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## Response to DLO Request

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**Subject: Naming public places and renaming Civic Square, City**

**Response:**

### Legislation

The *Public Place Names Act 1989* (the Act) sets out the process and criteria for the naming of divisions (suburbs) and public places on unleased Territory land. Section 3 gives the Minister the power to determine the name of a division or public place. The determination of the Minister is a disallowable instrument which is notified in the ACT Legislation Register.

Section 46 of the *Legislation Act 2001* specifies that power given under an Act to make an instrument includes the power to amend or repeal the instrument.

The factors that the Minister must have regard to in determining a name are set out in sections 2, 3 and 4 of the Act. Section 3 (3) (a) requires the Minister to consider the *Public Place Names (Naming of Public Places) Guidelines 2014 (No 1) (guidelines)*. The guidelines are made under section 4A of the Act and are notified at

<https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/ni/2014-643/>

The guidelines are being revised in accordance with the recommendations of the Review of the ACT Place Names Committee and Guidelines, to provide for improved opportunities for community engagement and to make it clear that the ACT Place Names Committee will give regard to community sensitivities when considering new names.

The ACT Place Names Committee (the Committee) is a non-statutory committee appointed by the Minister for Planning and Land Management to provide advice about the naming of public places and to assess the suitability of eminent Australians and Australiana, or things characteristic of Australia, for commemoration.

The ACT Place Names Unit, within the Office of the Surveyor General and Land Information, administers the place names process and undertakes research for new names in consultation with the Committee.



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### Naming of Civic Square, Division of City

The National Capital Development Commission commissioned the design and construction of Civic Square in the late 1950s–early 1960s. The name was determined as a public place name in 1961 under the provisions of the Commonwealth *National Memorials Ordinance 1928*. The determination notice to indicate the location of Civic Square was published in Commonwealth Gazette No. 74 on 21 September 1961. The origin of the name was determined in Commonwealth Gazette No. 9 on 4 June 1982 as a ‘Pedestrian Plaza within the Division of City’.

The name ‘Civic Centre’ was displayed on Walter Burley Griffin’s original plan for the nation’s capital. In 1927 it was proposed to retain Griffin’s title for the main commercial division in Canberra. The Canberra National Memorials Committee later facilitated the division name ‘City’.

The ACT Heritage registration notice published on the ACT Legislation Register on 18 September 2020 explains the functions of the Civic Square Precinct fit with Walter Burley Griffin’s plan to situate the local administration in that area with the Civic Offices (now the North and South Buildings) housing the local administration branch of the Department of the Interior as well as the public library and being the location for the city square.

### Renaming of a public place name

The process to consider the renaming of a public place is administered by the Office of the Surveyor-General and Land Information. It provides for consideration to be given to the reason for the renaming proposal and includes consultation with the Committee, the ACT Emergency Services Agency (ESA), Australia Post, associated landholders and other relevant stakeholders. The National Capital Authority is consulted about any naming, or renaming proposals, on land which is Designated land in the National Capital Plan.

The National Capital Authority manages the naming of divisions and public places on National land in the ACT under the provisions of the *National Memorial Ordinance 1928*.

Civic Square is located on Designated land.

Any proposal to rename Civic Square will take into consideration names which are consistent with the established nomenclature theme for City, ‘Aboriginal words, pioneers and capital cities’. In particular, the United Ngunnawal Elders Council has expressed a wish for Ngunnawal names to be commemorated within the City centre.



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If the decision is made to rename Civic Square a disallowable instrument will be prepared to revoke the determination published in Commonwealth Gazette No. 9 on 4 June 1982 and to determine the new name under the provisions of the *Public Place Names Act 1989*.

Subject to the Minister's approval, the instrument will be notified on the ACT Legislation Register and presented to the ACT Legislative Assembly within six sitting days of the notification date. The disallowable instrument will be tabled in the Assembly for six sitting days.

Approved changes to names of public place names are recorded within the ACT Feature Names database and Actmapi, the ACT Government's interactive mapping service. Advice about the change of name is provided to local property owners and businesses and to agencies including ACT ESA, Australia Post and ACT Policing. It is recognised that a change of place name can take some time to be reflected in mapping and electronic navigational devices.

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Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA  
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Dear Ms Lee

Thank you for your letter dated 19 November 2020 requesting details of any proposals to formally recognise the legacy of Dame Pattie Menzies GBE. I note that you have also written to the Hon. Zed Seselja, Senator for the Australian Capital Territory.

I appreciate you raising the matter of the commemoration of Dame Pattie's name, given the site of the privately owned Dame Pattie Menzies House in Dickson is expected to be redeveloped. I recall that Dame Pattie Menzies House was officially opened on 3 March 1997 by Mrs Heather Henderson in the presence of Mr Gary Humphries, then Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Environment, Land and Planning.

As you are aware, until earlier this year the building was occupied by the ACT Public Service. I believe naming the building in honour of Dame Pattie contributed to the narrative recognising the significant public service provided by Dame Pattie Menzies and the intention of Sir Robert Menzies to 'build up Canberra as a capital in the eyes and minds of the Australian people' and his commitment which led to the establishment of the National Capital Development Commission.

I agree that Dame Pattie Menzies GBE is very worthy of formal commemoration through the public place names process, not only to recognise her long period of notable public service, but also her significant community service.

Dame Pattie's appointment in 1954 as Dame Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire (Civil) recognised '...her years of incessant and unselfish performance of public duty in hospital work, in visiting, addressing and encouraging many thousands of women in every State of Australia, including very remote areas, and in the distinguished representation of Australia on a number of occasions overseas'.

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I have always enjoyed the account of Pattie Menzies and her daughter, Mrs Heather Henderson, lobbying Prime Minister Menzies for improvements to footpaths in Canberra. I was also interested to learn the Prime Minister's Lodge was substantially refurbished in 1941 and 1949 under Dame Pattie's supervision.

While it is unclear whether the owners will retain the current name, the Government has asked the ACT Place Names Committee to investigate further opportunities to commemorate Dame Pattie's legacy. The Place Names Committee membership includes a representative of the National Capital Authority, which as you are aware, manages the naming of public places on National land. The R G Menzies Walk at Lake Burley Griffin was developed by the National Capital Authority on behalf of the Australian Government.

In addition to naming a public place, you may also wish to consider nominating Dame Pattie Menzies for a plaque on the ACT Honour Walk. The Honour Walk recognises individuals (or groups) from across all categories of endeavour that have made significant and sustained past contributions to the ACT. Nominations can be made at: <https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/communication/act-honour-walk>.

[Redacted signature area]

Yours sincerely

Andrew Barr MLA  
Chief Minister



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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your letter dated 29 May 2018 to the Standing Committee on Environment and Transport and City Services about recognising traditional Aboriginal place names in the ACT. I was pleased to receive a copy of your letter as Co-chair of the ACT Place Names Committee.

Your suggestion to formalise traditional Indigenous place names in the ACT is consistent with the internationally recognised principle of “dual naming” which provides:

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

Uluru / Ayers Road is an example of dual naming in Australia. At this stage there are no geographical features in the ACT which have been formally named under the dual names principles but we are working to consult with the local Ngunnawal community about potentially co-naming some features using traditional words, including nature reserves.

The ACT Place Names Committee, which includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives, is also very proactive about naming new public places, including roads and parks, to commemorate words from local Indigenous languages. Our legislation, the *Public Place Names Act 1989*, was amended in 2017 to formalise our consultation process to obtain prior permission from the relevant community.

Earlier this year Wagi Bridge in the Gungahlin District was named to commemorate a word from the traditional Ngunnawal language. The word ‘Wagi’ has a meaning in the English language of ‘dance’. I have enclosed a copy of the Wagi Bridge signage for your information.

The nomenclature theme for place names in Pialligo is Aboriginal words and in 2017, Dharaban Road was named to commemorate the Ngunnawal word ‘Dharaban’ which has the meaning of ‘Yam Daisy’ (*Microseris lanceolata*) in the English language.

A further example of how the local Indigenous language has been recognised through place names is the naming of two access roads serving the University of Canberra Public Hospital in Bruce.

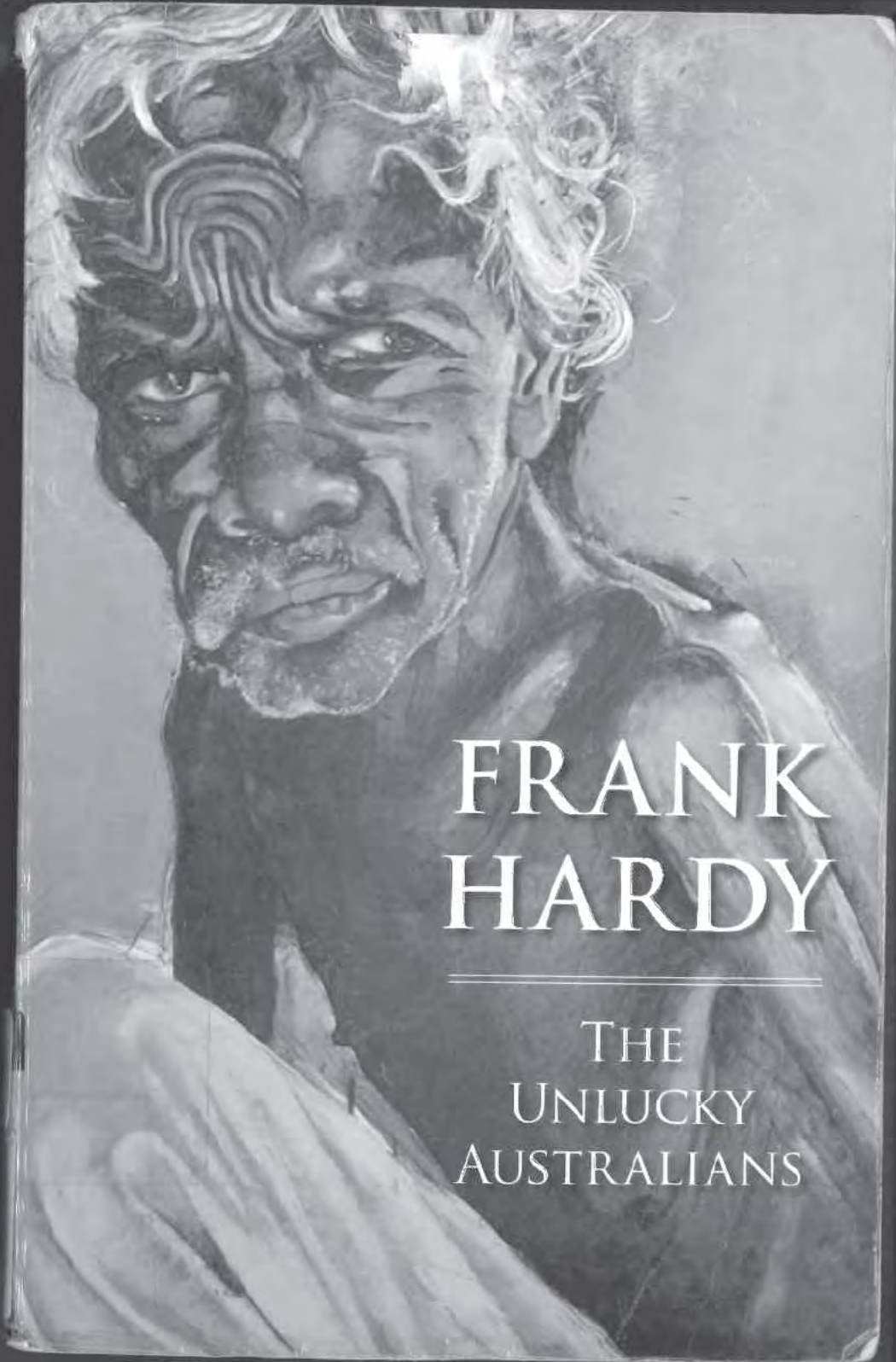
The names Guraguma Street, having a meaning in the English language of 'wind, west' and Thirriwirri Street, meaning 'ironbark', support the nurture and nature architectural theme applied within the hospital buildings.

Thank you again for your letter supporting the use of traditional Indigenous place names in the ACT. Please contact ACT Place Names at [placenames@act.gov.au](mailto:placenames@act.gov.au) if you require further information about the work of the ACT Place Names Committee and/or the principle of dual naming geographic features.

Yours sincerely



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the Hotel Darwin enjoying the

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as before. It often rains, making  
emerges, it is heavy and humid,  
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RETURN TO WARD 7—DARWIN  
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story of his rise and fall and rise  
Beginning on Melville Island,  
plash, and ending at Wave Hill.

#### GIVE THE ABORIGINES THEIR HEADS

He reacted with enthusiasm and that flair for the storyteller's art which is so marked amongst the Aborigines.

The aboriginal TB ward is only a tin shed but clean and well-equipped. On the wall above almost every bed paintings were hung, both aboriginal and Western in style. Above Bobby's there was a seascape in pale blue, grey and yellow, delicately impressive. 'Been doing a bit of painting. Didn't know I could do it, but Sister wanted to get the others going on it. Now we have a real exhibition.' I noticed the Christmas card I had sent him still on the bedside table, and Brian's laughing-sided boots under it. One of the nurses said: 'I wish he would always listen to the advice on your card and look after himself.'

A young Aborigine sat on a bed playing the didgeridoo superbly. An old man was painting with incredible swiftness—an Aborigine devil-devil design—and giggling at the Sister as he sketched in the penises. I arranged to visit Bobby again and left wondering if there were art exhibitions in the ward occupied by the superior whites.

