

MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the
Botany Historical Trust
will be held in the Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum
2 Hatfield Street, Mascot
on **Monday 4 February 2019 at 6:30 pm.**

AGENDA

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

Bayside Council respects the traditional custodians of the land, and elders past and present, on which this meeting takes place, and acknowledges the Gadigal and Bidjigal Clans of the Eora Nation.

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THIS TIME*

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Meredith Wallace
General Manager

Botany Historical Trust

4/02/2019

Item No	4.1
Subject	Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust Meeting - 5 November 2018
Report by	Heather Kaulima, Administration Officer, Libraries & Customer Experience Jenny MacRitchie, Heritage Librarian
File	F19/23

Officer Recommendation

The Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust meeting held on 5 November 2018 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Present

Anne Slattery, President
Christopher Hanna, Vice President
Alice McCann, Senior Vice President
Robert Hanna, Secretary
Richard Smolenski, Treasurer
Clarence Jones, Committee Member
Jacqueline Milledge, Committee Member
Peter Orlovich, Committee Member
Barbara Keeley, Committee Member

Also Present

Meredith Wallace, General Manager
Angela Hume, Manager Customer Experience
Jenny MacRitchie, Community History Librarian

The Chairperson opened the meeting in the Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum at 6.35 pm.

1 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The Chairperson affirmed that Bayside Council respects the traditional custodians of the land, elders past and present and future leaders, on which this meeting takes place, and acknowledges the Gadigal and Bidjigal Clans of the Eora Nation.

2 Apologies

The following apologies were received:

Barbara Simms-Keeley

3 Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

4 Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.1 Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust Meeting - 6 August 2018

Trust Recommendation

On the motion of Peter Orlovich, seconded by Christopher Hanna:

That the Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust meeting held on 6 August 2018 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings with the following amendment:

- That the Beersheba talk and plaque unveiling item be moved from Section 5.2 Events to Section 6 General Business.

5 Reports

Note: The recommendations of this meeting, including the recommendations concerning the amended Constitution, were adopted by Council on 10 October 2018.

5.1 Arthur Park War Memorial

Trust Recommendation

On the motion of Robert Hanna, seconded by Richard Smolenski:

- 1 That the report be received and noted.
- 2 That contact be made (if possible) with the families of the World War II soldiers commemorated at Arthur Park with the aim of verifying the details to be replaced and to keep them informed of proposed refurbishment.
- 3 That contact also be made with the Botany RSL Sub-Branch.
- 4 That future consideration be given to installing a plaque listing the names of the eligible servicemen and the rededication of the memorial.

Notes: The Community History Librarian gave some background to the report and research undertaken. The complexities of restoring the memorial and verifying details to be included were discussed with the acknowledgement that a perfect

solution may not be possible. Robert Hanna commended the Community History Librarian for her thorough report.

5.2 Community History and Museum

Trust Recommendation

On the motion of Jacqueline Milledge, seconded by Richard Smolenski:

That the report be received and noted.

6 General Business

6.1 Armistice Grant

Ms Slattery briefed the Committee that the BHT had finally received the grant for the plaques at the Light Horse Reserve, Botany and Mascot War Memorials and Arthur Park. Ms Slattery thanked Council for covering expenses until the grant came through.

6.2 Development Applications

Note: Ms Slattery advised that she had had some difficulty in accessing the DAs on 66 Wellington St Mascot and the Tennyson Hotel on Council's website.

Trust Recommendation

That Angela Hume checks with Development Services the reason for the difficulty Ms Slattery experienced accessing DAs.

6.3 Botany Town Hall

Council's Strategic Planning Team is assessing Botany Town Hall's potential use for community meetings and functions once the roof is repaired. Council plans to maintain it as a civic building with greater community use. Currently accessibility is also a problem so a lift would need to be installed, possibly through Development contributions.

6.4 Armistice Plaques

Note: Robert Hanna asked about the design and wording of the plaques for installation to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice of World War I. Ms Slattery explained that she and the Community History Librarian had written the text and that Ms Kaulima had organised the production and installation of the plaques. Ms Milledge asked whether letters of thanks could be forwarded to the young bugler and singer who performed at the Light Horse ceremony on 3 November.

Trust Recommendation

That the President, Ms Slattery, forward letters of thanks.

6.5 Light Horse Memorial

Christopher Hanna mentioned the chipping at the corners of the Light Horse Memorial. A CRM will be lodged for Council's attention. Mr Hanna also noted that Mascot RSL Sub-Branch will celebrate its centenary in 2019.

6.6 Marina Theatre

Note: Mr Jones enquired as to the current development status of the former Marina Theatre on Gardeners Road.

