation will be extended in future EOIs. There is also the new group established by the directorate – the Traditional Custodians Caring for Country Committee.

The promotion/advertising of the EOI will be coordinated with EPSDD Communications in accordance with the Review Report recommendation to review how the appointment of the committee can be more widely promoted in the community.

After further discussion, including advice from Kaye Price, the meeting agreed to amend the draft TOR to read: *A person with a background in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultures.* Anne McGrath suggested writing EPSDD acronym in full. All other revisions were accepted by the committee.

(ii) Review the Public Place Names (Naming of public places) Guidelines

A draft version of the revised Public Place Names (Naming of public places) Guidelines was provided to the committee for review and further discussion. Jeff Brown clarified that the guidelines are recommended to the Minister and the approved copy is notified on the ACT Legislation Register (Notifiable Instrument). The first (and current) guidelines are notified on the Register in NI2014-643.

The meeting agreed to the draft revisions in Attachment C subject to:

- further discussion in early 2020 to explain 1(i) 'cognisant of community sensitivities';
- change 2(a) 'given point in time' to read 'at the time of the determination';
- change Point 7 to delete the word 'current';
- change Point 11 to replace 'that strives to accord' with 'while striving to accord'; and
- include a new Note 5 to provide an explanation of the Permanent Committee on Place Names Guidelines [referenced in 1(d)].

The amendments are shown in the revised Attachment C.

During the committee's discussion about the proposed Renaming Policy, [REDACTED] questioned whether there is an opportunity to use three words in a place name. The particular example is [REDACTED]

Jeff Brown explained that three words in a place name plus the generic (eg street/park) is inconsistent with the addressing standards and the PCPN naming principles. A long place name has the potential to cause addressing confusion and delay the timely delivery of emergency services.

(Post meeting: there are some exceptions existing in ACT place names including Marion Mahony Griffin View, Mount Ainslie named in 2013; also New South Wales Crescent, Old Well Station Road, Eric de Salis Street, Bill Kennedy Memorial Park, John Knight Memorial Park, Trevor Kaine Community Park, Willem Janszoon Commemorative Park and Field Marshal Sir Thomas Blamey Square).

Action:

- Accept the committee's amendments to the revised Terms of Reference and the revised *Public Place Names (Naming of public places) Guidelines* at Attachment C;
- Jeff Brown to provide a draft Renaming Policy for the Committee's evaluation and further input at the first meeting in 2020 and include an examination of the meaning of the references to 'cognisant of community standards/sensitivities' for further discussion.

At 4:15pm Jeff Brown called a short break for refreshments.
Craig Allen left the meeting for another commitment at 4:30pm.

Item 5: Other Business

- (i) Consultation with United Ngunnawal Elders Committee (UNEC):
- UNEC does not agree with our suggestion to provide an advance 'pool' of Ngunnawal language words for naming parks. UNEC will consider each naming opportunity separately and give regard to the particular character of the park etc.
 - UNEC has not responded to our request for permission to commemorate Ngunnawal language in Taylor. We may get feedback after the UNEC meeting on 12-13 December 2019.
 - A Traditional Custodians Caring for Country Committee has been established by EPSDD to provide cultural guidance and direction on land and environment matters; includes a representative from UNEC; the new committee does not deal with urban parks.
 - In 2020 we are expecting the Place Names Committee will be consulted by the new group about naming a special purpose reserve in the Molonglo Valley.

Jeff Brown advised the meeting that a Dual Naming Policy is also required in 2020. There was discussion about the National Archives of Australia (NAA) partnering with local Aboriginal people to name the building in Parkes as [REDACTED]. Jeff noted it is important for any changes to building names to be updated in the ACT feature names database so that the name can be provided to agencies including ACT Emergency Services. [REDACTED] explained the National Capital Authority was represented at the launch of the dual-language building name and undertook to try and provide some details about the NAA consultation process with the Aboriginal community.

An extract from ABC Canberra Facebook reads:

The National Archives of Australia has partnered with local Indigenous elders to add its First Nations place name to the building. Signs outside the archive's recently re-opened East Block building in Parkes now carry the Ngunnawal–Ngambri translation, Murrulangalang (signposted as murrulangalang – no capital letter).

The NAA's Director General David Fricker says it is part of their plan to embody the culture of the land's traditional custodians. "We should have dual-language signage in Australia," he says. "It's about making sure we are the National Archives for all Australians."

Action: Jeff Brown will keep the Committee informed about consultation with UNEC about place names and opportunities for our members to attend UNEC meetings.

- (ii) Weston Park, Yarralumla – proposal to name internal road network (private roads for statutory naming purposes; not via an instrument under the *Public Place Names Act 1989*). The intention is to engage the public in the naming process.

The Committee confirmed general support for the draft Communications strategy and favoured the first option for one round of consultation.

Action:

- Members will give consideration to suggest ideas for themes; and
- The Place Names Unit will work with the Communications team to refine the strategy and keep the Committee updated.

(iii) Status of ongoing projects including:

- Robert Boden Grove – [REDACTED].
Action: Sharon Priestly to circulate revised draft to committee by email.
- Recruitment action; new Place Names database–
Jeff Brown provided advice about new recruitment action in the New Year for appointment to support the Place Names Unit – exact details of the role/hours still being considered. The new Place Names database will have provision to record/collect information about the origin of place names in the ACT. This information is not made public on the Place Names ACTmapi search tool.
- Taylor 3 stages 2A and 2B – eight road names expected pre-Christmas;
The meeting endorsed additional draft Taylor names put forward by the project officer Genevieve Palm:

[REDACTED]

Knitlock – to name a minor road; Knitlock building bricks; Walter Burley Griffin patented Knitlock construction eg the iconic ‘Pholiota’ cottage
http://www.griffinsociety.org/lives_and_works/a_melbourne.html#knitlock.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Action:

- Genevieve Palm will prepare the instrument paperwork for Haskell, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and
- The Place Names Unit will research [REDACTED].

(iv) Permanent Committee on Place Names (PCPN) – Wollongong October 2019 report

Action: Sharon Priestly to circulate a brief report to the committee by email.

Item 6: Next meeting date General consensus to aim for Tuesday 25 February 2020, 3-5pm.

Jeff Brown closed the meeting at 5:00pm and wished the members well for Christmas and the New Year.

Sharon Priestly
26 November 2019

ACT PLACE NAMES COMMITTEE MEETING – Tuesday 21 July 2020 (3pm–4pm)

Venue: Online – Microsoft Teams meeting

Committee: Mr Jeff Brown (Co-chair), [REDACTED] (Co-chair), [REDACTED],
[REDACTED]

Directorate: Mr Brett Phillips

Secretariat: ACT Place Names Unit – Mrs Sharon Priestly, Mrs Genevieve Palm,
Mr Anthony Mollett, Dr Cameron Muir

Apologies: [REDACTED]

AGENDA:

1. Introduction and meeting apologies
2. Minutes of previous meeting: 25 February 2020
 - (i) Reappoint the Committee from 1 October to 30 June 2021;
 - (ii) Implement Recommendations of the Review Report – status update;
 - (iii) William Slim Drive – timing to rename the road;
 - (iv) Assembly motion (Gupta) 19 February 2020 – to further recognise Walter Burley Griffin and Marion Mahony Griffin;
 - (v) Weston Park, five internal roads – status update;
 - (vi) Denman Prospect school – status update;
 - (vii) Hazel Hawke Av, Whitlam – construction in stage one complete.
3. Consultation about Ngunnawal language – [REDACTED]
4. Dual naming policy – discuss
5. Review of Place names website – status update
6. Discussion/media about removing public memorials/place names
7. Other Business including Aranda/Arerrnte
8. Set next meeting date

Item 1: Introduction and meeting apologies

Co-chair, Jeff Brown, opened the meeting at 3:00pm. [REDACTED], [REDACTED]. He thanked the committee members for their willingness to participate in the online meeting during this period of Covid-19 related restrictions.

Jeff introduced Dr Cameron Muir to the committee and explained that both Cameron and Tony Mollett will be working in the Place Names Unit on a [REDACTED].

Item 2 Minutes of previous meeting: 25 February 2020

Jeff Brown updated the committee on action items from the minutes of 25 February 2020:

- (i) Confirmation received of the Minister's decision to reappoint the committee from 1 October until 30 June 2021; Jeff thanked the members for their ongoing service;
- (ii) Implement Recommendations of the Review Report–
 - Jeff provided an update on the status of new/revised documentation;
 - Agreement not to reference 'community standards'; refer to 'community sensitivities';
 - The committee's advice was incorporated into the draft documents provided to the Minister for information and reviewed by Legal Services (EPSDD);
- (iii) William Slim Drive – timing to rename the road–
 - direction to rename the road to coincide with completion of the road duplication works;
 - the Chief Minister has also spoken publicly about renaming the road on the completion of the duplication works;
 - Jeff will consult with Roads ACT to manage the timing of the instrument and confirm the name so that new signage can be installed prior to the works handover;
 - the construction contract is scheduled to be let in late July; commence construction Spring 2020 over about 2 years;
- (iv) Assembly Motion (Gupta) 19 February 2020 – to further recognise Walter Burley Griffin and Marion Mahony Griffin and investigate further recognition of Griffin's gravesite in Lucknow–
 - David Headon confirmed his discussion with the Minister's office;
 - the Commissioner for International Engagement, Mr Brendan Smyth, is currently reviewing the sister-city guidelines;
 - the government may potentially explore connections between Canberra and Lucknow after the review is complete;
 - the committee was invited to review the amended record for Walter Burley Griffin, to include information about Lucknow, now displayed in the ACTmapi place names search [ACTmapi search Walter Burley Griffin](#) ;
- (v) Weston Park, five roads, three naming themes–
 - Tony Mollett provided a status update;
 - Three themes, *Wayfinding*, *Trees* and *Birds*, offering a selection of five draft road names according to each theme;
 - The United Ngunnawal Elders Council (UNEC) did not respond to potential opportunities to include Ngunnawal words;

- Six-week period of community consultation on YourSay from 17 August – 25 September <https://www.yoursay.act.gov.au/>
- Weston Park YourSay project will also include links to a new landing page for the Place Names website and feedback forms etc to implement changes recommended in the Review Report;

Action: The Place Names Unit will circulate the YourSay project link to the committee and keep the members updated.