In the hospital grounds I met Davis Daniels dressed in the white coat of a male nurse. Old Davis was his friendly self but his usual casual air was soon replaced with concern about the Rights Council. 'Too many fights, Frank, no good that. Every meeting. I don't like to go there sometimes.' This was not gossip, this was a genuine concern; of all the NT Aborigines, Davis is the most intensely loyal to the Rights Council. 'What's the trouble?' I asked. 'Well, Dexter worried. Him and George don't get along too well,' Davis replied in the understatement of the year. 'Dexter reckons the Aborigines should control the truck and read all the letters that come. You better have a talk to Dexter, Frank, and some of them other people.'

(AS TOLD BY Robert Tudawali)

My name is Robert Tudawali. In Darwin they call me Bobby Wilson. Tudawali is my real tribal name. I am a member of the Tiwi tribe. I was brought up in Melville Island. When I was young I lived there, and hunted and fought and sang like all my people. No clothes. No worries. The country I ran in was my own—every rock and tree meant something to me. Then I came into Darwin to live with the Wilson family: that's why my name is Wilson. Years ago, Charles Chauvel came to Darwin and gave me the part of Marbuk in the film *Jedda*. I acted in that film and in the *Whiplash* series on television. When you're down South acting, everything is pretty good, people are friendly. But when you come back to Darwin it's different. You're just another black fella. Only low wage jobs. You can have a drink down South but not in Darwin. You can in Darwin now, but in those days you couldn't unless you were a citizen.

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I was made a citizen and all my friends and relations were wards of the State, had their names in the Stud Book—so if I drank with them it was a criminal offence. First time I got arrested was for that.

In Darwin, plenty of white people wanted to drink with me after *Jedda* and some policemen didn't like this, I reckon. One day a policeman said to me: 'You're under arrest.' I said: 'Come again?' He said: 'You're under arrest for supplying alcohol to a ward of the State.' Anyway, if I drank with Aborigines who were wards of the State I got arrested. I've been arrested a lot of times since then a'course—for drink.

After *Whiplash* there was no Australian films made—anyway, I didn't get any parts in the South again. I drank too much and my wife went away.

They sent me back to Melville Island, sent away just like any other black fella. But I was no good in the bush any more. Later on, they let me come back to Darwin but I was no good there either. Used to leave jobs, go walkabout—couldn't get a job with decent wages, anyway. Got on the grog and was put in jail. I got myself fit again and took up boxing in the tents. I had a lot of fights against all-comers and made a bit of money, but that game is no good so I gave it up. I felt sick and went to the doctor. He gave me a check-up and said I had TB, so I was in hospital for a long time.

When I was better I lived in Bagot Reserve. I got a few quid there. My job was painter. I drink a lot of plonk. I got into Fannie Bay plenty of times, but it didn't worry me.

One day, I was drinking in Vic Hotel in Darwin and I met Frank Hardy there. I knew about him in the South. He writes books. We had a drink and a bit of a yarn. He told me about a meeting of Aborigines at Rapid Creek to start the Council for Aboriginal Rights. So I thought about this, and I said to myself: 'Maybe he's right. I could do something to help my people,' but I told him: 'I can't even help myself.'

Anyway, I went to Rapid Creek that Sunday and someone called out my name for vice-president and I was elected. I felt very good to do my bit for the Rights Council. I didn't really know much about it. Dexter Daniels talked to me next day and he told me he was going to start more strikes. And he did start one at Wave Hill.

The Rights Council asked me to go to Wave Hill to take rations down. I went there with Dexter and Brian Manning. They were pleased to see us at Wave Hill. We told them we had supplies and more would come from Elliott later on. We told them they would get help from the South and about the wages they were fighting for—that it wouldn't be long.

I didn't have no grog on the trip except a bottle of plonk going

down. I felt a bit dry but I reckon I got that grog beat. I still have a drink mind you, but I got it beat.

When I came back to Darwin a Welfare Officer in Bagot said: 'Are you on strike, Bobby?' and I said: 'No, not exactly. I'm helping my people. A bit too busy to work in Bagot for a while.'

I went back to Wave Hill again with Dexter, Stan Davey and George Gibbs. And on the way we went to VRD but we couldn't see the stockmen. They were away in the stock camp. When we drove past Mount Sanford we saw some aboriginal stockmen and we talked to them about wages, and they said they had no pay for several months. Dexter said: 'You better go on strike, too,' and they said: 'All right.'

At Wave Hill, second time, I sat down and spoke to the Aborigines, those youngsters especially. Dexter took one group and I took another, according to skin color, and we explained: Equal pay on all cattle stations. They told us their fathers worked at Wave Hill, died out, and the youngsters took their jobs. They didn't seem to care about money, except a few quid walkabout time. We had to explain. What do you work for? You should get money, proper wages. If you have childrens you got to support them. And buy them school books and buy your own clothes and build a house. Better to be independent that way than have Welfare on your back. Not only men, I told them, but wife can earn good money and help keep children.

They told us that every night the white ringers and jackeroos from Wave Hill station came in Land Rovers. Only one woman went with them and she didn't even bother to take her little baby. But when those ringers knew we were there they didn't come near the place.

Frank Hardy came down there in an aeroplane and me and Dexter went with him to Wave Hill station to get back some property that was there. When I saw those humpies I couldn't believe it. My people used to live like that, I thought, back when I was a child. And said to myself: This shouldn't be happening now. Those houses should be pulled down.

Well, Frank said I could do a good job South for my people. He spoke to Hal Alexander of Actors Equity and Hal wrote me a letter. I was used to cameras and microphones and could memorise words to say. Would come in handy. I didn't feel too good so I went to the hospital for a check-up and they said I had TB again. It turned out I was too ill to go. I was sorry to miss out on that. I could have done a good job speaking at meetings. I wanted to explain the main thing: 'My people need to be independent. It's a bit hard. They are not used to handling money but they got to start some time. Every native should handle his own money. It is better for them to look after their own children and old people, not Welfare.' I want

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to tell them that down South. Maybe I get a chance to go down later on. I feel a hundred per cent again now.

And while I'm down South I might get a chance to go back to acting again. I'd like to go back with films now that I feel fit again. If any company asks me to do a film I'll be glad to do a part. I hear there are some Australian films being made again now.

Anyway, I feel kind of happy because I did a little bit of a job for my people, when a lot of people reckoned I couldn't do it.

I ASKED BRIAN what he thought of the situation. He gave his usual calm analysis but the anti-Dexter feeling had taken hold of him. Maybe Clancy and Matthew might be better at leading the Council than the Daniels brothers, and Captain Major would be the best man to handle things down the track after the Wet. I agreed that Captain could replace Dexter touring the stations now that Dexter was back with Paddy—if Captain wanted to—but under no circumstances would I support any move to replace the Daniels brothers. Clancy and Matthew were good blokes but Dexter was recognised as the main leader here and in the South, and Davis was steadfast and sincere.

Brian and I argued sharply. He stressed Dexter's real and imagined negative qualities and I stressed his positive qualities. 'Jesus, Brian,' I said. 'He's only twenty-three and a black man in white Australia. You expect too much. Anyway, he's the key to the whole situation—president of the Council and organiser for the Union. The unity of the Aborigines is the main thing.'

Next day, someone said they had seen Captain Major in Darwin, so I went to Bagot again. I was certain Luggna would speak frankly: we had become firm friends while he was in Sydney. After a long wait, I saw his tall, rangy figure in the distance. He did not have his glasses on. They are reading glasses and he can't read; his distance sight is very poor. He came close before his poor old eyes focused me.

'Hello, Frank,' he said. 'I knew you would come back.'

We shook hands warmly and I said: 'How are you, Luggna?'

'Pretty good now, Frank. Me engaged to be married,' he said, proud and coy.

'Yeh? To Amy, eh?'

'Yeh, marry Amy soon now.'

'Congratulations, Luggna. What will Vincent Lingiari say about that?'

'Oh, he all right now. We had good yarn 'tween oursel' Christmas time at Wave Hill.'

We drove into Darwin. I asked him how the Council was going.

## Hill, Libby

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**From:** Priestly, Sharon on behalf of Placenames  
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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: ACT Place Names Committee - The Unlucky Australians - extract [REDACTED]  
[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

[REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 4 October 2018 – my apologies for the delay in responding to you.

Thank you for consulting *The Unlucky Australians* to assist the committee to research the naming of Tudawalli Place in Chapman. We appreciate your advice.

Jeff will update the committee at the next meeting on 13 November about how we can proceed to correct the discrepancy and suitably commemorate [REDACTED] name in Chapman.

Kind regards  
Sharon

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**Thank you Sharon.**

I haven't been able to contact [REDACTED], but have consulted *The Unlucky Australians* (Frank Hardy) who uses Tudawali throughout the book (many times). On page 154:  
'My name is Robert Tudawali. In Darwin they call me Bobby Wilson. Tudawali is my real tribal name. ...'

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**From:** [Priestly, Sharon](#) on behalf of [Placenames](#)  
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**Subject:** ACT Place Names - request to rename Guilfoyle Street Yarralumla [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]  
**Date:** Monday, 3 December 2018 12:13:00 PM

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for submission to ACT Place Names proposing the renaming of Guilfoyle Street in Yarralumla to commemorate the name of the [REDACTED].

I understand from [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED].

The ACT Government and the Commonwealth Government, through the National Capital Authority, follow the policies and conventions of Canberra nomenclature that were first introduced in 1927. The parliamentary report at that time specified a unique scheme in which Canberra's public places would be named in honour of Australians and things pertaining to Australia.

Public places on Territory land in the ACT (such as roads) are named in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Place Names Act 1989* while public places on National land are named under the *National Memorials Ordinance 1928*. Both pieces of legislation, as well as the long standing naming practices in the ACT, specifically require that the naming of public places shall have regard to the names of persons who have made notable contributions to the existence of Australia as a nation and the names of things characteristic of Australia or Australians.

A copy of the *Public Place Names Act 1989* is available at [https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/alt\\_a1989-31co/](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/alt_a1989-31co/)

Under the current ACT place naming legislation and policies, it is not possible to consider renaming Guilfoyle Street in Yarralumla as [REDACTED].

Kind regards

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**Date of birth:**

**Date of death:**

**Outline of contribution:**

**Relationship to person being nominated:**

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**Attachments:** [Resolution - Place Name Guidelines.pdf](#)

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Hi Sophie

As you may be aware, on 28 November 2018, the Assembly passed a resolution on Place Name Guidelines (copy attached). The resolution calls on the ACT Government to undertake a number of actions, including item 2(d), requesting the ACT Place Names Committee to review the naming of Haig Park as a priority. The committee response is due by late March to enable the Government to consider the matter and report back to the Assembly in the June 2019 sitting period.

I am aware that the City Renewal Authority is currently developing a place plan for Haig Park. I would appreciate an opportunity to consult with the City Activation team to determine whether there is scope to upgrade the existing interpretative signs and/or install additional signage to provide a fuller account of Haig's leadership of the Australian forces.

The ACT Place Names Committee is a voluntary, advisory committee appointed by the Minister for Planning and Land Management to provide expert advice about the naming of divisions (suburbs) and public places, including parks, and opportunities to commemorate the names of eminent Australians.

The committee has previously reviewed the appropriateness of Haig's commemoration in the park name in the context of criticism of his leadership in the First World War. To date the committee's view has been that the historical place name should remain as "...part of the fabric of Canberra's past". The committee has also previously recommended that it is not good practice to revisit the appropriateness of public place names in the light of further research, controversy or contemporary opinions and suggested that keeping the name is a way to encourage reflection and discussion about the First World War.

I would appreciate an opportunity to meet with you in the next couple of weeks so that I can brief the committee members to assist their review of the Haig Park name.

Kind regards

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## Speaker

Mr Mick Gentleman MLA  
Minister for Planning and Land Management  
Legislative Assembly for the ACT  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Minister

### **PLACE NAME GUIDELINES**


At its meeting on Wednesday, 28 November 2018, the Assembly passed the following resolution:

“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;
  - (c) the ongoing hurt caused in the community by the commemoration of villains as heroes;
  - (d) that the ACT Place Names Committee provides advice to establish policies for the naming of divisions (suburbs) and public places on Territory land in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT);
  - (e) the current role, responsibilities, membership and expertise, and operations of the ACT Place Names Committee is set out in its terms of reference which is available online; and
  - (f) the Public Place Names Guidelines, which are notified on the ACT Legislation Register, detail the established policies for the naming of new divisions, roads and other public places in the ACT; and
- (2) calls on the ACT Government to:
  - (a) review the terms of reference and expansion of membership for the ACT Place Names Committee to ensure it continues to be representative of the diversity of Canberra as a modern, inclusive and progressive city;

- (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;
- (c) ensure that the ACT Place Names Committee considers community proposals relating to place names that no longer meet community standards;
- (d) request the ACT Place Names Committee 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; and
- (e) report to the Assembly during the June 2019 sitting period on the outcomes of this review."

Yours faithfully



Joy Burch MLA  
Speaker

5 December 2018

The name 'Haig Park' was determined under the provisions of the *National Memorials Ordinance 1928* in the Territory's first nomenclature gazette dated 20 September 1928.

Records held the ACT Place Names Unit in the Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate show that it was the Chief Commissioner of the Federal Capital Commission, Sir John Butters, who proposed the commemoration of Field Marshal Douglas Haig, 1st Earl Haig of Bemersyde. It is likely that this proposal followed immediately after the death of Haig in January 1928.