Trust Recommendation

That a status report be provided at the next meeting of the Trust.

6.7 Sir Joseph Banks Park

Robert Hanna asked about the recent moves to rejuvenate Sir Joseph Banks Park, as reported in the *Southern Courier*. Ms Wallace advised that the activities included weed removal and native plantings to add to the remnant native vegetation, mostly at the western end of the park.

6.8 Meriton Development, Pagewood

Robert Hanna asked about the proposed changes to the Pagewood Green development. Ms Wallace advised that the overall number of units has not altered greatly. There will, however, be more terrace houses included and that the proposed changes are not all high-rise. There will also be an aged care facility included near the corner of Bunnerong Road.

6.9 Former Presbyterian Church, Botany

Christopher Hanna noted that the former Presbyterian Church on Botany Road had been beautifully restored as part of the current redevelopment of the site.

6.10 BHT Constitution

Mr Smolenski asked about section 4.1 of the amended BHT constitution, noting that he had understood that the archives and artefacts referred to were to be stored locally. Ms Slattery advised that the constitution has been adopted by Council, however, as included in the minutes of 10 August 2018, the Executive, in conjunction with Council, could develop a policy relating to specific artefacts.

6.11 Botany Police Station

Note:

Mr Jones asked about the current status of the old Botany Police Station.

Trust Recommendation

That a letter of enquiry be forwarded to the appropriate state agency.

6.12 BHT Executive meetings

Mr Robert Hanna asked whether members of the BHT were permitted to attend or observe meetings of the Executive Committee. Ms Slattery advised that they were not, unless they were invited for a specific purpose.

6.13 Manager Customer Experience

Ms Slattery informed the Executive that Ms Hume had tendered her resignation as Manager Customer Experience effective end January 2019.

7 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in the Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum at 6.30 pm on Monday, 4 February 2019.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8:09 pm.

Attachments

Nil

Botany Historical Trust

4/02/2019

Item No	5.1
Subject	Arthur Park - Installation of a new Plaque
Report by	Heather Kaulima, Administration Officer, Libraries & Customer Experience
File	F19/23

Summary

This report is to update members on the proposed refurbishment of the Arthur Park War Memorial plinth under the World War I Armistice Centenary Grant.

Officer Recommendation

1. That the report be received and noted.
 2. That the design and wording of a new plaque commemorating the service of Botany's men and women during World War II be approved.
 3. That the removal of the remaining plaques for mounting on an Honour Board, or within a frame, for display at the George Hanna Memorial Museum be approved.
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Background

Arthur Park is located 500m south of the Botany town centre, on the corner of Botany Road and Chelmsford Avenue and is owned by Bayside Council. The Park is named after Alderman George Valentine Arthur, a former Mayor of Botany Council who served in both the Royal Navy and the Royal Australian Navy during World War I. In May 1946, soon after the opening of the baby health centre, poplar trees were planted in the park to honour each of the Botany servicemen who were killed during World War II. A small plaque was installed at the base of each tree. This was organised by the Botany Citizens' A.I.F. Patriotic Fund with the co-operation of Botany Council.

Over the years some of the trees have died and the plaques have deteriorated or been removed. During the 1980s, the remaining plaques were re-installed on a central sandstone plinth, where only seven (of the probable 28) plaques currently remain.

As members are aware, under the World War I Armistice Centenary Grant, plaques were unveiled at the Mascot and Botany War Memorials and the Light Horse Memorial at Eastlakes to mark 100 years since the end of the Great War. The Grant money received also allowed for the refurbishment of the World War II War Memorial in Arthur Park. This grant money must be expended by the end of June 2019.

Quotes have been obtained to replace the individual plaques with a single larger plaque to include the names of all those previously commemorated. Please see attached for the design details of the plaque. Design C is proposed as the most acceptable.

All names on the original plaques are to be shown in alphabetical order, surmounted by the Australian Military Insignia and with a border surround.

As there is some controversy regarding the status of some names on the original plaques, and with the desire to respect all those listed, their descendants and those who first erected the plaques, the wording on the new plaque read as follows:

This Plaque honours the sacrifice and contribution of those named and acknowledges all Botany men and women who served their country during World War II

As it is impracticable in reality and cost-wise to restore the original small plaques, it is proposed to mount those remaining either on an Honour Board or in a large frame to be displayed permanently in the George Hanna Memorial Museum at Mascot Library.

Attachments

Arthur Park Plaque Information [↓](#)

Arthur Park Memorial Plaque 2019

Update date 02.01.2019



Project completion date – 24th June 2019.