(vi) Naming of the Denman Prospect school–

- Sharon Priestly provided a status update;
- Education has consulted the families of all five nominees;
- The public consultation to select the school name and uniform will be launched by Minister Berry at the school site on 30 July;
- The YourSay site will be available from Thursday 30 July to 9.00am Monday 24 August, for the community to indicate their preferences;
- Education will advise us of the outcome;

Action:

- Place Names will record the new school name in the Feature Names database;
- Place Names will look for opportunities to commemorate the remaining four nominees, possibly in Denman Prospect (activism and reform);
- Sharon Priestly will circulate advice from Education and the YourSay link.

(vii) Hazel Hawke Av, Whitlam – status

- construction in stage one is complete;
- the proposed media event did not go ahead, possibly due to Covid 19 restrictions and limited access to the construction site.

Item 3: Consultation about Ngunnawal language – Winanggaay Ngunnawal Language Group

Mary Mudford, Traditional Custodian Engagement (EPSDD) has provided advice about the formation of the Winanggaay Ngunnawal Language Group (meaning 'look, listen, learn'). The current membership includes [REDACTED] (AIATSIS), [REDACTED] (Director CIT Yurauna Centre), Mary Mudford and [REDACTED]).

The [REDACTED] is working to formulate a process to consider/respond to requests to use Ngunnawal language for naming purposes. The draft process is for the request to be made to the United Ngunnawal Elders Council (UNEC) or [REDACTED]; the request is considered by [REDACTED] and the response is given by UNEC; considering fees.

Mary Mudford is working to establish cultural protocols for the [REDACTED] (administered by EPSDD). The UNEC Co-chairs are members of the committee.

Action:

- [REDACTED] undertook to consult linguist Doug Marmion at AIATSIS;
- The Place Names Unit will keep the committee informed.

Item 4: Dual naming policy – status update (3:20pm)

Jeff Brown confirmed ACT supports the policy of dual naming. We will be working to progress dual naming through consultation within our directorate, the Ngunnawal community, the Place Names Committee and other stakeholders.

Our office has provided advice to Minister Stephens-Smith for a scheduled meeting with Ngunnawal Elders. We have not received any further information from the Minister or from UNEC. Jeff explained that dual naming relates to the naming of a geographic feature to restore a traditional name. It has been our view that a nature reserve is not a geographic feature for the purpose of dual naming (ie we made the administrative boundary to define the reserve).

Jeff advised the meeting that the Permanent Committee for Place Names (PCPN) will be considering/reviewing its Dual Naming policy in consultation with other Australian jurisdictions, taking into consideration policies of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN). Jeff further advised that the United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed the period 2022 – 2032 as the International Decade of Indigenous Languages (IDIL 2022-2032).

The PCPN dual names policy currently reads:

- A dual name is one name in two parts and each part is usually from a different language;
- The two parts are commonly joined by a solidus (forward slash- /) with a space either side; (in NSW a hyphen is used to join the two parts);
- Both parts of the name are the full name of the feature or place;
- Dual names recognise the culture and history of each part of the name; and
- The names have equal status and commemorate their associated stories.

An example of dual naming in NSW is *Mount Panorama –Wahluu*.

There was further discussion about consultation with stakeholders. It was acknowledged that dual naming in the ACT could be contentious.

- [redacted] asked whether broad language groups would be included;
- [redacted] confirmed that some local community members identify as both [redacted];
- [redacted] suggested consideration of [redacted] peoples;
- [redacted] advised that the current protocol is to consult UNEC while also opening the process for others to comment;
- [redacted] noted that not all features in the ACT will have a traditional name;
- [redacted] further noted that if protocols can be established and endorsed by UNEC it will be important not to argue over the actual words;
- [redacted] gave an example of the restoration of a traditional feature name to a mountain in Tasmania.

There was discussion about the origin of the name [redacted]. Jeff Brown noted the name is recorded on Thomas Mitchell's 1834 map with a reference to the original survey of the area by Hoddle in the 1820s. One view is that the mountain had been [redacted].

Allen Mawer undertook to check on a reference to [redacted] – possibly 1850s. (Update 29 July: [redacted] confirmed he was unable to find this reference in his research notes; likely his recollection relates to 1954 unpublished paper by historian W.P Bluett).

Action:

- The Place Names Unit will keep the committee informed about the preparation of dual naming protocols and processes.

Item 5: Review of Place Names website (3:35pm)

Tony Mollett briefed the meeting about changes to the Place Names website, mainly in response to the Review Report (tabled June 2019).

The site is scheduled to go live on 17 August to support the Weston Park roads consultation.

The changes will include a new landing page and introduce new opportunities for community feedback, such as changes to the online nomination form to enable nominations of personal names, names of things and places for naming and also opportunities for the public to suggest ideas for suburb themes.

Minister Gentleman's office is keen to progress the changes to make it easier for the community to have a say on place names.

There was discussion about placing a cultural warning on the Actmapi Place Names Search such as:

This Place Names search contains many references to deceased people, their words and names. We acknowledge that some material in the search relating to Indigenous people may be considered culturally sensitive.

█ and █ recommended a direct reference to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. █ and █ suggested the warning should also include other cultural groups.

Action:

- The Place Names Unit will continue to liaise with EPSDD Communications about the website upgrade and will keep the committee informed;
- Place Names will also consult with EPSDD Communications about developing secure Smart forms for the website; and
- The Place Names Unit will circulate a revised draft of the proposed cultural warning to the committee for further review.

Item 6: Discussion/media – removing public memorials/place names – eg [REDACTED]

The meeting recognised the ongoing public discussion about removing public memorials/place names honouring people who held views or took actions which could be considered offensive today. David Headon acknowledged potentially larger issues back to the first names agreed in 1928 for our National Capital; number of names could be judged to be contrary to current sensitivities. David referred to recent comments attributed to Archie Roach to do with enlightening people about history: such as, 'Archie Roach sees brighter future ahead', [The Canberra Times 11 July 2020](#) –

"In this country with statues being defaced, I don't agree with it ...but there should be some other monument put up alongside statues celebrating white settlement to see a parallel history as well. That while Captain Cook has here doing this, someone else or this tribe or this mob were here doing something else. It's all part of the history. We can't just have one history. As far as Black Lives Matter, I think we're talking about that all lives really matter, but in the past these lives didn't matter and it's part of the history that's been archived..."

[REDACTED] spoke of her project for UNESCO in [REDACTED]; very clear at the time that all places, statues etc reflecting the country's German colonial history should be maintained as part of the country's story.

Rhodes Place: [REDACTED] confirmed the NCA will draft a response this week to the proponent who has suggested renaming Rhodes Pl in Yarralumla (on National Land near the Embassy of South Africa); there is no appetite within NCA for a name change at this time; consider it would require a broader conversation with the [REDACTED]

Fairweather Circuit: Sharon Priestly explained a request to change the name of [REDACTED]. The Place Names Unit has written to the proponent requesting further information to explain their reasons.

Action: Rebecca Sorenson will keep the Place Names Unit informed about the Authority's response concerning the naming of [REDACTED]. (Update: On 23 July Rebecca provided a copy of NCA's letter advising that at this stage, the NCA does not propose to recommend to the Minister changing the name of [REDACTED]).

Item 7: Other Business (3:50pm)

(i) **Aranda/Arerrernte** - suggestion received March 2020 to consider an adjustment to change the spelling of the suburb name Aranda to Arerrernte, *"...I strongly suggest that this current spelling be considered by the committee subject to careful consultation with leaders from the Arerrernte communities"*.

Background: The Minister received a similar request in 2011 in relation to Waramanga/Warumungu. The Minister decided that changing the longstanding suburb name was not an option due to the impact it would have on residents and the costs involved to change addresses, land information systems and property titles; also conscious that it is critical to maintain the name to ensure there is no ambiguity concerning the suburb name which could create confusion for the delivery of emergency services.

There was discussion about the naming of the suburb of Aranda– In 1964 Senator John Gorton was the leader of the government in the Senate and a member of the Canberra National Memorials Committee (CNMC). Gorton put forward a suggestion to name Canberra suburbs to recognise the names of Aboriginal cultural groups, including 'Arunta' and 'Warramunga'. The suggestion was accepted by the CNMC and the names

'Aranda' and 'Waramanga' were agreed in 1967 following consultation on phonetics with the Institute for Aboriginal Studies.

further advised the meeting that Gorton was also Minister for the Navy in the Menzies government and that 'Arunta' and 'Warramunga' were names of ships.

Jeff Brown tabled input received from : "... practical considerations outweigh the sentiment. I support the response as proposed".

The meeting agreed to encourage the correct pronunciation of the cultural name 'Aranda' eg "UH-rrahn-da". Jeff Brown advised the committee that he envisages we will be able to provide sound bites/audio files in the future to help explain the pronunciation of place names, including words from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages and names from diverse cultural backgrounds. suggested including a link to another website which has the correct pronunciation.

Action:

- The Place Names Unit will amend the database/website entry to explain the origin of the suburb name 'Aranda'; refer to the Arrernte cultural group and encourage the pronunciation of the name as "UH-rrahn-da";
- Jeff Brown will respond to the proponent along the same lines as the Waramanga response in 2011;
- will consult the linguist at AIATSIS for advice.