The recommendation that "...the large park which intersects the divisions of Turner and Braddon be named Haig Park" was subsequently approved at a meeting of the Canberra National Memorials Committee chaired by Prime Minister Bruce on 12 September 1928.

Previous memberships of the ACT Place Names Committee have reviewed the appropriateness of Haig's commemoration in the context of criticism of his leadership in the First World War.

It was the committee's unanimous opinion in 2003, 2006 and 2013/14 that the historical place name should remain as "...part of the fabric of Canberra's past".

Previous committees have agreed that it is not good practice to revisit the appropriateness of public place names in the light of further research, controversy or contemporary opinions and suggested that keeping the name would be a way to encourage reflection and discussion about the First World War.

In December 2013 the former Chief Minister, Katy Gallagher, advised Ms Gai Brodtmann MP, Member for Canberra, that the Haig Park Master Plan provided for the installation of commemorative artwork and undertook to ask the Territory and Municipal Services Directorate and ACT Heritage to investigate whether it would be appropriate to provide an account of Haig's leadership of the Australian forces, and to also acknowledge the centenary of the First World War, through the installation of artworks or interpretative signage.

In 2014 TAMS obtained funding to provide further background on Field Marshal Haig while at the same time acknowledging the centenary of the First World War. In October 2014, TAMS requested assistance from the ACT Place Names Committee to review the wording on the panels relating to Haig.

The intention was to replace and update the existing Canberra Tracks information panel (2010) on the three-way information signs (x2) to:

- Include new/revised wording to provide more context and background into the First World War and Haig's involvement; and
- Incorporate the First World War centenary logo (Australian War Memorial approval required); and.

Install a new three-way sign to be placed at the corner of Henty and Torrens Street.

The intention was to install the new signage to be unveiled on 22 April 2015 to launch ACT Heritage Week.

TAMS commissioned Dr David Headon to prepare the text for the new signs in consultation with ACT Heritage and the ACT Place Names Committee. The draft text was reviewed and endorsed by the historians, heritage practitioners and other members of the Committee.

The agreed Headon text was provided to TAMS in early 2015.

The Headon text was reviewed by TAMS Communications and The Australian War Memorial.



Signage incorporating the Headon text was not installed.

[The ACT Legislation Assembly passed the following resolution on 28 November 2018:](#)

## **9. PLACE NAME GUIDELINES**

(2) calls on the ACT Government to:

- (a) review the terms of reference and expansion of membership for the ACT Place Names Committee to ensure it continues to be representative of the diversity of Canberra as a modern, inclusive and progressive city;
- (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;
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- (d) request the ACT Place Names Committee 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; and
- (e) report to the Assembly during the June 2019 sitting period on the outcomes of this review.



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Community Services Directorate, ACT Government

Dear Madam/Sir,

**ACT Place Names – Meeting with United Ngunnawal Elders Council 27 June 2019**

On behalf of the ACT Place Names unit, I and Ms Genevieve Palm, ACT Place Names Officer, would like to thank the United Ngunnawal Elders Council for the opportunity to meet with the Council 27 June 2019 to explain our application of 11 April 2019 regarding the use of Ngunnawal and other Indigenous words in public place naming for the new ACT suburb of Taylor. We thank you also for the opportunity to hear the views and wishes of the Council with regard to public place naming in the ACT.

We summarise our understanding of the Council's communications from the meeting:

- That the Council, with their consent, welcomes the use of Ngunnawal words in public place naming in the ACT.
- [REDACTED] and/or another Council member would like to potentially re-nominate for representation on the ACT Place Names Committee.
- The Council would like to see opportunities for public place naming for the following, among other potential, names: [REDACTED]
- The Council may potentially consider gifting the use of the Ngunnawal word "Ngurra" for Taylor: The Council has conveyed that the word has the meaning in English of "home".
- [REDACTED] the Council has proposed the renaming of [REDACTED] and would like to see Mount Majura made more visible for women.
- Subject to its considerations the Council will possibly put forward a request for use of the name 'Dhalanbanyi' for Mount Ainslie (I trust that we have recorded the word correctly).
- That the Council is willing to consider the use of words from Indigenous language groups outside the ACT for road names, subject to Ngunnawal words being applied to public place naming in the ACT and achieving prominence.
- The Council proposes the opportunity for ACT Place Names to meet more regularly with Council representatives in the future on ACT public place naming.

ACT Place Names is pleased to receive the support and encouragement of the Council with regard to the use of Indigenous words in public place naming in the ACT. I am expecting that Expressions of Interest for nomination for the next ACT Place Names Committee will be invited by Minister Gentleman in June/July 2020 and I would encourage a representative from your Council to nominate.

Likewise, ACT Place Names welcomes the suggestions for names and words that were put forward at the meeting. Nominations and their supporting background can be put forward via the ACT Place Names website at

[https://www.planning.act.gov.au/tools\\_resources/place\\_names/proposal-for-commemoration](https://www.planning.act.gov.au/tools_resources/place_names/proposal-for-commemoration) or via the ACT Place Names Inbox; [Placenames@act.gov.au](mailto:Placenames@act.gov.au)

I note the commemoration proposal form is currently under revision to include suggestions for non-personal names (including words). Please also feel welcome to contact ACT Place Names Officers Ms Genevieve Palm (telephone 6207 3943, email

[Genevieve.Palm@act.gov.au](mailto:Genevieve.Palm@act.gov.au)) or Ms Sharon Priestly (telephone 6205 0057, email [Sharon.Priestly@act.gov.au](mailto:Sharon.Priestly@act.gov.au)) with regard to nominations.

ACT Place Names has noted the names of places in the ACT the Council has indicated they do not consider appropriate and would like to see changed. Under Section 4.6.1 of the Australian/New Zealand Standard, Rural and Urban Addressing, road names are intended to be enduring, but can be changed when it is necessary to do so. Applications to change a statutory place name are considered on a case by case basis.

Dual naming and co-naming of public places is a subject I raised at the meeting as other options that the Council may wish to consider. Dual naming enables a traditional name to be reinstated to a landscape feature. Co-naming enables a preferred name (new name) for a feature or area of public land to be applied alongside an existing name.

Some examples of Ngunnawal language words that have been commemorated in public place naming in the ACT 2013-2018 with the consent of Ngunnawal Elder's/the Council are listed in Appendix A. Our records indicate a list of Canberra street names commemorating the Ngunnawal language prior to 2013 was provided by Mr Bill Hirst, former ACT Surveyor-General and Co-Chair of the ACT Place Names Committee, in a letter to the Council 7 May 2012. To date, at least ninety words and names commemorating the Ngunnawal language and Ngunnawal people have been determined in public road naming in the ACT.

Ms Mary Mudford, Manager, Healthy Country, EPSDD in consultation with UNEC and ACT Parks are currently working with ACT Place Names to identify a word from the Ngunnawal language for the proposed Molonglo Special Purpose Reserve.

I am pleased to note that the name 'Murrjinelle' has been commemorated in the ACT. **Murrjinelle Circuit** is located in Bonner. A similarly spelt word to 'Ngurra', 'Nguru' has been commemorated in the form of '**Nguru Beach**' in Greenway (from the Ngunnawal language, the word has the meaning of 'camp' in the English language).

In addition, an example of a word from another Australian Indigenous language which has been employed in road naming in the ACT, with UNEC's consent is 'Yidaki'.

**Yidaki Way**, Moncrieff: among the Yolngu clans of northeast Arnhem Land ‘yidaki’ is the generic name for termite-hollowed eucalyptus trunks shaped into a musical instrument, known elsewhere as a didgeridoo/didjeridu.

In 2015 and 2016 ACT Place Names Committee members, including [REDACTED] were provided with the opportunity to comment on the following road names:

**Warup Street**, Moncrieff: a traditional drum used by the Torres Strait Islanders.

**Kaigas Street**, Throsby: on Mabuiag Island in the Torres Strait the word has the meaning of ‘Shovelnose Shark’ in English.

Under Section 4 (2) (e) of the Public Place Names Act 1989, the Minister, in consultation with the appropriate cultural group(s), is required to have regard to words from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander vocabulary other than words from the Ngunnawal language. Hence, Ms Palm’s enquiry to the Council 11 April 2019 with regard to potentially using words from Torres Strait Islander, southwest Victorian and Tasmanian Indigenous vocabularies in Taylor. Public place naming has a valuable role in promoting and maintaining the use of language.

#### Nominating Ngunnawal Language Words for Taylor (Architecture, Town Planning and Urban Design)

Should the Council wish to consider putting forward Ngunnawal names and words in connection with the suburb theme for Taylor (Architecture, Town Planning and Urban Design), our unit would be grateful if it could receive nominations in time for the preparation of documentation for the statutory Instruments for Taylor’s public place naming. As explained at the meeting, one of the constraints on our unit is the notification of the public place names Instruments to fit with the required time frames for suburb infrastructure works.

Taking into consideration the commitments to families that the Taylor research has created so far, there are four road naming opportunities for the recommending of Ngunnawal language words to the ACT Place Names Committee for Taylor. Under addressing standards proposed words need to be unique (words that have been used previously in road naming cannot be duplicated), clear and/or able to become familiar and easy to use within the community. Similar sounding words are to be avoided to prevent addressing confusion.


Our time constraints for the beginning of this next stage of Taylor are now such that a practical amount of time is not available for new words to be considered for the first forthcoming Taylor Instrument. There is the opportunity for recommending three road names using Ngunnawal language words for the second forthcoming Taylor Instrument. It would be appreciated if the words could be received no later than **Monday 12 August 2019**. A further single road naming opportunity recommending a word from the Ngunnawal language exists for the third forthcoming Taylor Instrument. Likewise, it would be appreciated if the word could be received no later than **Monday 30 September 2019**. To assist the meeting of words and names with statutory addressing standards it is helpful to have alternative suggestions available.

Upon receipt of nominations, ACT Place Names commences the research and documentation process that our unit is required to conduct ahead of recommending words to the ACT Place Names Committee. The next step in the statutory process, upon receipt of the ACT Place Names Committee’s endorsement, is the recommending of words to the Minister’s Delegate


for approval, and if approved, the notifying and tabling of a Disallowable Instrument in the ACT Legislative Assembly.

I thank the Council members again for their time and consideration in affording ACT Place Names the opportunity of the meeting on 27 June. I look forward to hearing from, and working with, the Council on expanding the use of words from the Ngunnawal language in public place naming in the ACT. We will ensure we liaise with your Council regarding any proposals to commemorate words from other Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander languages in ACT road names.

Yours sincerely,



Jeff Brown  
Surveyor-General of the ACT &  
Co-Chair, ACT Place Names Committee  
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## Appendix A.

### Examples of Words from the Ngunnawal Language Determined in ACT Place Naming with Consent from Ngunnawal Elders/United Ngunnawal Elders Council, 2013-2018

Disallowable Instruments for words in the ACT Legislation Register can be searched at: <https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/Home?action=search> and as otherwise specified.

Place names searches can also be conducted using the search tool at <http://app.actmapi.act.gov.au/actmapi/index.html?viewer=pn>

**Wagi Bridge, Gungahlin District:** from the Ngunnawal language, the word has the meaning of 'dance' in the English language; <https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/View/di/2018-8/current/PDF/2018-8.PDF>

**Banggu Street, Throsby:** from the Ngunnawal language, the word has the meaning of 'flying fox' or 'flying squirrel' in the English language; <https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/View/di/2016-29/current/PDF/2016-29.PDF>

**Meddhung Road, Pialligo:** from the Ngunnawal language, a word that has the meaning of the numeral 'one' in the English language; <https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/View/di/2015-212/current/PDF/2015-212.PDF>

**Dharaban Road, Pialligo:** from the Ngunnawal language, the word has the meaning of 'Yam Daisy' (*Microseris lanceolata*) in the English language <https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/View/di/2017-131/current/PDF/2017-131.PDF>

**Yunggaballi Park, Moncrieff:** from the Ngunnawal language, the word has the meaning of 'sing' in the English language. Yunggaballi Park is located on Crackerjack Way in Moncrieff; <https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/View/di/2018-224/current/PDF/2018-224.PDF>

Public Place Names Ngunnawal Determination 2013 (No 1) Disallowable Instrument 2013-37 <https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/di/2013-37/>

<b>Bindugan Crescent</b>	Ngunnawal word	The word has the meaning of mussel in the English language
<b>Bunima Crescent</b>	Ngunnawal word	The word has the meaning of blow (as in wind) in the English language
<b>Darmoolen Street</b>	Ngunnawal word	DI 2013-37 lists the word as having the meaning of dreaming in the English language
<b>Dyindan Street</b>	Ngunnawal word	The word has the meaning of ring-tail possum in the English language
<b>Gubbity Street</b>	Ngunnawal word	The word has the meaning of pipeclay in the English language
<b>Gulwan Street</b>	Ngunnawal word	The word has the meaning of younger sister in the English language

<b>Kubbadang Street</b>	Ngunnawal word	The word has the meaning of moon in the English language
<b>Madi Way</b>	Ngunnawal word	The word has the meaning of very in the English language
<b>Munjuwa Street</b>	Ngunnawal word	The word has the meaning of tracks or foot in the English language.
<b>Pajong Street</b>	Ngunnawal word	The word has the meaning of Ngunnawal clan group in the English language.
<b>Wallabalooa Street</b>	Ngunnawal word	The word has the meaning of Ngunnawal clan group in the English language.
<b>Wimbaliri Street</b>	Ngunnawal word	The word has the meaning of drink in the English language.
<b>Yerradhang Street</b>	Ngunnawal word	The word has the meaning of Eucalypt tree in the English language.
<b>Yuyu Street</b>	Ngunnawal word	The word has the meaning of mopoke in the English language.