This project must be completed before 24 June 2019

We need to determine now:

- The design of the plaque
- The completion date of the plaque

The following slides provide more information on the designs, dates, existing plaques

NEW PLAQUE - Design suggestions

- Designs **A to E** are for **01 x large plaque to cover the entire top of the monument**
- Design **F** is for 20 individual bronze cast plaques to be placed in the original squares of the monument.
- Using the design suggestions below, I have requested for quotes from 03 suppliers in which I have asked to provide me with the quotes before the end of Jan 2019.
- I have received 01 x quote from Everlon Bronze (suppliers of the plaques for the most recent unveilings held at Eastlakes, Mascot Memorial and Booralee Park)
- Pricing does not include installation/mounting as this is completed by another supplier



01 x large plaque covering the top of the memorial

Everlon Bronze Quote for 01 x large plaque covering the top of the memorial

Option A to E

\$999 + GST

5-8 week turnaround

20 individual bronze cast plaques placed in the original squares of the monument

Everlon Bronze Quote for 20+ individual plaques

Option F

\$134 + GST (each)

5-8 week turnaround

Examples of large plaques on plinths

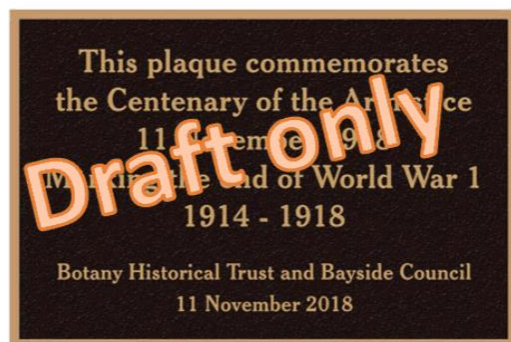


Designs and placements

Please advise if these designs are suitable or if you have something else in mind

NEW PLAQUE - Design suggestions

I am proposing we use the same fonts, colours and material as the previous plaques installed (2018) at Eastlakes, Mascot Memorial and Booralee Park.



Remarks

Order: N-BC-B180824A-1
 Size: 300 x 200 mm
 Border: SBD01 - Solid
 Surface: Stipple
 Thickness: 4 mm
 Colour: Dark Brown
 Font: Cheltenham Bold Headline BT
 Fixing: 2x Lugs with Studs
 X: 200 mm
 Quantity: 2

Actual finished product



Remarks

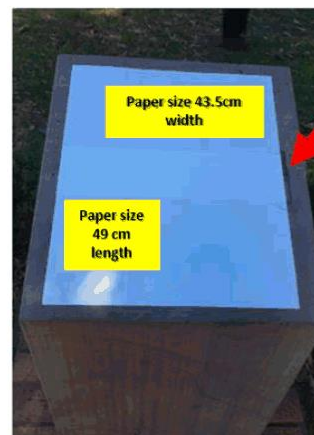
Order: N-BC-B180824A-3
 Size: 750 x 450 mm
 Border: SBD01 - Solid
 Surface: Stipple
 Thickness: 4 mm
 Colour: Dark Brown
 Font: Cheltenham Bold Headline BT
 Fixing: 4x Lugs with Studs
 X: 650 mm
 Y: 350 mm
 Quantity: 1

Actual finished product



NEW PLAQUE - Measurements and placement

Using 02 x A3 sheets (landscape) of paper as a guide, I have placed both sheets over the existing molds to indicate where the new plaques should be positioned.



The width of the A3 sheet does not cover the entire mold

**Actual measurement of the 'suggested size' of
the new plaque
(using two sheets of A3 paper)
43.5 cm width
49 cm length**



Suggested location placement

NEW PLAQUE - PLANNING

To be completed asap once an unveiling date has been confirmed.

Determine design of new plaque/s

- 1 x large or 30 individual plaques or any other suggestions
- Style, font, colours, imagery
- Size
- Costs

Need correct names, dates and information for the plaques

- Who will approve the names and dates?

KEY DATES AND TIME FRAMES:

- **Monday 4th February 2019**
Meeting between BHT and Botany RSL
- **Plaque production timeframe:**
8-9 weeks ideal (5 weeks incurs additional costs for express production)
- **Sunday 30th June 2019:**
Acquittal submission date
- **Thursday 25th April 2019:**
Anzac Day

We need to know the date of installation and if there will be an unveiling event.