(ii) Instruments presented to the Assembly during February - June 2020:

Jeff Brown drew the committee's attention to the list of ten instruments tabled this year and noted we are continuing to achieve good gender balance in our place names.

(iii) Jeff Brown provided a short overview of current projects in Taylor, Whitlam, Campbell and Canberra Central, including the proposed Dairy Flat Bridge.

Genevieve Palm updated the meeting about the commemoration of and . She confirmed ACT Emergency Services supports the use of two words

Item 8: Next meeting date

There was discussion about potentially holding a face-to-face meeting in late October subject to Covid 19 restrictions and social distancing requirements. Jeff Brown will investigate meeting options available in the new office building at 480 Northbourne Av.

Jeff will look into opportunities to combine a face-to-face with an online meeting.

There was general agreement to meet for 1 to 1 ½ hours in late October 2020, (ie Tuesday 20th or 27th October). It is noted the ACT School holidays run from 28th September until Friday 9th October 2020.

Jeff Brown closed the meeting at 4:10pm.

Sharon Priestly
ACT Place Names Unit
21 July 2020



MEETING MINUTES: ACT PLACE NAMES COMMITTEE MEETING – Tuesday 27 October 2020

Venue: 480 Northbourne Ave Dickson (Meeting Room 00.031) and online Webex meeting

Committee: Jeff Brown (Co-chair), [REDACTED] (Co-chair),
[REDACTED],
[REDACTED].

EPSDD: Mr Brett Phillips, Executive Group Manager, Planning Delivery

ACT Place Names: Mrs Sharon Priestly, Mrs Genevieve Palm, Mr Anthony Mollett,
Dr Cameron Muir

Guests: [REDACTED], Redbox Design Group (online)

Apologies: [REDACTED]

Not present: [REDACTED]

AGENDA:

1. Introduction and meeting apologies;
2. Minutes of previous meeting: 21 July 2020
3. **3:15pm – 3:30pm:** Coombs play space (park) – Redbox Design Group to brief the committee on themes and design elements; opportunity to incorporate the park's name into the design; construction scheduled to start March 2021 for completion November 2021;
4. Consultation about Ngunnawal language and place names;
5. Campbell – proposed YourSay consultation to name an established park;
6. Submission to name the boardwalk in Kingston Foreshore estate;
7. Other Business;
8. Next meeting date - early March 2021 (eg Tuesday 2nd or 16th March 2021).

Item 1: Introduction and meeting apologies

Co-chair, Jeff Brown opened the meeting at 3:05pm and welcomed the three committee members attending in person ([REDACTED]) and the members joining by video conference ([REDACTED]). Jeff established meeting protocols to enable all members the opportunity to contribute to the discussion.

Brett Phillips, Executive Group Manager, Planning Delivery Division, addressed the meeting to confirm the ACT Government is still in Caretaker mode. There will be a short meeting of the new Assembly on Tuesday 3 November to appoint the Chief Minister. Afterwards it is expected the new Administrative Arrangements will be announced, including the appointment of our Minister (for Planning and Land Management or similar portfolio name).

Post meeting: on 3 November the Chief Minister announced the reappointment of Minister Mick Gentleman as Minister for Planning and Land Management.

Item 2: Minutes of previous meeting: 21 July 2020

- (i) Implement Recommendations of the Review Report – Jeff Brown confirmed changes to the online ‘Proposal for Commemoration’ form to a more reliable Smartform available at [Access Canberra Proposal for Commemoration form](#). The automatically generated receipt email invites proponents to provide feedback or suggestions about place names via an improved [Land, Planning and Building enquiries form](#). The Place Names Unit will prepare a briefing package for the Minister, including the draft guidelines, Committee Terms of Reference, Renaming Policy and communications package, including YourSay projects. The intention is to make the approved Renaming Policy available on the website.
- (ii) Weston Park, five internal roads – Tony Mollett provided an update on the draft YourSay Place Names landing page and consultation to name the five internal roads in Weston Park. It was noted the proposal has received committee and directorate approval but was put on hold in late August during the Caretaker period. Tony confirmed he will revise the Trees theme in the draft YourSay information as recommended by Paul Scholtens, ie change *Chinaberry* to *White Cedar*; *Ribbon* to *Ribbon Gum* and *Sweet Gum* to *Liquidambar*. The YourSay package will be recommended to the Minister for approval. Copies of the draft YourSay pages were provided to the committee before the meeting–
Attachments 1 & 2.
- (iii) Denman Prospect school – Sharon Priestly confirmed the approval of ‘Evelyn Scott School’ and explained feedback provided to Education by the Elected Body and the United Ngunnawal Elders Council (UNEC). In future the Place Names Unit will make a clear recommendation to Education to consult with both groups about any intention to name a school to honour the contribution of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person.

Item 3: 3:15pm – 3:30pm: Construction of a new play space (park) on Edgeworth Parade, Coombs

Jeff Brown welcomed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of Redbox Design Group to the meeting (via Webex video conference). Construction of the park is scheduled to start in March 2021 for completion in November 2021. There is an opportunity to incorporate the park’s name into the design.

A 27-page presentation was uploaded to Webex and also copied to the Place Names Unit for future reference.

The comprehensive presentation on themes and design elements included:

- A landscape analysis including adjacent play spaces; the view and outlook from the site; perspective plan, concept plan and artistic render of the site;
- Key themes; a derived examination of the Eucalypts and Plane Trees and the idea of forest of trees and nests; including colour and texture; imagery and structures; 'falling leaves'; examination of bark, leaf shapes, colour and texture;
- Interpretation of the Canberra landscape and layering of landscape and materials, colour and texture;
- An appreciation that the west facing site requires introduced shade;
- Eucalypts and European trees form the design of the park – colours/leaves/patterns/ form of structures;
- Play elements – climbing up through forest; a lookout, 'Coombs nest' vantage point; Plane tree pods and opportunities for sliding and swinging play; planting; nature exploration; landscaping Plane tree pods
- Scattering of eucalyptus trees and other mixed plants suited to climate across the site;
- Tree inspired shade structures including leaf shape and colour gradation;
- Play elements include an elevated platform 'birds nest' and Plane tree inspired seed pods to create play experiences (similar to the Acorns play space at the National Arboretum);
- Public feedback has contributed to increased shade which is provided via structures and new tree planting;
- If required, the Suburban Land Agency will be able to provide technical plans including the final sketches.

After the presentation, Redbox responded to questions from the committee including:

- *Is the site within walking distance for children?* The study of the space has included a contextual map. The playground is across the road from housing and there are good connective paths.
- *What is there for adults?* Inclusive, all abilities play. Elements to cater for adults and encourage inter-generational play and interaction; BBQs, picnic facilities and drinking fountain. The space goes beyond to the water's edge and will include new seating and 'pause moment'.
- *Timing to provide the name.* There is an opportunity to embed the name in the park pavement; documentation to be submitted by the end of the year for TCCS Design Review but Redbox can include a placeholder in the design to allow a series of letters;
- *Adult swing?* Opportunities for adults, babies, children with disabilities including dual use seats and large nest swing;

suggestion to consider displaying Ngunnawal words of greeting was well received. Redbox confirmed it is looking to incorporate Indigenous and non-Indigenous culture into the location.

The presentation closed at 3:40pm. Jeff Brown thanked Redbox for the opportunity to contribute names/words during the construction period and confirmed the Committee will look forward to providing advice on names to become an integral part of the design.

recalled an early property named 'Strayleaf'.

Post meeting: Strayleaf Crescent, Gungahlin commemorates the property name. View at Actmapi Place names search <http://app.actmapi.act.gov.au/actmapi/index.html?viewer=pn> or <https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/di/2001-329/>

Action:

- Jeff Brown will write to UNEC to invite the Elders to consider offering a name for the park, provide links to the design information and also offer the suggestion to embed Ngunnawal greeting words within the design;
- The Place Names Unit will provide Committee members with a PDF of the Redbox presentation on request;
- Sharon Priestly to contact Redbox to find out at what stage we will need to provide an indication of the number of letters for the name placeholder;
- Sharon Priestly to ask Redbox for permission to provide all or part of the presentation to UNEC.

Item 4: Consultation about Ngunnawal language and place names

- (i) Jeff Brown provided a summary of his meeting with the [REDACTED] attended online with Sharon Priestly on 1 October 2020. He confirmed the Committee membership includes the co-chairs of the United Ngunnawal Elders Council (UNEC) and the co-chair of the [REDACTED] (NWLG). The [REDACTED] confirmed its support for the recognition of the Ngunnawal language/names through place names. Ms Roslyn Brown suggested UNEC could consult the local Aboriginal community about renaming [REDACTED] to recognise a Ngunnawal name. The meeting also raised details of a feature name considered offensive [REDACTED]. Jeff has undertaken to investigate the status of the name, located in the south of the ACT on the border with NSW. It is listed in the ACT gazetteer and shown on the 2003 series 1:25000 map. There is a similar feature name (creek) in adjoining NSW.

Following the meeting on 1 October it was agreed:

- Jeff will write to UNEC about naming opportunities;
- UNEC will consult NWLG about ideas so that language group can check spelling against sketch words;
- On Country site visits will form an important part of the UNEC consideration to offer a name;
- UNEC favours central locations rather than being 'pushed out into the suburbs';

Jeff advised the Place names Committee that there has been no formal approach made by UNEC to rename [REDACTED].

Action:

- Progress collaborative consultation with UNEC about place naming opportunities;
- Investigate the status of the feature name on the ACT/NSW border and consult the NSW Geographical Names Board;
- Keep the Dhawura Ngunnawal Committee informed.