Public Place Names Ngunnawal Determination 2014 (No 1) Disallowable Instrument 2014-28  
<https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/di/2014-28/>

<b>Gudamang Street</b>	Ngunnawal word	In the Ngunnawal language the word 'gudamang' has the meaning of the word 'turtle' in the English language.
<b>Kavangal Circuit</b>	Ngunnawal word	In the Ngunnawal language the word 'kavangal' has the meaning of the words 'wild honey' in the English language.
<b>Munni Street</b>	Ngunnawal word	In the Ngunnawal language the word 'munni' has the meaning of the word 'run' in the English language.
<b>Myulung Street</b>	Ngunnawal word	In the Ngunnawal language the word 'myulung' has the meaning of 'clever man' in the English language.
<b>Waddhir Place</b>	Ngunnawal word	In the Ngunnawal language the word 'waddhir' has the meaning of the word 'glad' in the English language.

University of Canberra Public Hospital

Two private roads at the new hospital; **Thirriwirri Street** (from the Ngunnawal language, the word that has the meaning of 'ironbark' in the English language), **Guraguma Street** (from the Ngunnawal language, the word has the meaning of 'wind, west' in the English language).

## Ngunnawal Place Names Including Ngunnawal Representation on the ACT Place Names Committee

I was pleased the ACT Surveyor-General and Co-Chair of the ACT Place Names Committee, Mr Jeff Brown met with the United Ngunnawal Elders Council on 27 June 2019 with regard to, among other matters, the use of Ngunnawal language words in place naming in the ACT. As noted in Jeff Brown's letter of 16 July 2019, I will be inviting Expressions of Interest for nomination for the next ACT Place Names Committee in June/July 2020. I would likewise encourage a representative from your Council to nominate and will notify the Council when the Expression of Interest is advertised.

The Directorate will be implementing the recommendations of the June 2019 ACT Place Names Committee Guidelines Review;

[https://www.planning.act.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0010/1371826/ACT-Place-Names-Committee-and-Guidelines-Review-2019.pdf](https://www.planning.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/1371826/ACT-Place-Names-Committee-and-Guidelines-Review-2019.pdf) to include a representative with a background in, or knowledge of, Indigenous languages on the ACT Place Names Committee.

I have recorded the United Ngunnawal Elders Council's request regarding the naming of significant features including Black Mountain, Mount Ainslie and Mount Majura. The ACT Government supports dual naming policies that seek to reinstate a traditional name to a natural feature. I am hopeful that the Council's suggestion to have more regular face to face meetings with Jeff Brown's Office can progress dual naming in the ACT. I have asked my Directorate to investigate the Council's request for the naming of the features and will contact you to discuss the means by which the Council, the Directorate, the Place Names Committee, and the community could work collaboratively together to review the naming of the three natural features.

The recent ACT Place Names Committee and Guidelines Review June 2019 investigated community suggestions for changing the name of Haig Park. As announced 6 June 2019, I decided against changing the Park's name; instead the ACT Government will provide additional interpretative signage in the Park. I will be pleased to learn of the results of the current Haig Park First Nations Experiment in consultation with the United Ngunnawal Elders to reconnect the site with its Indigenous heritage.

I am looking forward to the Directorate building strong relationships with the United Ngunnawal Elders Council and both parties working together to consider further place naming opportunities in the ACT that acknowledge and record the Territory's Ngunnawal heritage.

25 September 2019

Mr Jeff Brown  
Surveyor General  
Co-chair Act Place Names Committee  
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**RE: DAVID WARREN ROAD HUME ACT.**

Dear Brown,

I am writing regarding David Warren Road at Hume in the Australian Capital Territory. It appears the development to the Alexander Maconochie Centre and the associated roadworks have led to changes to the road initially named after the Australian inventor of the Black Box Flight Recorder. As a result I believe the original intention of naming the road after David has also changed.

As you are aware, David Warren Road runs off the Monaro Highway at Hume then parallel to the highway leading to the ACT Emergency Services Helicopter Rescue Station. I understand the Warren family agreed to this road and its association with the Helicopter Rescue Station being named after David.

Since then a correctional facility has been built and the intersection of the original David Warren Road and the Monaro Highway has been upgraded. The original David Warren Road now intersects with a road that leads into and around the Alexander Maconochie Centre. This new entrance and road are also called David Warren Road and is highlighted by two large signs on the Monaro Highway.

I do not know if the family is aware that a road named after their respected family member also now leads to a correctional facility, however I don't think that was their intention or is their wish.

I personally travel on Monaro Highway every day and I was involved in a small way in David's nomination for an Australian Honour while working at the Department of Defence. I am perplexed as to why a road named after a scientist and inventor of a device that still serves to save so many lives now leads into and around a correctional facility.

I would suggested David Warren Road end at its junction with the new entrance to the Alexander Maconochie Centre. I feel it would be more fitting to name the new entrance and road around the Centre in honour of someone who has made a significant contribution to our justice system.

Kind regards



## Hill, Libby

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**From:** Priestly, Sharon on behalf of Placenames  
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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Placenames  
**Subject:** ACT Place Names - naming of David Warren Road, Hume

[REDACTED]  
Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email to Mr Jeff Brown, Surveyor-General of the ACT and Co-chair of the ACT Place Names Committee, concerning the naming of David Warren Road in Hume. [REDACTED]

Kind regards  
Sharon Priestly

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**Subject:** David warren Road

Mr Jeff Brown  
Surveyor General  
Co-chair ACT Place Names Committee

Dear Mr Brown,

DAVID WARREN ROAD HUME ACT.

[REDACTED], Dr David Warren AO who invented the black box flight recorder.


His work has been universally acknowledged in the scientific world and he has been awarded many honours

including being made an Officer of the Order of Australia. While these honours are right and appropriate his

true legacy is that his work has saved hundreds of thousands of lives from aircraft crashes that did not happen

due to his invention finding out why aircraft crash and designing such faults out of them. Few people in the world

have such an achievement. Qantas has named one of their aircraft after him which is particularly appropriate.

, but I have recently been informed that the David Warren Road in Canberra leads you to the local gaol.

This is unacceptable and an insult to the memory of a truly great Australian.

I ask you and your committee to please correct this most unfortunate error.

Yours sincerely



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**From:** [Palm, Genevieve](#)  
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**Subject:** Public Place Names (Taylor) Determination 2019 (1) - approval of 4 new road names in Taylor 3 Stage 1A [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]  
**Date:** Monday, 30 September 2019 1:16:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [20190926 - DI2019-215.pdf](#)

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Good morning

Our office is pleased to confirm the approval of 4 new road names in the Division of Taylor (Gungahlin District) which includes the revocation of Seto Street (DI 2018-251). The names were determined in Disallowable Instrument DI2019-215 and notified in the ACT Legislation Register on 26 September 2019. The instrument includes a brief reference to the origin and significance of each new road name and a location diagram.

I have attached a copy of DI2019-215 and enclosed a link to the instrument and explanatory statement on the ACT Legislation Register  
<https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/di/2019-215/>

The new roads are named in accordance with the theme for Taylor which is *Architecture, Town Planning and Urban Design*:

Bebarfalds Lane  
Harry Seidler Crescent  
Janice Seto Street  
Olive Mellor Terrace

Legislative naming process: We are expecting the disallowable instrument will be tabled in the ACT Legislative Assembly during October-November in accordance with statutory requirements.

If you have any questions about the new names please do not hesitate to contact me at [placenames@act.gov.au](mailto:placenames@act.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

Genevieve Palm

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Environment, Planning and  
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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email correspondence to Mr Jeff Brown dated 27 September 2019 concerning the naming of David Warren Road in Hume. I appreciate your interest in the commemoration of Dr Warren's name.

The ACT Prison and Remand Centre (Alexander Maconochie Centre) was officially opened in September 2008 and preceded the naming of David Warren Road. The authoritative address for the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) is 10400 Monaro Highway, Hume <http://www.cs.act.gov.au/>.

In 2011 the ACT Emergency Services Agency (ESA) requested assistance from my office to name the access road off the Monaro Highway servicing the Emergency Services Agency Specialist Outdoor Training Centre and Helicopter Base, and the base for the Snowy Hydro SouthCare Helicopter.

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The Warren family supported the commemoration of Dr Warren's name after being advised the road would service the ACT Emergency Services Specialist Outdoor Training Centre and Helicopter Base; provide direct access to the base for the Snowy Hydro SouthCare Helicopter; and provide an entry link to the ACT Prison and Remand Centre (AMC). ESA has recently confirmed that all emergency workers in the ACT are trained at the David Warren Road precinct which now includes the Rural Fire Services helicopter facility.

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I hope this further information to explain the naming of David Warren Road, Hume (ACT) is useful to you.

Kind regards [REDACTED]

Greg Ledwidge

A/g Surveyor-general of the ACT  
Office of the Surveyor-General and Land Information

14 October 2019



**ACT**  
Government

Environment, Planning and  
Sustainable Development

[Redacted]  
Email [Redacted]@gmail.com

Dear [Redacted]

I refer to your correspondence to Mr Jeff Brown dated 25 September 2019 concerning the naming of David Warren Road in Hume. I appreciate your interest in the commemoration of Dr Warren's name.

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A/g Surveyor-general of the ACT  
Office of the Surveyor-General and Land Information

14 October 2019

**From:** [Palm, Genevieve](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]; [Brown, Jeffrey](#); [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Priestly, Sharon](#); [Placenames](#)  
**Subject:** Public Place Names (Taylor) Determination 2019 (1), 2019 (2) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]  
**Date:** Monday, 14 October 2019 1:15:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [DI2019-215 Taylor 2019 \(1\) Public Place Names Determination.pdf](#)  
[DI2019-227 Taylor 2019 \(2\) Public Place Names Determination.pdf](#)

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Dear Committee,

Our office is pleased to confirm the approval of 4 new road names in the Division of Taylor which includes the revocation of Seto Street (DI 2018-251). The names were determined in Disallowable Instrument DI2019-215 and notified in the ACT Legislation Register on 26 September 2019.

I have attached a copy of DI2019-215 and enclosed a link to the instrument and explanatory statement on the ACT Legislation Register <https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/di/2019-215/>

The new roads are named in accordance with the theme for Taylor which is Architecture, Town Planning and Urban Design:

Bebarfalds Lane  
Harry Seidler Crescent  
Janice Seto Street  
Olive Mellor Terrace

In addition, our office is pleased to confirm the approval of 2 new road names in the Division of Taylor which includes the revocation of Nell Edeson Lane and Pegg Wilks Lane (DI 2018-251). The names were determined in Disallowable Instrument DI2019-227 and notified in the ACT Legislation Register on 10 October 2019.

I have attached a copy of DI2019-227 and enclosed a link to the instrument and explanatory statement on the ACT Legislation Register <https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/di/2019-227/>

The new roads are reassigned in accordance with the theme for Taylor:

Nell Edeson Street  
Pegg Wilks Street

Legislative naming process: We are expecting both disallowable instruments will be tabled in the ACT Legislative Assembly during October-November in accordance with statutory requirements.

Thank you for your time and assistance with requests and reviews for these Instruments.

Kind regards,

Genevieve

Genevieve Palm | ACT Place Names Officer

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Australian Capital Territory

# Public Place Names (Taylor) Determination 2019 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2019–215

made under the

Public Place Names Act 1989, s 3 (Minister to determine names)

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## 1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Public Place Names (Taylor) Determination 2019 (No 1)*.

## 2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after its notification day.

## 3 Revocation of place name

I revoke the determination of the place name Seto Street as specified in schedule 1.

*Note* The place name Seto Street in the Division of Taylor is revoked due to changes in the road configuration servicing Section 102 Taylor.

## 4 Amendment of place name

I amend the *Public Place Names (Taylor) Determination 2018 (No 5)* (DI2018-251) as specified in schedule 1 and as indicated on the associated diagram.

## 5 Determination of place names

I determine the place names as indicated in schedule 2.

Ben Ponton

Delegate of the Minister for Planning and Land Management

18 September 2019

**SCHEDULE 1**  
(see ss 3 and 4)

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<b>NAME</b>	<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>INSTRUMENT</b>	<b>AMENDMENT</b>
<b>Seto Street</b>	Taylor	DI2018-251	Seto Street in the Division of Taylor has not been constructed due to changes to the road alignment servicing Section 102 Taylor. The former length of road named Seto Street is replaced by the continuation of Koch Street as indicated on the associated diagram.

## SCHEDULE 2

(see s 5)

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### Division of Taylor – Architecture, Town Planning and Urban Design

The location of the public places with the following names is indicated on the associated diagram.

NAME	ORIGIN	SIGNIFICANCE
<b>Bebarfalds Lane</b>	Bebarfalds Ltd	Architecture  Bebarfalds was a home furnishings and furniture manufacturing company that operated in Sydney from c.1873 to 1968. The company was founded by Barnett Bebarfald (c.1831-1894). Among its business activities Bebarfalds Ltd operated a Home Planning Bureau, producing a substantial trade catalogue in 1927 titled, <i>‘Safe home planning: the most complete and most authoritative book on home planning, building and furnishing ever compiled and produced in Australia’</i> . The catalogue, an inviting “Encyclopaedia of home construction” guides home makers through home planning, construction and furnishing. Architect Augustus Aley’s chapter, <i>‘Constructing the Home: the Architect’s Services’</i> , affirms the architect’s role in giving expression to clients’ ideals, providing prospective home owners with a detailed planning guide to home construction. Landscape architect Max Shelley’s chapter, <i>‘The Simple Garden of To-day’</i> emphasises the importance of garden schemes that enhance the built form of a home, providing advice on garden set out. The company was taken over by Ajax Insurance Limited in 1968; suburban stores continued trading under the Bebarfalds name until 1973 when they became part of Macy’s Emporium (Sydney) Pty Ltd.