- (ii) **Gambay – First Languages Map:** [First Languages Australia](#) (FLA)

Jeff Brown provided the meeting with an overview about the Gambay Map, mapping languages of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. First Languages Australia (FLA) and the ABC 'This Place' walking together project team provided a presentation to the recent Place Names Australasia Working Group (formerly PCPN). The Gambay Map site is now live at <https://gambay.com.au/placenames>. The official launch is expected around NAIDOC week, from 8-15 November 2020. FLA is intending to consult state and territory naming jurisdictions for input into the Gambay map.

[REDACTED] noted it would be interesting to view the Gambay map in comparison to the Tindale map record and acknowledged NAIDOC Week is being held at a later date this year.

Post meeting:

- (i) NAIDOC Week events – [redacted] provided details about NAIDOC Week events for the committee’s information:
 - AIATSIS is hosting their art market online this year and during NAIDOC Week – more information is at <https://aiatsis.gov.au/iam>;
 - Belconnen Art Centre is having events online and in person – see here <https://www.belcoarts.com.au/naidoc/>
- (ii) The map showing the distribution of the Aboriginal tribes of Australia by Norman B. Tindale is at <https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-230054338/view>

Item 5: Campbell – Proposal to name an established park in Campbell (Tony Mollett)

Purpose: To update the Committee about the proposal to name a large park in [redacted]. The nomenclature theme in Campbell is Defence personnel.

A copy of the draft Campbell Park YourSay web page at **Attachment 3** was provided to the committee.

The Committee was briefed in August 2019 about a suggestion from the Campbell Community Association to name the park behind the Campbell shops (Block 17 Section 49 Campbell) to recognise [redacted]. Tony Mollett reminded the meeting that the unnamed park is labelled as Katoomba Park in Google maps and in the Canberra Nature Map. It is likely the name is a reference to HMAS Katoomba, a Bathurst-class corvette mine sweeper which was constructed and served during WWII. Names can be added to Google maps by anyone; not an authoritative source. Formally naming the park will improve wayfinding in the area, respond to the naming request from the Campbell Community Association and assist Emergency Services response.

First naming strategy: Jeff Brown wrote to UNEC on 13 October 2020 asking if the Elders would consider offering a name for the park (central location) and inviting the Elders to meet on site.

Alternate naming strategy: If UNEC does not respond by the end of the year, the intention is to proceed with YourSay community consultation to help choose a name from three options related to the suburb theme:

1. [redacted];
2. [redacted];
3. [redacted]

Tony restated that the options of non-personal names avoids the sensitivities of personal names contending with [redacted]. Formally naming the park will improve wayfinding in the area, respond to the naming request from the Campbell Community Association and help Emergency Services locate callers.

There was discussion about the name [redacted] sounding similar to [redacted] and possible meanings of the word in other cultures. [redacted] put forward a meaning for [redacted]

Action: In the first instance, the Place Names Unit will keep the committee informed about any feedback from UNEC.

Item 6: Submission to name the boardwalk in Kingston Foreshore estate (Tony Mollett)

Purpose: to seek the Committee's advice about a proposal to name the boardwalk in Kingston Foreshore estate, Kingston to commemorate [REDACTED].

An aerial photo of the Kingston Foreshore boardwalk (highlighted in blue) was provided to the committee - **Attachment 4**.

Jeff Brown outlined the details of the submission received to name the Kingston Foreshore boardwalk to commemorate local architect and [REDACTED]. The naming submission was copied to Ministers Gentleman and Steele and included letters of support from the ACT Government Architect; the past Interim Executive Officer of the Kingston Foreshore Development Authority and an Architecture Honorary Professor from the University of New South Wales.

[REDACTED]

Tony clarified that it is the wooden boardwalk which is the subject of the naming proposal and not the paved terrace above. The boardwalk was designed by James Hayter (of landscape architecture and urban design practice, Oxigen). Tony has written to Mr Hayter seeking his views on the naming proposal. There was discussion that if the proposal proceeds it will be important to make it clear that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Sharon Priestly questioned whether we would be setting a precedent if the place names signage displays details of the designer's name; not details we would usually arrange for a place name for parks and roads etc. Jeff Brown gave the example of Butters Bridge in Molonglo Valley – signage provides engineering design details etc.

There was general support at the meeting to progress consideration of the naming proposal.

Action: The Place Names Unit will –

- follow up the designer of the boardwalk for his opinion;
- investigate the status of the paved terrace above the boardwalk; and
- keep the Committee informed.

Item 7: Other Business

- (i) **Mary Grant Bruce (1878-1958 - [REDACTED])**. Jill asked whether it is possible to look for place naming opportunities in locations where a three-worded place name is acceptable for addressing purposes for example, a park or water feature.

[REDACTED] referred the Committee to the informative website established by the grandson of Mary Grant Bruce <http://www.marygrantbruce.com.au/>

raised the question of teaming the name 'Bruce' with a distinctive road type to create a unique address. There was discussion about the writer/feminist being well known by her full name; the main reason given for the revocation of Minnie Bruce Street in 2007.

Action: The Place Names Unit will:

- investigate opportunities for a park in Denman Prospect and/or future pocket parks in the Molonglo River Park reserve;
- keep the Committee informed; and
- correspond directly with the grandson of Mary Grant Bruce.

(ii) **Unnamed park – Section 62 Kingston** (Kingston Foreshore estate)

Purpose: To seek direction from the committee about the proposal to name the park.

Noting the Committee may wish to:

- nominate its preferred name from the shortlist of four names;
- recommend a community poll on the four possible names via YourSay consultation using a similar platform to the Weston Park roads consultation; or
- direct that further consideration should be given to possible alternative names.

Tony Mollett provided an explanation of the proposal to formally name the established park at the end of Trevillian Quay. He confirmed the suburb theme is *Explorers, local pioneers and Australian flora*. Each name in the draft shortlist was provided to us by family members from as early as 2012. The nominated candidates are:



provided further information in support of – close association with Kingston;

The meeting discussion supported undertaking community engagement and suggested including names of water plants in the shortlist to recognise the floral aspect of the suburb theme.

Action:

- Place Names will consult the land custodian, TCCS, to confirm the extent of the site to be formally named that is, all or part of Block 18 Section 62 Kingston;
- Place Names will prepare community engagement similar to the draft Weston Park YourSay project; and
- will provide suggestions of names of water plants for consideration.

(iii) **Status of ongoing projects:**

Cameron Muir advised the Committee of the response from . While

was very gracious in his response, he is not comfortable with the proposal and instead suggested we take the opportunity to honour the names of local Ngunnawal people. The response from [REDACTED] further demonstrates the importance of prior consultation with families/cultural groups about place naming opportunities. There was discussion in the meeting about commemorating National names in the ACT and whether we should notify our Queensland place names contact about the response from [REDACTED].

Cameron Muir also updated the Committee about research for Macnamara 1 (Science and Technology). He has identified a number of women in the sciences but so far, fewer names of women in technology. Cameron is also progressing research for Dr Max Day AO, CSIRO Entomologist and Mr John (Jack) Cusack, CSIRO Northern Territory, nominated by [REDACTED].

Sharon Priestly confirmed the approval of the name Paddys Park in Strathnairn (notified on 22 October 2020) and undertook to keep the Committee informed about any invitations to the low-key launch event with Ministers scheduled for 19 November or the community event on 21 November.

Item 8: Set next meeting date: Tuesday 2nd or 16th March 2021

There was no objection to Jeff Brown's suggestion to schedule the next committee meeting for Tuesday 2nd or 16th March 2021, noting that Canberra Day is Monday 8th March.

Jeff noted it is likely to be the final meeting of the current committee (2017-2021) with the next committee term scheduled to commence on 1 July 2021.

Meeting close: The meeting closed at 4:35pm with Jeff Brown thanking the members for their contribution during the year and acknowledging that there were some audio and video issues during the Redbox Design Group presentation.

Sharon Priestly
ACT Place Names Unit
27 October 2020

From: [Priestly, Sharon](#)
To: [Placenames](#)
Subject: ACT Place Names Committee - request to review draft statement to Minister and review draft meeting minutes [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Tuesday, 20 November 2018 11:25:54 AM
Attachments: [20181113 - ACT Place Names Committee - 13 November 2018 - DRAFT MINUTES.DOC](#)
[20181119 - ACT Place Names Committee statement to Minister Gentleman - 1.....docx](#)

Dear Committee

I have attached a copy of the **draft minutes** from our meeting of Tuesday 13 November. I would appreciate your review and any feedback so that we can forward the agreed version to Minister Gentleman early next week.

ITEM 4: Media – “Push for review of ‘hurtful’ place names” – Motion agreed to provide a statement from Co-chair, [REDACTED], to reflect the committee’s position

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As agreed, I have attached a copy of the draft statement, prepared by [REDACTED], to convey the committee’s position to Minister Gentleman about the prospective motion notified by Bec Cody MLA.

At this stage there is still no indication as to whether the motion will be debated in the Assembly on Wednesday 28 November. Our office is intending to progress the committee’s statement to the Minister’s office tomorrow afternoon, Wednesday 21 November, so that the committee’s position can be provided to Minister Gentleman before next week’s sitting period, the last scheduled sitting days for 2018.

We would appreciate your feedback on the draft statement to placenames@act.gov.au by tomorrow morning, Wednesday 21 November, so we can progress this matter on behalf of the committee. *Apologies for the very tight timeframe.*

Kind regards
Sharon

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ACT Place Names Committee statement—in response to motion by Bec Cody MLA


DRAFT

The ACT Place Names Committee, at a meeting of 13 November 2018, unanimously passed a motion to provide the Minister with a response to the ‘motion for possible debate’ moved in the ACT Legislative Assembly by Bec Cody MLA on 30 October 2018. Ms Cody’s motion (with its three ‘noted’ preliminary points) ‘calls on the ACT Place Names Committee to review existing place names in the ACT to ensure they meet the community standards, and provide advice on necessary revisions’.

To clarify the issues involved:

1. If an individual in the community regards the behaviour of persons recognised in the ACT’s signage as ‘criminal, reprehensible and/or abhorrent’, and feels that such behaviour is causing ‘ongoing hurt’, a mechanism already exists for that individual to provide a case to the Committee to review the cited behaviour and consider a name change. Such a case should be historically rigorous and provide careful detail of the nature of the ‘hurt’. The Place Names Committee will always be sensitive to the considered views of the community—and act appropriately on those views when it is deemed necessary.
2. Ms Cody’s motion is on very slippery ground indeed when it invokes ‘community standards’ as the basis for exclusion or inclusion. Australia’s leading social scientists and cultural historians all agree that there is not, nor will there ever be, one single version of ‘community standards’. The ‘community standards’ of those in rural Australia, for example, are likely to be different to those Australians living in urban Australia. ‘Standards’ differ (sometimes sharply) according to a person’s race, gender, ethnicity, age, profession, place of residence, and for many other reasons. They also differ from generation to generation and, increasingly, even within the span of a generation. For the first 50 years after Federation, every Australian Prime Minister actively supported the ‘White Australia’ policy, a policy today regarded as ‘abhorrent’. Should we consider changing the names of those suburbs named after them? Of course not.
3. Increasingly, individuals named in the street nomenclature of the ACT, and those included in the prestigious *Australian Dictionary of Biography* (ADB), have been subjected to new and more detailed research. The actions and activities of some have subsequently been judged to be ‘criminal’, ‘reprehensible’ and ‘abhorrent’. Yet the ACT Place Names Committee believes, like the editors of the ADB, that such new research has the capacity to generate constructive debate--the deeds of the past need airing as community standards continue to revolve. We need to be reminded of their results and implications, both positive and negative.

4. The implications of Ms Cody's motion are entirely impractical. A 'review' of the kind envisaged would take many months, or years, to conduct. It could not be carried out by the Place Names Committee members, who voluntarily give of their time. It would require significant government funding to be carried out—and that is if those involved could somehow agree on a uniform set of 'community standards'.
5. A change of place name also has significant practical implications which can impact on the safety of the community. Such a change can result in ongoing addressing confusion for some time. There can be a delay of several months, sometimes years, for the renaming to be updated in electronic navigation systems/mapping and in paper maps, street directories and signage.
6. If Ms Cody's motion is debated in the ACT Legislative Assembly, the subsequent community debate (certain to be emotional on both sides of the argument) and its nationwide publicity would place the ACT Government in a precarious 'lose/lose' situation. It should be added that the stream of media publicity in the ACT since the possible motion was reported indicates that most residents feel the idea is deeply flawed.
7. The purposes and principles which have guided the decisions of the ACT Place Names Committee have worked well for some 20 years. They need to be re-stated:
 - To provide expert advice to the Minister on all proposals for geographic and division (suburb) names and the themes to be adopted for naming roads and other public places on Territory land;
 - To assess the suitability of eminent Australians and Australiana, or things characteristic of Australia, for commemoration in ACT nomenclature;
 - To consider the provisions of the *Public Place Names Act 1989* and relevant addressing guidelines and standards;
 - To provide guidance to the ACT Place Names Unit concerning any sensitivities which may have been overlooked in the work of the unit;
 - To take into consideration, the desirability for the totality of public place names in the ACT to be reflective of diverse cultural situations; and
 - To consider and advise on place name issues that arise from time to time.


Co-chair

ACT Place Names Committee

19 November 2018

From: [Priestly, Sharon](#) on behalf of [Placenames](#)
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Brown, Jeffrey](#); [Palm, Genevieve](#); [Placenames](#)
Subject: ACT Place Names Committee - meeting 6 August 2019 - meeting papers enclosed
Date: Friday, 26 July 2019 2:37:00 PM
Attachments: [20190726- ACT Place Names Committee - Agenda and meeting papers 6 August....docx](#)
[Attachment E - Summary of Review Options and Recommendations.docx](#)

Dear Place Names Committee

I have enclosed the meeting papers for our meeting on Tuesday 6 August. I provided Attachments A-D to you with draft agenda on 15 July. I've now also enclosed Attachment E [Summary of Review Options and Recommendations](#)

Please contact me if you have any questions about the meeting. *We will provide copies of the papers at the meeting to save your resources.*

Information about the [ACT Place Names Committee and Guidelines Review](#) and the full Review Report is also available on the ACT Place Names website:

https://www.planning.act.gov.au/tools_resources/place_names/act-place-names-committee-and-guidelines-review

We are looking forward to our meeting on Tuesday 6 August, commencing at 3pm.

Kind regards

Sharon

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Sent: Monday, 15 July 2019 4:46 PM

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Cc: Brown, Jeffrey <Jeffrey.Brown@act.gov.au>; Palm, Genevieve <Genevieve.Palm@act.gov.au>; Placenames <Placenames@act.gov.au>

Subject: ACT Place Names Committee - meeting 6 August 2019 - draft agenda enclosed

Dear Committee

We are looking forward to our committee meeting on Tuesday 6 August commencing at 3pm. I have enclosed a copy of the draft agenda and attachments A-D for your information.

Louise Crossman (Planning Adviser, Minister Gentleman's Office) and James Bennett will attend to speak about the outcome of the Review.

We will circulate the full meeting papers to the committee in the next couple of weeks.

Please let me know if you have any particular dietary requirements for afternoon tea.

Kind regards

Sharon

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ACT PLACE NAMES COMMITTEE MEETING – Tuesday 6 August 2019 (3pm–5pm)

Venue: Exec Boardroom Level 3 South Building, DPMH 16 Challis St Dickson

Committee: [REDACTED] (Co-chair), [REDACTED] (Co-chair), [REDACTED],
[REDACTED].

EPSDD: Mr James Bennett

Minister Gentleman’s Office: Ms Louise Crossman, Planning Adviser

Secretariat: Mrs Sharon Priestly, Mrs Genevieve Palm

Apologies: [REDACTED]

AGENDA:

1. **Introduction and meeting apologies**
2. **Review ACT Place Names Committee and Guidelines**
Update on the outcome of the review – James Bennett and Louise Crossman (30 mins)
 - Summary of the recommendations and draft implementation plan (Attachment A).
 - Detailed summary of the Options and Recommendations (Attachment E).
3. **Minutes of previous meeting** - 19 March 2019 (Attachment B).
4. **Commemoration of Indigenous people and language**
 - (i) Meeting with United Ngunnawal Elders Council (27 June 2019);
 - (ii) Permanent Committee on Place Names (PCPN) – workshop Alice Springs.
 - (iii) Naming public parks.
5. **Other Business**
 - (i) Parks
 - (ii) Appointment of Committee for 2020-2023;
 - (iii) Commemoration of former Prime Minister Bob Hawke;
 - (iv) Media
 - (v) Molonglo Valley District – update about major infrastructure;
 - (vi) Status of ongoing projects.
6. **At 4pm: Decision to rename William Slim Drive**
7. **Set next meeting date:** Tuesday 12th or 19th November?

ITEM 2: Review ACT Place Names Committee and Guidelines

Response to Assembly Resolution, 28 November 2018 – Review Report tabled 6 June 2019.

The Review has specifically identified opportunities to:

- increase community participation in and visibility of, the process for naming public places;
- ensure the Committee's operations continue to reflect best practice governance;
- ensure the Committee remains diverse in its membership and representative of the community;
- ensure the supporting guidelines, policies and processes remain up to date and best practice.

The Government has agreed to all recommendations in the review to be implemented within the next 12 months.

The recommendations include:

- (i) Processes to ensure place names meet community standards;
- (ii) Introduce a set of principles for considering renaming proposals;
- (i) Improve avenues for community input into the place naming process;
- (ii) Develop a transparent online feedback and complaints process;
- (iii) Review the Committee Terms of Reference;
- (iv) Decision to rename William Slim Drive – refer Item 6.

A Summary of the Options and Recommendations is at Attachment E.

ACTION:

1. Implement the review recommendations;
2. Consider the Draft Implementation Plan through Stages 1-3 (Attachment A);
3. Investigate the process to rename William Slim Drive and new naming options;
4. Respond to the Minister's letter concerning William Slim Drive (Attachment D).

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Agree to implement the recommendations in stages as suggested in Attachment A;
2. Agree to commence with the **recommendations listed as Stage 1**. That is:
 - (i) Update the place names website and communications strategy for place-naming proposals and decisions so that the community is more aware and has the opportunity to become more engaged with the place-naming process;
 - (ii) Develop a feedback/complaints process and publish it on the place names website;
 - detail how a member of the community can provide feedback/complaints;
 - provide an online portal for feedback/complaints;
 - provide information on how the Committee will assess the feedback and advise the Minister or delegate;
 - (iii) Update the renaming policy to provide further criteria to assist the community in providing relevant information for the Committee's consideration, and provide the criteria against which the Committee will assess community proposals;
 - (iv) Improve the place names website to develop an online portal for providing feedback to the Committee on naming proposals, renaming proposals and other feedback.
3. Provide advice to the Minister on the process and new naming options for William Slim Drive.
See Item 6: Decision to rename William Slim Drive.

ITEM 3: Minutes of previous meeting 19 March 2019 (Attachment B).

The committee's letter in response to the Assembly resolution, and the specific actions listed in 2(a) to 2(d) of the resolution, was provided to the Executive Director, Planning Delivery on 28 March 2019. A copy of the letter was tabled with the Final Review Report.