**Harry Seidler  
Crescent**

Harry Seidler  
AC, OBE  
(1923 – 2006)

Architect, writer, educator

Raised in Vienna, Austria, Harry Seidler studied architecture at the University of Manitoba, Canada, graduating in 1944. Studies followed in the United States under influential Bauhaus masters Walter Gropius and Marcel Breuer (Harvard University, 1945-46) and Josef Albers (Black Mountain College, 1946). From 1946-48 Seidler was chief assistant to Marcel Breuer in New York. Later, en route to Australia in 1948, he worked in the office of Oscar Niemeyer in Brazil. Seidler's first commission in Sydney, the innovative, award-winning Rose Seidler House, Wahroonga (1948-50) marked a radical shift in Australian domestic design. Over the next six decades he designed an extraordinary number and variety of houses, apartments, office towers, and commercial buildings; Australia Square (1961-67) and Blues Point Tower (1958-62), Sydney and Riverside Centre, Brisbane (1983-86) among notable examples. A leading Australian mid-twentieth century Modernist architect, Seidler was esteemed for his creative, highly precise and meticulously detailed designs. His architecture transformed Sydney's skyline. He held visiting academic positions at Australian and overseas universities and received numerous national and international awards and several honorary degrees for his distinguished contributions to architecture. The Seidler Chair in the Practice of Architecture at the University of NSW was founded in 2014.

**Janice Seto  
Street**

Janice Margaret  
Seto  
(1950 – 2008)

Architect, landscape architect

Jan Seto graduated with a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Queensland and in 1982 completed the Graduate Diploma of Landscape Architecture, Queensland Institute of Technology. Following the Newcastle earthquake Seto undertook major landscaping projects for the rebuilding of the city. Queensland's historic cultural landscapes were of keen academic and professional interest to her and she wrote widely in aid of their preservation. An active member of the National Trust and Australian Garden History Society (AGHS) Queensland Branch, she is regarded as instrumental in re-establishing the latter in 1993 and held the role of Chair for many years. In collaboration with Jeannie Sim, Seto produced a valuable inventory of Queensland historic cultural landscapes (1996) and with Margaret Cook, important assessments of the designed landscapes of the Brisbane River and Moreton Bay (2001, 2002). Other work included her case studies of cultural landscapes of the Wet Tropics World Heritage area and Glass House Mountains (2001). Seto, together with Margaret Cook and Queensland's Environment Protection Authority, was a recipient of a 2001 National Trust Queensland John Herbert Memorial Award for their contribution to the protection of Brisbane River's historic landscapes.

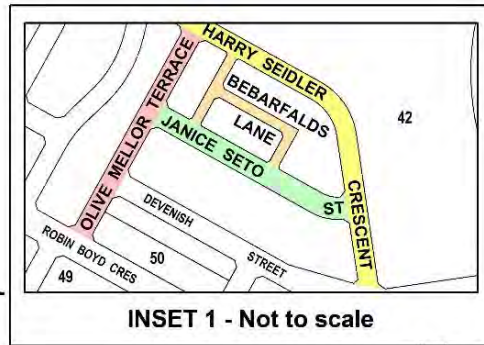
**Olive Mellor  
Terrace**

Olive Mellor  
(née Holttum)  
(1891 – 1978)

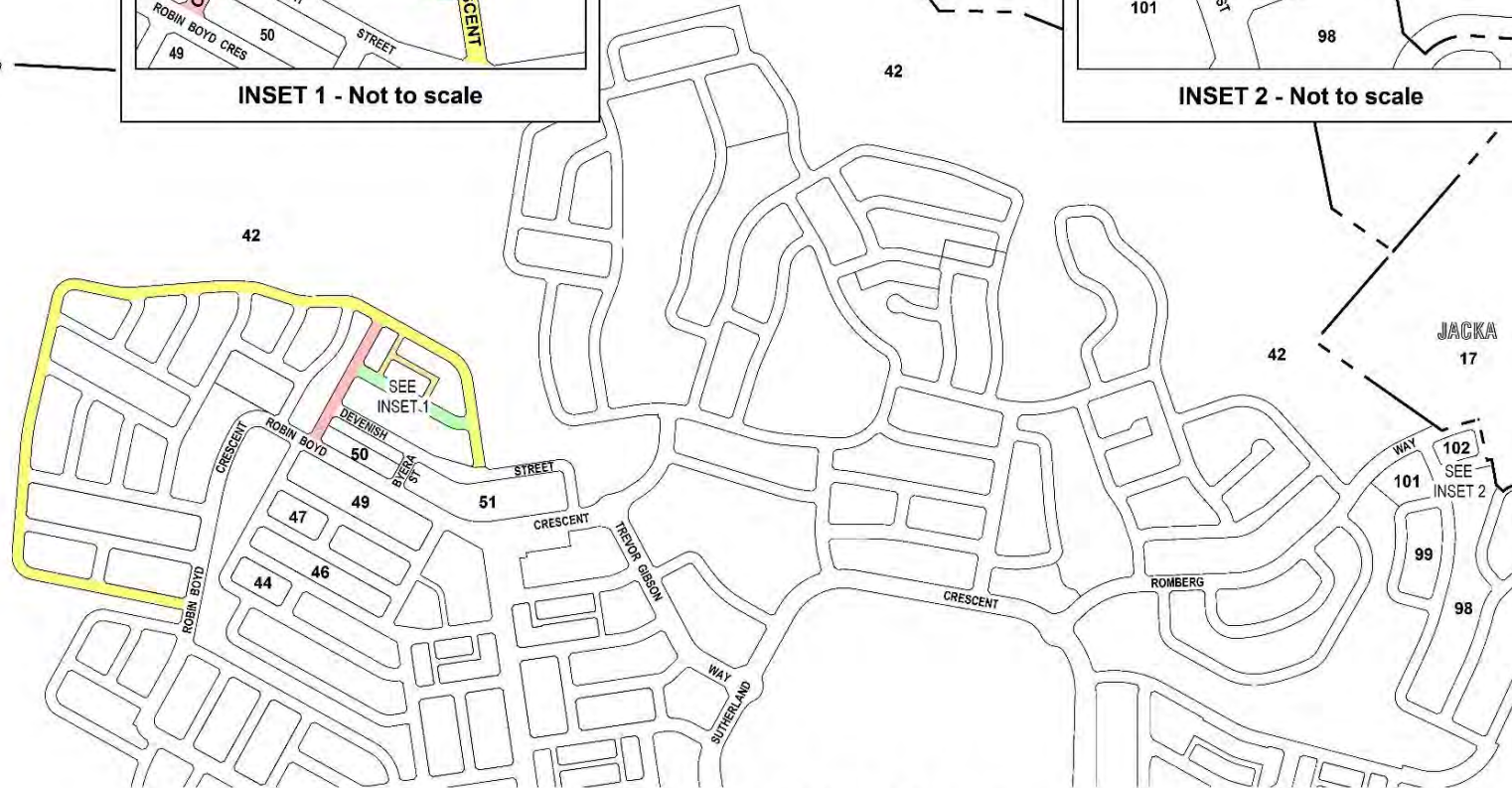
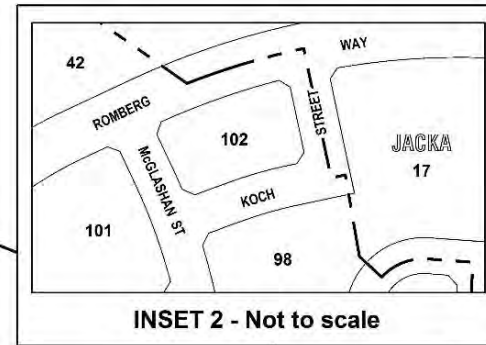
Landscape designer, writer, educator

Olive Mellor migrated to Australia from Britain in 1909. Enrolling at the Burnley School of Horticulture in Victoria in 1911 she completed the Certificate of Competency in Horticulture (1913) and the Diploma of Horticulture (1915). Appointed Instructress in Horticulture at Burnley in 1916, she was the first woman to hold the position. Mellor ceased teaching in 1918, later commencing her own Melbourne-based horticultural business.

Recognised as an important twentieth century landscape designer, Mellor was in the vanguard of Australian women to practice professionally. From 1934 to 1970 she wrote a regular gardening column for *Australian Home Beautiful*, exerting wide influence. A contributing author to *Australian Gardening of To-day* (Shum c.1939) and *Australian Home Gardener* (Bunning c.1940s), Mellor published *The Garden Lovers' Log* (c.1940) and the respected *Complete Australian Gardener Illustrated* (c.1952). Primarily domestically oriented, her landscape designs, sensitive to site constraints, successfully blend function with aesthetic appeal. An early advocate for including native plants in domestic gardens, she was a founding member of the Society for Growing Australian Plants in the 1950s. Mellor pioneered a weekly garden programme on Radio 3DB in the 1950s, her popular educative broadcasts fostered enthusiasm for domestic horticulture and the progress of suburban garden making.



**Schedule**  
(see section 5)



# DIVISION OF TAYLOR

Diagram

Australian Capital Territory

# Public Place Names (Taylor) Determination 2019 (No 2)

Disallowable instrument DI2019–227

made under the

**Public Place Names Act 1989, s 3 (Minister to determine names)**

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## 1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Public Place Names (Taylor) Determination 2019 (No 2)*.

## 2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after its notification day.

## 3 Revocation of place names

I revoke the determination of the place names Nell Edeson Lane and Pegg Wilks Lane as specified in schedule 1.

Note: The place names Nell Edeson Lane and Pegg Wilks Lane in the Division of Taylor are revoked due to changes in the road configuration servicing Sections 85, 87 and 88 Taylor.

## 4 Amendment of place names

I amend the *Public Place Names (Taylor) Determination 2018 (No 5)* (DI2018-251) as specified in schedule 1 and as indicated on the associated diagram.

## 5 Determination of place names

I determine the place names as indicated in schedule 2.

Ben Ponton

Delegate of the Minister for Planning and Land Management

2 October 2019

**SCHEDULE 1**  
(see ss 3 and 4)

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<b>NAME</b>	<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>INSTRUMENT</b>	<b>AMENDMENT</b>
<b>Nell Edeson Lane</b>	Taylor	DI2018-251	Nell Edeson Lane in the Division of Taylor has not been constructed due to changes to the road alignment servicing Sections 85, 87 and 88 Taylor. The former length of road named Nell Edeson Lane is replaced by the continuation of Marwick Lane as indicated on the associated diagram.
<b>Pegg Wilks Lane</b>	Taylor	DI2018-251	Pegg Wilks Lane in the Division of Taylor has not been constructed due to changes to the road alignment servicing Sections 85, 87 and 88 Taylor. The former length of road named Pegg Wilks Lane is replaced by the continuation of Marwick Lane as indicated on the associated diagram.

## SCHEDULE 2

(see s 5)

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### Division of Taylor – Architecture, Town Planning and Urban Design

The location of the public places with the following names is indicated on the associated diagram.

NAME	ORIGIN	SIGNIFICANCE
<b>Nell Edeson Street</b>	Eleanor (Nell) Edna Edeson (Nell Norris) (1903 – 1955)	Architect  Nell Edeson completed the Diploma of Architecture of the University of Melbourne in 1925 whilst articulated to E.J. & C.L. Ruck. Subsequently, she worked for M. & R. Butler & Martin, focussing on domestic architecture. In 1926 she completed an additional year of architectural study at the University while employed by Robert B. Hamilton. Departing for Britain in 1928 to study the latest developments in modern architecture, she furthered her training in the office of Sir John Burnet & Partners. Returning to Melbourne, by 1932 she had established in private practice. Works during this period include several Melbourne residences (c.1932-1935). In 1934 she was admitted as an Associate of the Royal Victorian Institute of Architects. Following marriage to architect Marcus Norris in 1936 the couple designed at least a further two houses with Edeson designing a pair of apartments in Toorak. Compelled into early retirement by ill health, she nevertheless continued to work, designing ‘Tanglewood’, Donvale (1949-50). The house is of local architectural significance as a rare example of pisé de terre (rammed earth) construction in Melbourne. From 1942-43 Edeson was honorary librarian of the Royal Victorian Institute of Architects Library. Edeson gifted her estate to the University of Melbourne, founding the Eleanor Edna Norris Bequest Fund.