ITEM 4: Commemoration of Indigenous people and language

- (i) Meeting with United Ngunnawal Elders Council (27 June 2019) – Jeff Brown & Genevieve Palm;
 - Commemoration of words from other Indigenous languages;
 - renaming local features;
- (ii) Permanent Committee on Place Names (PCPN) – workshop Alice Springs.
 - empower Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Peoples concerning opportunities to recognise words from Indigenous languages through place names;
 - do not impose our ideas onto the particular cultural group about how to recognise words from their language or apply timeframes to obtain permission;
 - be mindful of opportunities to commemorate the contribution of an Indigenous person in locations where they had an association or connection;
 - a proposal to name places provides an opportunity to ask representatives of the local Aboriginal community if they are willing for their language to be recognised and if so, how they would like the process to be carried out;
- (iii) Naming public parks – Minister Gentleman supports the commemoration of Indigenous people/words:
 - The *Public Place Names Act 1989* provides that before making a determination to commemorate Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander vocabulary the Minister must take reasonable steps to consult an appropriate cultural group;
 - Subject to consultation, it may be appropriate to consider words from the Ngunnawal language describing local flora; or words describing 'to play' eg Woggabaliri v. play (Ngunnawal);
 - There could be sensitivities associated with engaging the public about naming if the relevant cultural group has already provided permission to commemorate the word. In these instances it may be appropriate to inform the community of the naming intention.

Action: The Committee to provide guidance to the Place Names Unit about naming local parks (in established neighbourhoods and within new suburbs); the commemoration of local Aboriginal words as park names and community engagement.

ITEM 5: Other Business (if time allows)

- (i) Parks:- O'Connor, Campbell, Coombs and Whitlam
 - O'Connor park – consider Ngunnawal language; consult UNEC
Action: Respond to Minister Gentleman's request for advice (Attachment C);
 - Campbell Blk 17 Sec 49 (White Cr) - resident's submission to name [REDACTED]
Action: Consider process to engage the community; eg [REDACTED], [REDACTED];
 - Coombs – **discuss** possible commemoration of [REDACTED];
 - Whitlam – **discuss** option for [REDACTED];
- (ii) Appointment of Committee for 2020-2023; expect EOI in June/July 2020;
- (iii) Commemoration of former Prime Minister Bob Hawke – Hawker exists;

(iv) Media – William Slim; Haig Park; Whitlam launch; UNEC (RiotACT 11/7/2019);

(v) Molonglo Valley – update about major infrastructure



(vi) Status of ongoing projects including Strathnairn 2, Taylor 3 and Whitlam 1.

ITEM 6: At 4pm – Decision to rename William Slim Drive

Minister Gentleman wrote to the Committee on 6 June 2019 (Attachment D). The Minister has requested the Committee to consider whether it is appropriate to adopt the name of an existing adjoining road (ie extend the name Gundaroo Drive), or whether there are any names of **prominent women** or **indigenous words** which could be considered.

The Minister has asked the Committee to consult the community and provide the outcome when providing him with naming options.

NOTE:

- In June 2014 the former Committee recommended that if a decision is made to rename the road it should not be named after a person; there could connotations replacing the name of a person whose legacy has been contested with another personal name.
- [REDACTED] suggested the word ‘Wahlenbergia’ (Royal Bluebell – floral emblem of the ACT) – noting that ‘Bluebell’ is already commemorated in Bluebell St O’Connor.
- In 2016 the ACT Government announced its intention to upgrade William Slim Drive to a dual carriageway between Ginninderra Drive and the Barton Highway. The draft design was released in February 2019.
- One renaming option is to extend the name Gundaroo Drive, Gungahlin across the Barton Highway roundabout through to Ginninderra Drive, Belconnen.
- On 26 July 2019 the Chief Minister commented on Chief Minister’s Talkback (ABC Radio Canberra) that the duplication/dual carriageway will be major connection between Gungahlin and Belconnen; appropriate to rename the road with an Aboriginal word and announce the name at the opening ceremony to launch the completion of the duplication work.
- [REDACTED]
- Consider the commemoration of the name of an Indigenous woman.

Action: Provide advice to Minister Gentleman on process/new naming options for William Slim Drive.

ITEM 7: Set next meeting date: Tuesday 12th or 19th November?

Close meeting at 5pm.

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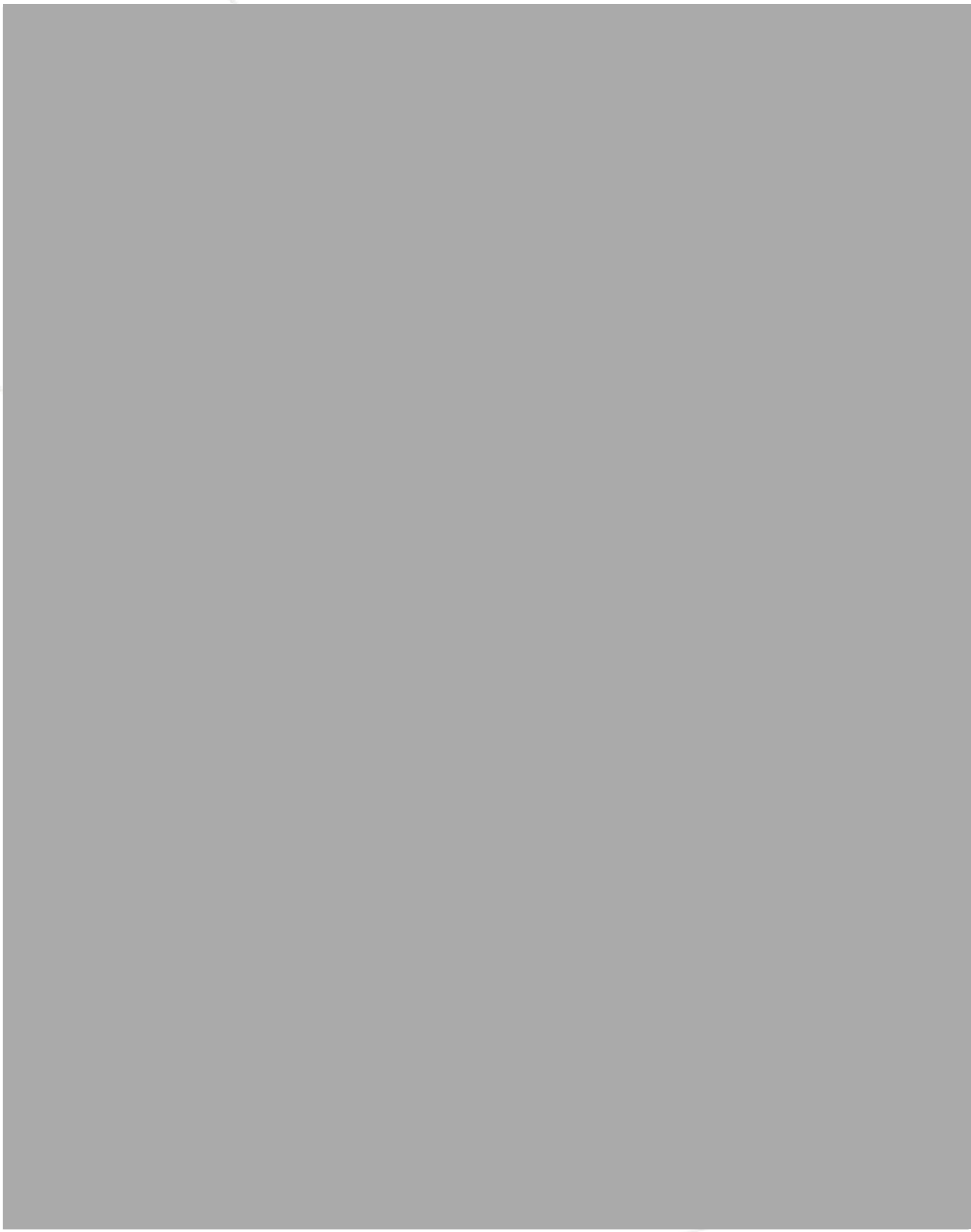
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AGENDA

1. Introduction and meeting apologies.
2. Review ACT Place Names Committee and Guidelines .
3. Minutes of previous meeting (19 March 2019).
4. Commemoration of Indigenous people and language.
5. Other Business.
6. At 4pm: Decision to rename William Slim Drive.
7. Next meeting—Tuesday 12th or 26th November?



Item 2: Review ACT Place Names Committee and Guidelines

ACTION:

- Implement the review recommendations;
- Consider the Draft Implementation Plan through Stages 1-3 (Attachment A);
- Investigate the process to rename William Slim Drive and new naming options;
- Respond to the Minister's letter concerning William Slim Drive (Attachment D).

Item 3: Minutes of previous meeting

- The committee's letter in response to the Assembly resolution was provided to the Executive Director, Planning Delivery on 28 March 2019.
- A copy of the letter was tabled in the Assembly with the Final Review Report.

Item 4: Commemoration of Indigenous people and language

- Meeting United Ngunnawal Elders Council (27 June 2019) – Jeff Brown & Genevieve Palm;
 - Words from other Indigenous languages;
 - renaming significant local features;
 - Haig Park
- Alice Springs workshop
- Public parks to commemorate Indigenous people/words

Action:

Committee to provide guidance to Place Names Unit about the commemoration of local Aboriginal words as park names and community engagement.

Item 5: Other Business

- Parks:- O'Connor, Campbell, Coombs and Whitlam
 - O'Connor- not Tolldale;
 - [REDACTED]
 - Coombs – [REDACTED]
- Whitlam central park – [REDACTED]
- Appointment of Committee for 2020-2023; expect EOI in June/July 2020;
- Former PM Bob Hawke – Hawker exists; Bob Hawke College WA
- Hazel Hawke AO; community service; reconciliation; children's TV; preservation of heritage; environmental and wildlife preservation groups.
 - [REDACTED]
- **Action:** [REDACTED]
- Status of ongoing projects - Strathnairn 2, Taylor 3 and Whitlam 1.

ITEM 6: At 4pm – Decision to rename William Slim Drive

- extend the name Gundaroo Drive?
- Names of prominent women?
- Indigenous words?
- word '**Wahlenbergia**' (Royal Bluebell – floral emblem of the ACT)?
- consult the community and provide the outcome when providing the Minister him with naming options.
- Note in 2014 the committee recommended if a decision is made to rename the road it should not be named after a person.

Item 7: Next meeting

- Tuesday 12th or 26th November?
 - consider Assembly sitting timetable to provide an opportunity for the Minister to attend
 - Assembly sits on Tuesday 26 November.

From: [Priestly, Sharon](#)
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Subject: ACT Place Names Committee - draft meeting minutes for review [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Tuesday, 3 December 2019 2:12:00 PM
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[PCPN Member Report 2019 - ACT Place Names.docx](#)
[20191203 - PCPN Report - Wollongong October 2019.docx](#)

Dear Committee

I have enclosed the draft minutes from our meeting on Tuesday 26 November 2019 for your review. Please let me know if there are any discrepancies in the meeting record and/or in Attachments B and C.

Jeff will provide a copy of the agreed minutes to Minister Gentleman in due course.

Please note your calendars that the first meeting in 2020 is scheduled for Tuesday 25 February, 3-5pm.

Also - thank you for your feedback/advice on the revised draft instrument citation for [REDACTED]. We will progress the instrument for approval and at the same time work with our Communications team on the community engagement plan to name the internal road network within Weston Park. We will keep you updated and also welcome your ideas for naming themes for the community consultation process.

As discussed, I have also enclosed two reports relating to our participation on the Permanent Committee on Place Names (PCPN) – *I hope this helps to explain the functions of the committee.*

Kind regards

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Permanent Committee on Place Names (PCPN) – meeting report October 2019

Genevieve and Sharon attended the annual meeting of the Permanent Committee on Place Names hosted this year by the Australian Hydrographic Office in Wollongong in early October 2019. A teleconference is proposed for March/April 2020. Geographic Names Victoria has offered to host the 2020 meeting in Melbourne.

The committee is a standing committee of the Intergovernmental Committee of Survey and Mapping and comprised members from each of the State and Territory naming authorities in Australia, the New Zealand Geographical Names Board and other agencies with a place naming responsibility or interest.

The Committee membership includes: Geoscience Australia; Australian Antarctic Division; Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority; Australian Hydrographic Office; ACT Place Names; the National Capital Authority; Land Information New Zealand; Northern Territory – Dept. of Lands; Queensland – Dept. of Natural Resources and Mines; New South Wales Land and Property Information; Victoria – Dept. of Environment, Land, Water & Planning; Tasmania – Dept. of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment; South Australia – Dept. for Transport, Energy & Infrastructure; Western Australia – Landgate; Australian National Placenames Survey; Australian Geospatial Intelligence Organisation; Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Standards Australia

The PCPN Chair has provided the Intergovernmental Committee on Surveying and Mapping (ICSM) with an overview of place naming functions and complexities to build support and an appreciation of the work undertaken by PCPN. ICSM has appointed Jeff Brown as the ICSM sponsor on PCPN. Jeff will be the go-between for the two groups.

The meeting discussion included:

- Review of the terms of reference;
- Review of the PCPN Strategic Objectives;
- Review of the Principles for the Consistent Use of Place Names; and
- Review of the Place Names Reservation List

Terms of Reference - ICSM has requested a change to the structure; we discussed the revised draft – ongoing.

Review of the Principles for Consistent Place Names – Issues discussed included: Recognition method for more than one Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language name for a specific feature; discussed definition of the concept of dual naming, alternative naming, composite naming and co-naming.

Discussions around collecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander names within official registers; Northern Territory is looking into sound files and recording pronunciations; the review will assist ACT to draft its Dual Naming policy in consultation with the Place Names Committee (2020).

The meeting discussed the term ‘dual naming’ eg Uluru/Ayers Rock.

The principle of “dual naming” a geographic feature aligns with the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN) principles that:

- the geographic names of indigenous groups are a significant part of the naming traditions of many countries;
- it is an important part of national identity that indigenous people have their geographic names recognised.

ACT sought advice about a proposal by the United Ngunnawal Elders Council to suggest a word to rename [REDACTED] – the suggested name does not appear to be a traditional, historic name but appears to be a new name reflecting an inclusive community. General agreement that dual naming a feature can include a ‘new’ name put forward by Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander peoples – not necessarily the original traditional name for a feature; historically not a written language and traditional place names can be impossible to discover.

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographic Names (UNGEGN) resolutions – reminder to jurisdictions to access UNGEGN resolutions (online) for learning opportunities and to consider contributing articles to regular UNGEGN newsletters. Consideration of how PCPN can engage and foster relationships with UNGEGN Pacific South West Division.

Genevieve provided a detailed presentation on place naming and cultural heritage and shared ideas about research methodologies; highlighted that the presentation is an Australian European perspective of Indigenous cultural heritage; discussed sources of Indigenous Cultural Heritage information.

There was discussion about First Languages Australia – the use of sound files, discussions around Aboriginal language which needs to be community driven, language revival is ongoing.

National Indigenous Language Strategy of Australia, recommendation that International Year of Indigenous Languages (IYIL) is extended to a decade.

ACT reported that the Spatial Data Management System (SDMS) is being redeveloped to implement the new Australian GDA2020 datum and improve the data to better support planning and service delivery; data displayed in ACTmapi will be in Map Grid of Australia 2020 (Zone 55), and web services will change to reflect the new data model.

Place Names Reservation List The confidential PCPN Place Names Reservation List is a central list of names earmarked for use as an address locality to assist jurisdictions to avoid the duplication of a locality/suburb name or the use of similar sounding names. Upon confirmation that a particular name is proposed, all PCPN jurisdictions are advised and asked to comment to eliminate duplication or similar sounding names before the process progresses. Proposed names that do not have any conflict are then added to the reservation list until such time as the proposal has either been completed or lapsed. Once complete, the name becomes official and if the proposal lapses, the name is subsequently removed from the reservation list. The list is reviewed at each PCPN meeting to ensure currency.

[REDACTED],
[REDACTED].

Composite Gazetteer of Australia – the new portal for the Composite Gazetteer of Australia is live <https://placenames.fsdf.org.au/>

The gazetteer describes place names given to natural and artificial geospatial features, including administrative areas, political regions, mountain ranges, rivers, bays etc. Place Names are assigned and managed by multiple jurisdictions around Australia and may have varying status: official, historical etc.

The jurisdictional upload process to the portal was discussed; general discussion around the future of the Composite Gazetteer ie. if feature extents can be provided, lines and polygons. Discussion about including road names in the gazetteer; not all jurisdictions collect road names; Lauren Carter from Geoscience Australia (GA) will report back on this.

Discussion on publication requirements (place names portal, linked data vocabulary). PCPN to continue discussions with Permanent Committee on Addressing (PCA) and Geoscience Australia to implement. PCPN members to consider what tools they might want on the Composite Gazetteer of Australia, i.e. measure distance tool. GA to provide an update on feature coverage; GA to publish survey within 4-6 months, review results at next PCPN teleconference.

PCPN confluence page for reports - requirements into the future and portal - changes and updates.

New feature type catalogue - a review of the feature classification is ongoing; a new standard has been developed, moving from the former 4-character code to a three-field classification system in order to: provide a standard for the national gazetteer, being a composite of the jurisdictional data; provide a better data analysis / extraction capability for uses of the gazetteer data.

The Chair provided an overview of a new process to capture proposed changes to the Feature catalogue; PCPN members to adopt latest version of Feature catalogue.

PCPN members agreed to retire the Committee for Geographic Names Australasia (CGNA) glossary of generic terms and remove from ICSM website.

Maritime Gazetteer – ACT undertaking to report back about who has responsibility for the Jervis Bay Territory.

NZGB Gazetteer – New Zealand provided an overview of the new NZGB gazetteer which utilises Leaflet software and a google esque (elastic) search functionality,

Discussion about community requests to rename a public place eg Stirling Highway in WA, named to commemorate [REDACTED] – call to rename towards reconciliation with local [REDACTED] and William Slim Drive, ACT.

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[Attachment B - Public Place Names \(Naming of Public Places\) Guidelines 2021 NI2021-72.PDF](#)
[Attachment C - ACT Place Names Renaming Policy.pdf](#)
[Attachment D - Public Place Names \(Belconnen District\) Determination 2021.PDF](#)
[Attachment E - Jacka 2 Stage 1 EDP - showing major road or avenue in orange for naming opportunity.bmp](#)
[Attachment F - ACTmapi image of Kingston Foreshore showing location of two potential park naming sites.png](#)
[Attachment G - \[REDACTED\]_submission - summary of four personal names.docx](#)

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Dear Committee

I have enclosed the agenda and papers, for our meeting on **Tuesday 2 March commencing at 3pm**. A reminder that you are welcome to attend the meeting in person at 480 Northbourne Av, Dickson or join in online via Webex.

Thank you [REDACTED] for providing your apologies – we will make sure we keep you informed about the meeting discussion.

We will email additional information to you before the meeting about Item 5 (vi) Taylor place name nominations– [REDACTED].

Kind regards

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When it's time, join your Webex meeting here.

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ACT Place Names Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

Introduction:

The ACT Place Names Advisory Committee (hereafter the Committee) is a non-statutory committee appointed by the responsible Minister.

This document sets out the roles and responsibilities of the Committee.