**Pegg Wilks  
Street**

Muriel Margaret  
(Pegg) Wilks

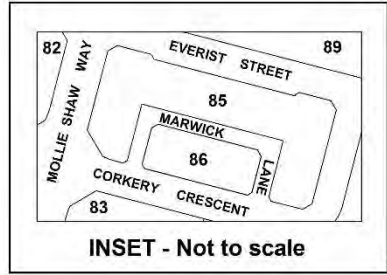
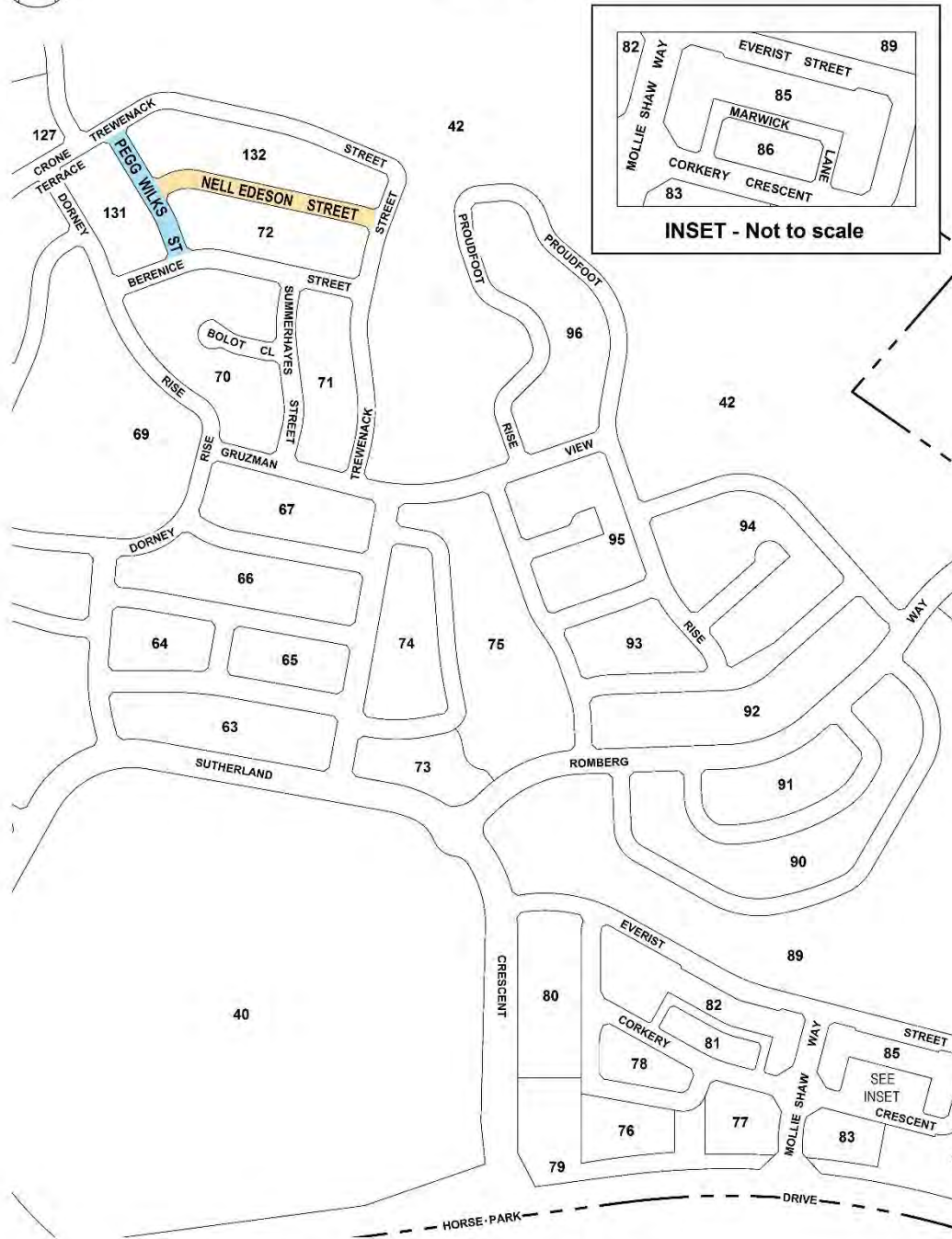
(Pegg Kofler)  
(1907 – 1940)

Architect

Pegg Wilks commenced her training at the University of Melbourne Architectural Atelier in 1928 while articled to the office of Anketell & K. Henderson. Upon completion of her first year of studies she was awarded a scholarship by the Victorian Architectural Students' Society for the year's tuition fees. In 1929 she completed the Diploma of Architectural Design of the Atelier. Her 1930 entry for a Melbourne competition to design a house valued at £2000 received an honourable mention. During 1933 she travelled to England and Europe to further her architectural education. Having gained experience as an assistant in several architectural firms in Victoria and NSW, she subsequently established in private practice in Melbourne. In 1937 she passed her examinations for Associate membership of the Royal Victorian Institute of Architects and was formally admitted in 1938. Wilks' commissions included a timber residence at Upper Beaconsfield, designed to take full advantage of the sun and sloping site (c. 1934) and the original Mount Buller Chalet (c. 1938-39). A tribute to the "well-known member of the architectural profession" was published in the *Journal of the Royal Victorian Institute of Architects* (1940).



**Schedule**  
(see section 5)



**DIVISION OF TAYLOR**  
Diagram

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Brown, Jeffrey](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] [Placenames: Ledwidge, Greg](#)  
**Subject:** Re: ACT Place Names - naming of Hacke Place, Conder  
**Date:** Monday, 20 January 2020 5:11:04 PM  
**Attachments:** [image003.jpg](#)

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Dear Jeff,

Thank you very much for your prompt and comprehensive reply. I can see that there may be issues in renaming the street, we will have to wait and see.

Cecil Napier Hake is, of course, a [REDACTED], see:

<https://shade.id.au/Hake/Hake10.htm>

I am most impressed by your response. The family will appreciate that.

Regards

[REDACTED]

On 20/01/2020 4:33 pm, Brown, Jeffrey wrote:



Dear Sir

Thank you for your correspondence dated 18 and 19 January 2020 concerning the naming of Hacke Place in the suburb of Conder (ACT). I appreciate you bringing this matter to my attention to clarify the commemoration of the names of [REDACTED]

The ACT Place Names Unit within my office has undertaken some preliminary research to investigate the process undertaken to name Hacke Place in 1988. Our research has confirmed your advice that there are several discrepancies within the gazette notice including the commemorated name 'Hacke'.

The process to formally name public places in the 1980s (before Self-Government in the ACT) was significantly different compared to the statutory guidelines we now follow. For example, in 1988 it was not common practice for the Commonwealth to consult relatives before commemorating a personal name if the person's contribution was recorded on the public record. We now do our best to identify, locate and consult a person's relatives, or a relevant professional organisation, before naming a public place to commemorate a personal name. We are also able to research more widely and verify information using online resources, including digitised records held by the National Library of Australia. Our records show that the reference source for the naming of Hacke Place in 1988 was 'The Encyclopedia of Australian Art' by Alan McCulloch. Unfortunately our database does not show which version of the book was accessed. I have arranged to view a copy of the current edition but in the meantime, my staff have accessed an online version which incorrectly records the family name of Mrs Elsie Barlow as 'Hacke' and also provides an incorrect year of 1877 .



The formal determination of a public place name on Territory land in the ACT is approved under the *Public Place Names Act 1989* (the Act) through a Disallowable Instrument. The instrument is notified on the ACT Legislation Register and tabled in the ACT Legislative Assembly. Names on National land (eg within the Parliamentary Zone) are gazetted by the Commonwealth under the same legislation which applied to Hacke Place – the *National Memorials Ordinance 1928*. The process to investigate and potentially rename Hacke Place, and change all affected addresses, will include consultation with the residents/property owners in the cul-de-sac. We will also investigate the potential for addressing confusion with the existing Hake Street in Kambah (named to honour scientist C. Napier Hake). If a decision is made to rename Hacke Place, the 1988 determination will be revoked under the

[Redacted]

Please note that my office is currently working to implement a redevelopment of the ACT Place Names database so there will be a delay in uploading the corrections onto the ACTmapi site (possibly extending into mid- February 2020) at ACTmapi Place names tool <http://app.actmapi.act.gov.au/actmapi/index.html?viewer=pn>

I will get back to you as soon as possible with further information about this matter.

Kind regards

Jeff Brown

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**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Saturday, 18 January 2020 9:31 PM

**To:** Placenames <[Placenames@act.gov.au](mailto:Placenames@act.gov.au)>

**Cc:** [Redacted]

**Subject:** The Naming of Hacke Place, Conder

Dear Sir/Madam,

[Redacted]



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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [Placenames: Ledwidge, Greg](#)  
**Subject:** ACT Place Names - naming of Hacke Place, Conder  
**Date:** Monday, 20 January 2020 4:33:31 PM  
**Attachments:** [image003.jpg](#)

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ASSIFIED

[REDACTED]

Dear Sir

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In the meantime, I will arrange for a note to be included in the ACTmapi Place Names site to explain the origin and significance of Hacke Place and correct the discrepancies relating to your relatives, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

Please note that my office is currently working to implement a redevelopment of the ACT Place Names database so there will be a delay in uploading the corrections onto the ACTmapi site (possibly extending into mid- February 2020) at ACTmapi Place names tool

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

I will get back to you as soon as possible with further information about this matter.

Kind regards

Jeff Brown

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**To:** Placenames <[Placenames@act.gov.au](mailto:Placenames@act.gov.au)>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** The Naming of Hacke Place, Conder

Dear Sir/Madam,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**From:** [Priestly, Sharon](#) on behalf of [Placenames](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Placenames](#)  
**Subject:** ACT Place Names - naming of the suburb of Aranda [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]  
**Date:** Monday, 16 March 2020 12:22:41 PM

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 9 March 2020 suggesting an adjustment to the spelling of the suburb name Aranda so it is written as 'Arrernte'. I will table your suggestion with the ACT Place Names Committee when it meets in June 2020.

I anticipate the committee will suggest we undertake further research, and relevant cultural consultation, with a view to amending the ACT Place Names search database to include information about the Arrernte communities, without changing the spelling of the suburb name. The database currently reads: Aranda - Name of an Aboriginal cultural group of Central Australia, also known as Arunta. 'Arunta' has an English meaning of 'white cockatoo' (A.W. Reed). While I appreciate your suggestion, my concern is that any change to the spelling of the name is likely to lead to addressing confusion and potentially impact on the timely delivery of emergency services. Changes to addressing would greatly impact residents, community facilities and other property owners in the suburb and result in costs to update addresses, signage, information systems and property titles.

You may be interested in the background to the statutory naming of the suburb in 1967. In 1964, the then Senator John Gorton, a member of the National Memorials Committee, put forward a recommendation to name Canberra suburbs after the Aboriginal tribal groups 'Arunta' and 'Waramunga'. The names 'Aranda' and 'Waramanga' were agreed to following consultation on phonetics with the then Institute for Aboriginal Studies.

I will write to you again after the meeting of the ACT Place Names Committee in June.

Kind regards

Jeff Brown

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, 10 March 2020 2:06 PM

**To:** Placenames <[Placenames@act.gov.au](mailto:Placenames@act.gov.au)>

**Subject:** Re: ACT Place Names - Aranda [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Many thanks.

On Tue, Mar 10, 2020 at 10:01 AM Placenames <[Placenames@act.gov.au](mailto:Placenames@act.gov.au)> wrote:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Thank you for your email suggesting a change to the spelling of the suburb name Aranda. I have referred your suggestion to the Surveyor-General of the ACT, Jeff Brown. Jeff is also the co-chair of the ACT Place Names Committee.

Kind regards

Sharon Priestly

Sharon Priestly | ACT Place Names Officer

Phone 02 62050057

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, 9 March 2020 4:09 PM

**To:** Placenames <[Placenames@act.gov.au](mailto:Placenames@act.gov.au)>

**Subject:** Aranda

While I understand that difficulties arise in rendering Indigenous names into English I would like to suggest that adjustment to the spelling of the name of the suburb, Aranda, be considered after consultation with the [REDACTED] from central Australia after whom the suburb was first named.

The current spelling, [REDACTED], has been in use for several decades. I strongly suggest that this current spelling be considered by the committee subject to careful consultation with leaders from the [REDACTED].

Thank you

[REDACTED]

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Director Strategic Planning  
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### **Naming of Rhodes Place, Yarralumla**

The ACT Chief Minister, Mr Andrew Barr, has received a suggestion to change the name of Rhodes Place in Yarralumla. On 9 June 2020 [REDACTED] suggested that the road be renamed as [REDACTED] Place. I have enclosed an extract of the request from [REDACTED] for your information.

Our office has advised the Minister for Planning and Land Management, Mick Gentleman MLA, that the road is located on National land and that any proposal to change the public place name is subject to consideration by the National Capital Authority, as the land custodian. We have further advised the Minister that the relevant legislation is the *National Memorials Ordinance 1928*. I gave an undertaking to refer [REDACTED] suggestion to the Authority for consideration.

Rhodes Place was formally named in 1972 to commemorate Cecil John Rhodes (1853-1902). The determination under the *National Memorials Ordinance 1928* was published in Commonwealth Gazette No 29 dated 13 April 1972. I have enclosed a copy of the gazette notice for your information.