It provides guidance on the Committee's purpose, membership, roles, responsibilities, operations, tenure and obligations.

Role of the ACT Place Names Advisory Committee

The Committee has been established to:

1. Advise the responsible Minister (or Minister's delegate) on all proposals for division (suburb) and public place names on Territory land in the ACT.
2. Advise the responsible Minister (or Minister's delegate) on the development of policies and processes relating to the naming of divisions and public places.
3. Advise the responsible Minister (or Minister's delegate) on nomenclature themes to be adopted for naming roads and other public places on Territory land in the ACT.
4. Advise the ACT Place Names Unit on proposed commemorations or matters brought before members at Committee meetings or by email.
5. Consider and advise on place name issues that arise from time to time.
6. Review proposed names for new roads and other public places and provide guidance to the Place Names Unit as required.
7. Advise the responsible Minister (or Minister's delegate) on contentious place naming issues.

Responsibilities of the ACT Place Names Advisory Committee

8. To assess the suitability of eminent Australians and Australians, or things characteristic of Australia, for commemoration in ACT nomenclature.
9. When selecting or endorsing draft division or public place names, the Committee must consider the provisions of the *Public Place Names Act 1989* and relevant addressing policies, guidelines and standards.
10. To be cognisant of current community sensitivities including advising the Minister or delegate on contentious place naming issues.

Membership and expertise

11. Membership is appointed by the Minister, for a three-year period, following a public expression of interest process and may consist of:
 - the Surveyor-General of the ACT;
 - a representative with an understanding of local heritage;
 - representatives with a background in, or knowledge of, Australian history (local and/or national);
 - a representative from the local media;
 - a representative with a multicultural background;
 - an Indigenous representative;
 - a person with a background in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultures;
 - a young adult person;
 - a representative of the National Capital Authority.

Membership of the Committee is on a voluntary basis. There is no minimum or maximum membership and two or more people can be appointed to fulfil each category.

Members of the Committee are appointed in accordance with the Governance Principles, Appointments, Boards and Committees in the ACT.

Chair

12. The Minister may appoint:
 - a co-chairperson with relevant experience nominated at the first meeting of the new Committee and
 - a co-chairperson being the Surveyor-General of the ACT.

Operation of the Committee

13. The Committee will meet when convened by the co-chair, but at least twice a year.
14. As well as Committee members, Committee meetings may be attended by invited members of the public or organisations as observers.
15. Committee secretariat support shall be provided by the Environment Planning and Sustainable Development Place Names Unit.
16. The secretariat shall take minutes of Committee meetings to be presented, with an information brief, to the Minister (or Minister's delegate) to consider Committee recommendations.
17. The conditions required for a meeting shall be the attendance of
 - At least one co-chair and
 - 50% of the membership of the Committee.

18. Members will be expected to regularly attend meetings and provide advice on place names matters via electronic means on a regular and timely basis.
19. The degree to which each member is contributing to the output of the Committee may be monitored by the co-chair.
20. Members may be called upon occasionally to speak publicly on behalf of the Committee. Depending upon the subject this will be the most appropriate member as deemed by the Committee co-chair.
21. Where the Committee is unable to reach clear agreement on a division name, or public place name, the co-chair will either:
 - Defer the issue to the following meeting if time allows;
 - Suggest the issue be further researched and a decision made out of session;
 - Refer to the responsible Minister (or Minister's delegate) with recommendations highlighting dissenting views; or
 - Reject the name.

Review and Assessment of the Committee performance

22. The Committee's compliance with relevant policies and legislation is evaluated by the Minister when advice and recommendations are reviewed.
23. The Committee shall report on its activities through the Annual Report of the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate.
24. Committee minutes are reviewed by the Minister.

Remuneration

25. The members are entitled to a participation payment from the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate.
26. The participation payment policy and claim forms are available from the Committee Secretariat.
27. Payments will be coordinated by the Secretariat.
28. The participation payment is in recognition of the work undertaken by members of the Committee to fulfil its role.

Public Place Names (Naming of public places) Guidelines 2021

Notifiable instrument NI2021-72

made under the

Public Place Names Act 1989, section 4A (Guidelines about naming of public places)

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Public Place Names (Naming of public places) Guidelines 2021*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after its notification day.

3 Australian Standards

Australian Standards are available for purchase at www.standards.org.au and are available for inspection by members of the public by contacting the Office of the Surveyor-General and Land Information.

4 Guidelines about naming of public places

I make the guidelines for the purposes of section 4A of the *Public Place Names Act 1989* as set out in the Schedule.

5 Revocation

This instrument revokes the *Public Place Names (Naming of public places) Guidelines 2014 (No 1)* NI2014-643.

Mick Gentleman MLA
Minister for Planning and Land Management
11 February 2021

Schedule

Public Place Names (Naming of public places) Guidelines 2021

Naming of public places - generally

1. In naming a public place, the following should be considered as relevant:
 - (a) *Districts (Allocation of Street Addresses) Guidelines 2020* in NI2020-679 available at <https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/ni/2020-679/>;
 - (b) Terms of Reference for the appointment of the ACT Place Names Committee (and its successors) at https://www.planning.act.gov.au/tools_resources/place_names/place_names_committee
 - (c) Rural and Urban Addressing Standard AS/NZS 4819:2011 as in force from time to time;
 - (d) United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Article 13 - United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN).

Note Article 13 of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples provides:

1. Indigenous peoples have the right to revitalize, use, develop and transmit to future generations their histories, languages, oral traditions, philosophies, writing systems and literatures, and to designate and retain their own names for communities, places and persons;
2. States shall take effective measures to ensure this right is protected and also to ensure that indigenous peoples can understand and be understood in political, legal and administrative proceedings, where necessary through the provision of interpretation or by other appropriate means.

- (e) the nomenclature theme assigned to a division (suburb) by the Minister or the Minister's delegate at https://www.planning.act.gov.au/tools_resources/place_names/place_search;
- (f) the desirability for the totality of public place names in the ACT to be reflective of diverse cultural situations and cognisant of community sensitivities;
- (g) any advice of the ACT Place Names Committee (and its successors) to the Minister on proposals for geographic and division names and nomenclature themes to be adopted for naming roads and other public places on Territory land;
- (h) in relation to urban open spaces, the names of people who had a long association with the place, local Aboriginal vocabulary and the names of things characteristic of the location; and
- (i) any other matters the Minister considers appropriate.

In this section, "urban open space" includes neighbourhood parks.

2. In naming a public place, the following terms or names should be avoided:
 - (a) discriminatory or derogatory names. Such names are those names perceived, at the time of consideration, to be offensive, demeaning or harmful to the reputation of individuals, or to social, ethnic, religious or other groups;
 - (b) names contrived to circumvent other parts of these guidelines; and
 - (c) terms which could be construed as advertising a commercial or industrial enterprise.

Naming of public places – addressing

3. If the public place is a road, the requirements of the *Districts (Allocation of Street Addresses) Guidelines 2020* in NI2020-679 available at <https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/ni/2020-679/> should be complied with;
4. Where a road name is inconsistent with the *Districts (Allocation of Street Addresses) Guidelines 2020* the Minister may determine a road name recommended by the ACT Place Names Committee (and its successors) and/or the ACT Place Names Unit after consultation with:
 - (a) the ACT Emergency Services Agency;
 - (b) ACT Policing; or
 - (c) Australia Post.

Naming of public places – names of persons

5. Only the names of deceased persons should be determined.
6. At least 12 months should elapse after the death of a person before that person's name can be determined.
7. Names should consider community sensitivities.
8. Reasonable steps should be taken to consult the person's relatives, associates, an appropriate cultural group, or a relevant professional organisation, before naming a public place after a person.
9. Before determining a personal name, consideration should be given to the prominence of the person in their particular field.
10. A person's name should not be determined for a major thoroughfare or arterial road unless the person has attained prominence or standing in their particular field.
11. The use of two names may be considered to afford commemoration of a significant person's name while striving to accord with simple addressing requirements.

Community Proposals and Consultation

12. In naming public places, the Minister or the Minister's delegate should give consideration to:
 - (a) community input on potential nomenclature themes and the nomination of names for commemoration;
 - (b) feedback in response to community consultation.

Naming of a geographical feature

13. Where no previous official name exists for a geographical feature, preference should be given to a name that:
 - (a) is the local Aboriginal name that was originally applied to identify the geographical feature, provided the wishes of the relevant Aboriginal community are respected regarding the use of the name; or
 - (b) is in keeping with the character and tradition of the location; or
 - (c) has historical or local significance; or
 - (d) is suggestive of the peculiarity of the geographical feature.

14. Where a geographical feature has an existing introduced name, consideration shall be given to restoring traditional Aboriginal language to the feature by giving it dual names which recognise the traditional Aboriginal place name alongside the long-standing introduced name.

Note:

1. The ACT Place Names Committee (and its successors) will advise the Minister on all proposals for geographic and division names and the themes to be adopted for naming roads and other public places on Territory land.
2. The ACT Place Names Committee (and its successors) will provide guidance to the ACT Place Names Unit of the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate to ensure that community sensitivities have been considered in the work of the unit.
3. The power of the Minister to determine names for public places and divisions applies to Territory Land only and not to National Land, refer to section 3 of the *Public Place Names Act 1989*. “National Land” is land declared to be “National Land” under section 27 of the *Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act 1988* (Cwlth) (PALM Act). “Territory Land” is land in the Australian Capital Territory that is not “National Land”, refer to section 28 of the PALM Act.
4. The ACT Place Names Unit will consult with the Commonwealth on the naming of public places in areas of Territory Land specified as Designated Areas. The National Capital Plan can specify areas of land in the Territory to be “Designated Areas” under section 10 of the PALM Act.