I would be grateful if you would keep me informed of the outcome of any discussions about the suggestion put forward by [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]  
Jeff Brown  
Surveyor-General of the ACT &  
Co-chair, ACT Place Names Committee  
22 June 2020

Extract - [REDACTED] email to ACT Chief Minister dated 9 June 2020

**From:** [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** Tuesday, 9 June 2020 6:49 PM

**To:** Barr, Andrew <[Andrew.Barr@act.gov.au](mailto:Andrew.Barr@act.gov.au)>

**Cc:** Le Couteur, Caroline <[Caroline.LeCouteur@parliament.act.gov.au](mailto:Caroline.LeCouteur@parliament.act.gov.au)>; Rattenbury, Shane <[Shane.Rattenbury@act.gov.au](mailto:Shane.Rattenbury@act.gov.au)>

**Subject:** Time for a change of name for Rhodes place



**From:** [Priestly, Sharon](#)  
**To:** [Brown, Jeffrey](#)  
**Cc:** [Palm, Genevieve](#); [Mollett, Anthony](#); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Access Canberra Enquiry - change the name of Fairweather St in Lyneham  
**Date:** Thursday, 25 June 2020 4:47:00 PM

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UNOFFICIAL

Hi – I'd appreciate your views on this telephone enquiry from [REDACTED] via Access Canberra:

Customer Proxy (Michael Carscadden on behalf of Customer) 25/06/2020 01.54 PM

Roads, parking & vehicles  
Roads & traffic  
What is being requested?\*

Road condition & safety  
What would you like to report?\*

Other  
Please provide more information\*

[REDACTED]

No  
Could it cause a trip, fall or injury?\*

No  
Is it causing traffic or cyclists to swerve?\*

No

I've sent this response to the staff member:

I called [REDACTED] about her request to change the name of Fairweather Cct in Lyneham - named to honour artist Ian Fairweather (1891-1974). [REDACTED] explained that the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] asked me to remove the name and change it to recognise another artist. She suggested we contact [REDACTED] for suggestions. I took [REDACTED] address details [REDACTED] and undertook to look into her request. I explained that I would pass her message to my manager for investigation and also said that we will look at the number of residents using the address.

Sharon Priestly  
ACT Place Names

Sharon Priestly | ACT Place Names Officer

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**From:** [Priestly Sharon](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Muir Cameron](#); [Mollett Anthony](#); [Palm Genevieve](#)  
**Subject:** Place Names - proposal to commemorate Dr Sue Newton - two options for consideration  
**Date:** Tuesday, 11 August 2020 5:02:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [Dr Susan Newton.doc](#)  
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OFFICIAL

Dear Committee

Our office is considering opportunities to commemorate the name of research scientist and former Hackett resident, Dr Susan (Sue) Newton (1955–2003). We would appreciate the committee's advice concerning two possible options.

Subject to family consultation, one option is to amend the determination of Newton Street in Hackett to include the commemoration of Dr Sue Newton's name. The theme in Hackett is 'Mainly Scientists'.

The second option is to commemorate Dr Newton's name in the future suburb of Macnamara (science and technology theme). For example, Sue Newton Crescent.

Background: The name of Newton Street, Hackett was gazetted in 1961 to co-commemorate the legacies of surgeon, Sir Hibbert Alan Stephen Newton (1887-1949) and Flight Lieutenant William Ellis Newton VC (1919-1943).



In 2018 the Hackett Community Association published '*Hackett – 50 years plus: Story of a north Canberra suburb*', which included an explanation of the origin of the suburb's road names. Information is also published on the association's website at <https://hackett.asn.au/hackett-street-names/>. Dr Newton's family recently contacted the association to question the details relating to Newton Street. We have undertaken to respond to the family after first seeking advice from the committee about options to commemorate Dr Sue Newton's name.

Biography: Sue Newton (nee Edwards) lived in Bragg Street, Hackett and was educated at Downer and Hackett Primary Schools, Dickson High School and the ANU. The family has provided the enclosed biographical information to support the amendment of the Newton Street gazettal.

Multiple Commemoration: Our longstanding policy provides that a place can be named to commemorate three or more people provided each person is worthy of commemoration in their own right and their contribution fits the suburb theme. There are over fifty roads named to jointly commemorate at least three separate people. There is no requirement for the individuals to be related. Examples include **French Street, Hackett** (Charles French, entomologist; Sir George Arthur French, soldier; and Corporal John Alexander French VC); **Serventy Street, Wright** (siblings and conservationists, Dr Dom Serventy, Lucy Serventy and Vincent Serventy AM), **McDonagh Crescent, Whitlam** (sisters and filmmakers, Isabella McDonagh; Paulette De Vere McDonagh; and Phyllis Glory McDonagh) and **Traynor Court, Spence** (Frank Traynor - musician; William & Kathleen Traynor - early members of Canberra Philharmonic Society).

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Please contact me if you need further information about the two suggested options.

Kind regards

Sharon

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**Date:** Wednesday, 12 August 2020 10:33:42 AM

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It appears the family of Dr Sue Newton was advised by our office c.2006 that the origin of the road name would be amended to include the commemoration of their daughter’s name. Dr Newton’s name was included under the Newton Street entry on the Place Names website c.2008 but a formal change to the road name was not made. So far, only one woman is commemorated in Hackett’s place names – Sister

Elizabeth Kenny (Kenny Place).

1961 gazette entry:

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Kind regards

Sharon

Sharon Priestly | ACT Place Names Officer

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Dear [REDACTED]

### **ACT Place Names – Naming of the Division of Aranda**

I refer to your email of 9 March 2020 suggesting an adjustment to the spelling of the division (suburb) name Aranda, so it is written as 'Arrernte'. Further to my advice of 16 March, I tabled your suggestion with the ACT Place Names Committee when it met on 21 July 2020.

Your proposal prompted the committee to investigate the background to the suburb name and the input provided in 1964 by Senator John Gorton, as leader of the government in the Senate and member of the National Memorials Committee. The committee was interested to learn that 'Aranda' was agreed following consultation on phonetics with the former Institute for Aboriginal Studies. The ACT nomenclature files also record that at the time 'Arunta' was generally accepted as another recorded spelling of the cultural name.

While the Committee appreciated your suggestion, the members did not support a change to the longstanding suburb name due to the impact this would have on residents and the costs involved to change addresses, land information systems, signage and property titles. The members also agreed it is critical we maintain the name 'Aranda' to ensure there is no ambiguity concerning the suburb name which could create confusion for the timely delivery of emergency services.

The committee has requested my office to update the Aranda record on the [ACTmapi placenames search tool](#) to include further information about the Arrernte people of Central Australia. In the first instance we will consult the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) for linguistic advice. The committee has also recommended we include a guide to encourage pronunciation of the suburb name. For example, 'UH-rrahn-da', subject to linguistic advice from AIATSIS. In the future I am hopeful we will have the ability to provide audio files on the search site to help explain the pronunciation of ACT place names, including words from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages and names from diverse cultural backgrounds.

Thank you for raising this matter with me. I am pleased your suggestion has prompted a review of the information we hold to explain the origin and significance of the suburb name.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]  
Jeff Brown  
Co-chair, ACT Place Names Committee &  
Surveyor-General of the ACT

26 August 2020

24 November 2020

Ms Sharon Priestley  
ACT Place Names Committee  
C/O Environment Planning & Sustainable Development Directorate  
GPO Box 158  
Canberra City ACT 2601

**RE: RHODES PLACE, YARRALUMLA, ACT, 2600**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I go past this small street in front of the South African Embassy on a regular basis and it just strikes me as more and more inappropriate that \_\_\_\_\_ is considered worthy of any commemoration in our nation's capital, or anywhere else for that matter.

It's a bit of an anachronism anyway, because I'm not aware of any other streets around the Embassy districts that are named for famous or infamous nationals of those countries.

If you did want to keep the South African reference then, of course, there are many more suitable candidates and \_\_\_\_\_ spring easily to mind although for some reason, for what South Africa was considered a necessity for some reason then someone such as \_\_\_\_\_ would not be an unreasonable compromise.

Thank you for at least giving this some brief thought, hopefully.

With kind regards

Memo: For your convenience, we are now able to receive letters via Healthlink. Our EDI is "cbsleep".

\*CC: Ms Genevieve Palm, Secretariat, ACT Place Names Committee,  
C/O Environment Planning & Sustainable Development Directorate, GPO Box 158,  
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Rec'd 15/12/2020  
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**From:** [Priestly, Sharon](#)  
**To:** [Chen, JoanneC](#); [Brown, Jeffrey](#)  
**Cc:** [Placenames](#)  
**Subject:** CMTED request for advice: First Nations Place Names -Place Names response  
**Date:** Wednesday, 16 December 2020 11:11:00 AM

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OFFICIAL

Joanne Chen  
Policy Officer  
Policy and Cabinet Division  
CMTED

Hi Joanne

Thank you for your email seeking advice on whether there are any activities or initiatives underway with the ACT Place Names Committee or EPSDD more broadly around the use of Aboriginal names. I hope the following advice is useful.

As you are aware, the ACT Place Names Committee (the Committee) provides advice to the Minister about the naming of public places on unleased Territory land, including the naming of geographic features.

The *Public Place Names Act 1989* enables the Minister to have regard to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander vocabulary, subject to consultation with an appropriate cultural group.

Our office is continuing to engage with the United Ngunnawal Elders Council and the [REDACTED] about opportunities to name places, including neighbourhood parks and geographical features, to commemorate Ngunnawal language words and progress discussion about dual naming features. We are consulting the [REDACTED] about naming a feature (1738m) on the NSW/ACT border, located north of Mt Gudgenby and on the south-east arm of the Scabby Range. The intention is to formalise the agreed name in consultation with the NSW Geographical Names Board.

On 1 October 2020, the Committee Co-chair, Mr Jeff Brown, attended a meeting of the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Jeff gave an undertaking to continue to consult with UNEC about opportunities to name public places to commemorate words from the Ngunnawal language. The UNEC Co-chair, Ms Roslyn Brown, has expressed a wish for Ngunnawal names to be commemorated in central Canberra.

The Committee Secretariat will liaise with UNEC and the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to formally name the Special Purpose Reserve in Part Block 10 Molonglo Valley under the provisions of the *Public Place Names Act 1989*. The Ngunnawal word 'Namarag', which translates in English to mean 'wattle', is supported by UNEC.

Our office is also liaising with the Environment Division in EPSDD about formally naming the new nature reserve in Kenny announced in the release of Draft Variation 379

[https://www.planning.act.gov.au/planning-our-city/territory\\_plan/draft\\_variations\\_to\\_the\\_territory\\_plan](https://www.planning.act.gov.au/planning-our-city/territory_plan/draft_variations_to_the_territory_plan). The provisional name, Nadjung Mada, from the Ngunnawal language translating to 'wet land', has been approved by the

The Place Names Committee is looking forward to progressing consultation with UNEC to identify opportunities to 'dual name' one or more local features. Where a geographical feature has an existing introduced name, consideration can 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. It is intended the wider local community will also be consulted about any dual naming proposals. At this stage our office has not received any formal request to dual name or rename a feature in the ACT.

Jeff Brown wrote to UNEC on 13 October 2020 to invite the Elders to consider offering a name for an established park on Block 17 Section 49 Campbell (near the shops). Jeff has also raised an opportunity for UNEC to offer a name for a new neighbourhood park in Edgeworth Parade, Coombs. Construction of the park is expected to commence in March 2021 (subject to development assessment approval).

In addition to commemorating words from the Ngunnawal language, the Committee looks for opportunities to commemorate the contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from across Australia and words from Aboriginal languages and the languages of Torres Strait Islander peoples. In November, new road names were approved in the Whitlam 2 estate to commemorate the theme 'Arts and Culture'. Among the names, the Committee was pleased to endorse the commemoration of Indigenous dancers, Peret Arkwookerum, Percy Jacksonia and Malcom Cole <https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/di/2020-301/>

Please contact me if you require further information about initiatives underway around the naming of public places to commemorate the names of Indigenous people and languages.

Kind regards

Sharon Priestly

Sharon Priestly | ACT Place Names Officer

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 15 December 2020 12:09 PM

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**Cc:** Barnard, Belinda <Belinda.Barnard@act.gov.au>; Mudford, Mary <Mary.Mudford@act.gov.au>

**Subject:** Request for advice: First Nations Place Names - interim response

OFFICIAL

Joanne Chen  
Policy Officer  
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Hi Joanne

Thank you for your email seeking advice on whether there are any activities or initiatives underway with the Place Names Committee or EPSDD more broadly around the use of Aboriginal names.

I hope to get back to you later today or by early tomorrow morning. You may also wish to contact Mary Mudford, Traditional Custodian Engagement (EPSDD) concerning the initiatives of the Dhawura Ngunnawal Caring for Country Committee.

Kind regards  
Sharon Priestly

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**To:** Priestly, Sharon <[Sharon.Priestly@act.gov.au](mailto:Sharon.Priestly@act.gov.au)>; Brown, Jeffrey <[Jeffrey.Brown@act.gov.au](mailto:Jeffrey.Brown@act.gov.au)>

**Cc:** Barnard, Belinda <[Belinda.Barnard@act.gov.au](mailto:Belinda.Barnard@act.gov.au)>

**Subject:** Request for advice: First Nations Place Names

OFFICIAL

Dear Jeffrey and Sharon,

I hope you are well.

The Chief Minister has received correspondence about the use of First Nations place names in the ACT. We are seeking advice on whether there are any activities or initiatives underway with the Place Names Committee or EPSDD more broadly around the use of Aboriginal names.

We note there are other jurisdictions in Australia which have Aboriginal and Dual Naming Policies in place (Tasmania, NSW, NT etc). Are there any initiatives underway, or guidance provided to the Place Names Committee in this space?

Thank you for your help. We would also appreciate if there are other contacts or officers that we should be seeking advice from.

Kind regards

Joanne

**Joanne Chen | Policy Officer | Policy and Cabinet Division**

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Dear [REDACTED]

During the meeting of the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I undertook to provide you with a list of Aboriginal language words which have been commemorated as place names in the ACT. I also advised the Committee of an opportunity to name a new park to be constructed in Edgeworth Parade in Coombs (Molonglo Valley).

I have enclosed three reports detailing:

- the public places named to commemorate words from the Ngunnawal language and other local language groups;
- a list of places named to commemorate words from other Aboriginal language groups and the Torres Strait Islands; and
- a list of places commemorating the names of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The reports have been generated from the ACT Place Names database. The information recorded in the system dates from the first Commonwealth place names gazette of 20 September 1928. I acknowledge that there may be some discrepancies in the information and would appreciate your feedback, particularly on any terminology which may be culturally sensitive or worded inappropriately.

In many cases the Commonwealth gazette notices did not record the cultural origin of the Aboriginal language words commemorated in Canberra's road and suburb names. I am pleased the *Public Place Names Act 1989* provides for consultation with an appropriate cultural group before making a recommendation to name a place to commemorate words from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander vocabulary. It is a long term goal to progressively research the language origin of the earlier gazetted names so that we can record the information and include the details in the ACTmapi place names search tool at <https://app.actmapi.act.gov.au/actmapi/index.html?viewer=pn>

### Suburb themes

In 1927, the Canberra National Memorials Committee, in a report to the Federal Parliament on the 'Naming of Canberra's Streets and Suburbs', proposed that street names in Canberra's suburbs follow a theme. The themes for the early suburbs of Braddon, City and Reid provided for the commemoration of words from Aboriginal languages. The 1928 gazette included names of Aboriginal origin identified as having a long association with the local area including Pialligo, Narrabundah, Yarralumla, Jerrabomberra, Molonglo and Mugga. The gazette also named more than 20 streets in central Canberra to commemorate Aboriginal words not specific to locality. Aboriginal words are commemorated in the names of streets which intersect Northbourne and Ainslie avenues determined in alphabetical order, radiating outwards from London Circuit, for example, Alinga, Bunda, Coranderrk and Dirrawan.

Words from Aboriginal languages are specifically commemorated in the suburb themes of Aranda, Braddon, City, Giralang, Narrabundah, Ngunnawal, O'Malley, Pialligo, Reid and Waramanga. Recent road names in Pialligo recognise two words from the Ngunnawal language – Meddhung Road and Dharaban Road.

The ACT Place Names Unit, in consultation with the ACT Place Names Committee, researches opportunities to commemorate the names of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and words from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander vocabulary, in suburbs where the person's contribution, or the language word, is consistent with the suburb theme.

Some examples include:

- Moncrieff (Gungahlin) – Music theme:
  - Yunggaballi Park - in the Ngunnawal language the word 'Yunggaballi' has a meaning of the verb 'sing' in the English language;
  - Wagi Bridge – opened in February 2018; in the Ngunnawal language the word 'Wagi' (wuggi) has a meaning in the English language of 'dance'; and
  - Yidaki Way – the Yidaki is a wind instrument played by the Yolngu people of the Northern Territory; this 'hollow log' instrument when made elsewhere is commonly known by the term didgeridoo/didjeridu.
- Throsby - Native fauna theme:
  - Mirri Close - in the Ngunnawal language the word 'mirri' has the meaning of 'native dog' or 'dingo' in the English language;
  - Banggu Street - in the Ngunnawal language the word has the meaning of 'flying-fox' or 'flying-squirrel' in the English language; and
  - Kaigas Street - on Mabuiag Island in the Torres Strait the word 'Kaigas' has the meaning of 'Shovelnose shark' in the English language.

### Dual Naming

The Place Names Committee is looking forward to progressing consultation during 2021 with UNEC, the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED], to identify opportunities to 'dual name' local natural features to restore traditional Aboriginal language to the feature name.

### New community park (play space) in Edgeworth Parade Coombs

As mentioned at the October meeting, the ACT Place Names Committee is currently researching opportunities to name a new community park and play space to be built in Edgeworth Parade, Coombs (Molonglo Valley).

The Committee is hopeful the United Ngunnawal Elders Council (UNEC) and the [REDACTED] will consider offering a Ngunnawal name for the new park. In addition to naming the park there is an opportunity to include Ngunnawal words of greeting within the park landscape design.

Redbox Design Group has briefed my Committee about the themes and design elements for the park. Subject to development approval, construction is scheduled to start in March 2021 for completion in November 2021. It is desirable to name the park as early as possible to enable the words to be incorporated into the landscape design and to make arrangements for an official opening.

The 9379-square-metre play space has a naturalistic theme and is set into the slope of the land to maximise views of the adjacent Holdens Creek pond. The key design themes of the new park include play elements of 'climbing up through a forest', a lookout, 'Coombs nest' vantage point, opportunities for sliding and swinging play and nature exploration. There will be tree inspired shade structures and seed pods to create play experiences like the Acorns play space at the National Arboretum. The design includes elements to cater for adults and children and all abilities facilities to encourage inter-generational play and interaction, BBQs, picnic facilities and a drinking fountain. The space goes beyond the playground site to the water's edge and will include new public seating.

I have enclosed some further information about the proposed play space provided to me by the Redbox Design Group. There is also information on the YourSay site at <https://www.yoursay.act.gov.au/coombs-play-space> I would welcome an opportunity to meet with representatives of the United Ngunnawal Elders Council and the [REDACTED] early in 2021, possibly on site, to talk with about naming the new park.

Please contact me at email [placenames@act.gov.au](mailto:placenames@act.gov.au) if you have any questions about the enclosed reports, or my invitation to put forward a Ngunnawal name for the new park in Coombs and also include Ngunnawal words of greeting within the landscape design.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]  
Jeff Brown

Surveyor-General & Co-chair, ACT Place Names Committee

17 December 2020

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Priestly, Sharon](#)  
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**Subject:** ACT Place Names - naming of Rhodes Place in Yarralumla - referral to the National Capital Authority

OFFICIAL

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence dated 24 November 2020 concerning the naming of Rhodes Place in Yarralumla. The ACT Place Names Unit administers the naming of public places on unleased Territory Land. As Rhodes Place is located on National Land, I have forwarded a copy of your correspondence to the National Capital Authority (NCA) for its consideration.

The naming of public places (which includes roads) on National Land is undertaken in accordance with the *National Memorials Ordinance 1928*. Section 8A allows the Minister for Territories to determine, revoke and vary a determination concerning the naming of a public place. Any request to change a place name on National Land is first subject to consideration by the NCA.

Thank you for your interest in the naming of public places in the ACT.

Kind regards  
Sharon Priestly

Sharon Priestly | ACT Place Names Officer

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**From:** [Priestly, Sharon](#) on behalf of [Placenames](#)  
**To:** [Mudford, Mary](#)  
**Cc:** [Brown, Jeffrey](#)  
**Subject:** ACT Place Names - request to consult the Dhawura Ngunnawal Caring for Country Committee - feature name map enclosed  
**Date:** Wednesday, 10 February 2021 12:17:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [20210210 - Attachment - diagram to describe the location of an offensive feature name.pdf](#)

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cc Jeff Brown,  
Co-chair, ACT Place Names Committee

Hi Mary

Thank you again for providing an opportunity for Jeff Brown to meet with the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] on 1 October 2020. During the meeting [REDACTED] [REDACTED], in the south of the ACT on the border with NSW. Minister Gentleman has asked our office to expedite the removal of the offensive name.

We would appreciate your help to discuss the renaming of the feature in consultation with the [REDACTED] and ACT Parks and Conservation (Namadgi National Park). We will also advise the NSW Geographical Names Board that the ACT is intending to change the offensive name and ask for its advice about the name of a nearby watercourse. I have enclosed a map showing the location of the offensive feature name to assist the renaming discussion.

The [REDACTED] may be willing to offer a word from the Ngunnawal language; or a name in keeping with the character and tradition of the location; a name having historical or local significance; or a name suggestive of the peculiarity of the geographical feature.

If the [REDACTED] is able to suggest a new name we will check that the same (or very similar) name is not already in use as a place name in the ACT so that we avoid any potential for addressing confusion, which could delay an emergency response to the location. We will then brief the ACT Place Names Committee and prepare an instrument to recommend the name to Minister Gentleman.

We appreciate this opportunity to work with you and the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] towards removing the offensive feature name.

Kind regards

Sharon Priestly

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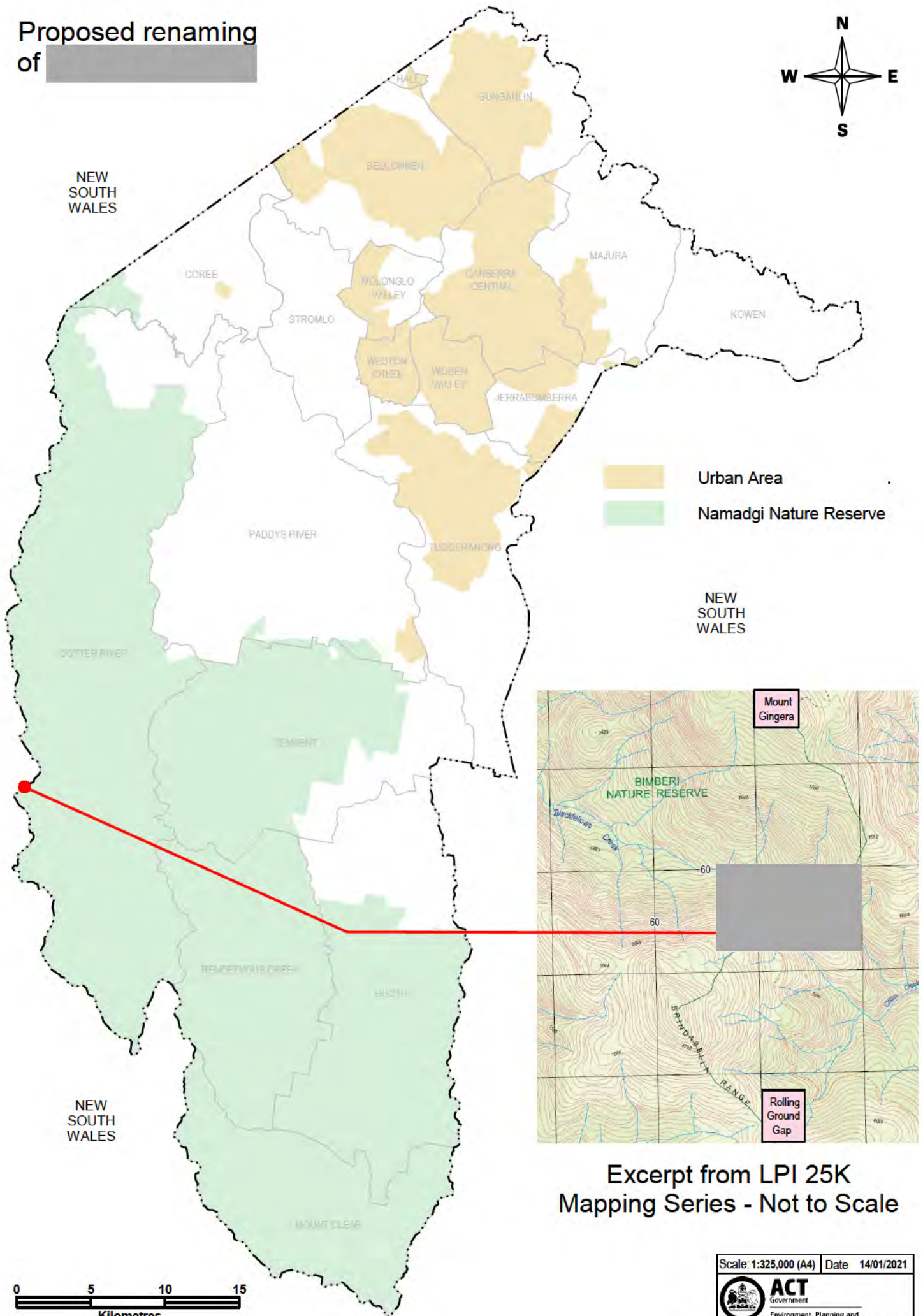
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# Proposed renaming of [REDACTED]



Excerpt from LPI 25K Mapping Series - Not to Scale

**From:** [Priestly, Sharon](#) on behalf of [Placenames](#)  
**To:** [SS GNB](#); [Michael Van Den Bos](#)  
**Cc:** [Placenames](#)  
**Bcc:** [Brown, Jeffrey](#)  
**Subject:** ACT Place Names to NSW GNB - intention to change ACT feature name  
**Date:** Friday, 12 February 2021 11:43:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [20210212 - location diagram to progress renaming of \[REDACTED\] \(ACT\).pdf](#)

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[REDACTED]

I have recently been made aware of a feature named [REDACTED] in the south of the ACT on the border with NSW. The ACT Minister for Planning and Land Management, Mick Gentleman MLA, has asked my office to expedite the removal of the offensive name.

I have noted that [REDACTED] (NSW) rises on the Brindabella Range at [REDACTED]  
<https://proposals.gnb.nsw.gov.au/public/geonames/bed367c3-9ef0-49eb-bb9b-5aa1173033e4>

I would appreciate advice from the Geographical Names Board about the ACT's intention to change the name of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. I have enclosed a map showing the location of the feature in relation to the border to assist the renaming discussion.

I am currently consulting the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] to remove the offensive name. I have suggested the Elders may wish to offer a word from the Ngunnawal language; or a name in keeping with the character and tradition of the location; a name having historical or local significance; or a name suggestive of the peculiarity of the geographical feature.

I appreciate this opportunity to work with the GNB towards removing the offensive feature name on the ACT/NSW border.

Kind regards  
Jeff Brown

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