- 84 days/12 week process from the time of production to the unveiling date.
- 42 days / 6 weeks for an express production service (additional costs)

The table below is an indication and calculation of the time frame based on the **Design approval date** to the 'unveiling date' (84 days/12 week process)

(the design approval dates are based on every week from 11th Feb 2019)

Eg:

Design approval: **11th Feb** = Unveiling date of **6th May 2019**

Design approval: **18th Feb** = Unveiling date of **13th May 2019**

Key	No. of days		Design approval date	11-Feb-19	18-Feb-19	25-Feb-19	4-Mar-19	11-Mar-19	18-Mar-19
1 week from approval date	7 days	7	Production date	18-Feb-19	25-Feb-19	4-Mar-19	11-Mar-19	18-Mar-19	25-Mar-19
9 weeks from production to delivery	63 days	63	Completion and delivery date	22-Apr-19	29-Apr-19	6-May-19	13-May-19	20-May-19	27-May-19
1 week from delivery date	7 days	7	Installation date	29-Apr-19	6-May-19	13-May-19	20-May-19	27-May-19	3-Jun-19
1 week from installation date	7 days	7	Unveiling date	6-May-19	13-May-19	20-May-19	27-May-19	3-Jun-19	10-Jun-19
2 weeks from unveiling date	14 days	14	Acquittal submission date	20-May-19	27-May-19	3-Jun-19	10-Jun-19	17-Jun-19	24-Jun-19

Existing plaques

Non urgent and no timeframe required– unless the existing plaques are to be mounted onto the monument. Need to determine placement.

EXISTING MONUMENT



METAL BRASS PLAQUE CONDITIONS



5cm
length

7.1cm wide

EXISTING PLAQUE INFORMATION

- 8 plaques remain on the monument
- Other plaques have been placed at Booralee Park and in storage.

Metal plaques are unable to be refurbished

Contrary to my previous email, two suppliers have advised they are unable to restore the existing metal plaques.

Quotes:

'Replacing them in brass will end up with the same problem and it may be an option to resupply all of them as cast bronze'

Patricia Wadsworth – Plaques.com.au

'Unfortunately the material cannot be 'refurbished'. We would recommend replacement with Cast Bronze raised letter raised border plaques'

Nathan Tyrrell – Tyrrells Memorials.

As a suggestion:

Mount all existing metal plaques onto a wooden display for internal viewing only (examples on the right)
Keeping the brass metal plaques outdoors will only make them deteriorate then having to remove them eventually.

If we are to proceed with a wooden board display, are there any ideas where they could be placed?

Alternatively, let me know if you have suggestions as to what to do with the metal plaques.



RECAP

This project must be completed before 24 June 2019

We need to determine now:

- The design of the plaque
- The completion date of the plaque

END

Botany Historical Trust

4/02/2019

Item No	5.2
Subject	Community History and Museum
Report by	Jenny MacRitchie, Heritage Librarian
File	F19/23

Summary

This report is provided to inform members of the current, ongoing and proposed work by the Community History Librarians and the Curator.

Officer Recommendation

That the report be received and noted.

Background

The Community History Team aims to increase awareness within Bayside by responding to enquiries, producing exhibitions and digital content and delivering a variety of community programs.

Enquiries

Recent community history enquiries have included:

- Identifying some of the soldiers on the Botany War Memorial
- Jos Wiggins' service with Botany Council
- Photos of Botany c1950s
- The Second Fleet
- Farming in the Eastgardens/Hillsdale area near Hensley Athletic Field
- Brewin family of *Pearl*, Johnson St. Mascot
- H. Raper & Co., wool carbonising plants
- Photos of Banksia St. Botany c1930s
- Local Boer War veterans

Exhibitions

- **What's Your Story**

This current exhibition aims to merge the present and the past by photographing residents of Bayside with a personal photograph or item connected to the Bayside LGA. The exhibition has received great interest from the community and its format, encouraging people to touch and interact with the display has been very popular. Local children have also enjoyed exploring the exhibits.

- **History of Sydney Airport**

The Community History Team continues to explore ways to celebrate and promote the centenary of Sydney Airport in 2019/2020, focusing on the airport's relationship with, and impact on, the local community. Flyers are currently available from all libraries seeking input from the wider community, including photos, stories and memorabilia.

Public Programs***Postings from the Front: The City of Botany Bay and World War I***

Following the plaque unveiling at the Light Horse Memorial on 3 November 2018, marking 100 years since the Battle of Beersheba, a talk was held at the Alf Kay Community Centre. Ms Slattery, Ms MacRitchie and Ms Grunseit, the book's authors, shared some stories from *Postings From the Front* to mark the centenary of the Armistice of the Great War. The talk was well attended by about 60 people.

Armistice Day

Plaques to mark 100 years since the end of the Great War were unveiled simultaneously at the Botany and Mascot War Memorials at 11.00am on Sunday 11 November 2018. The ceremonies were well-attended and refreshments were then enjoyed together at the Eastlakes Sports Club.

Pemberton's Baths

On Monday 26 November, Dan McAloon gave an in-depth talk about the history of the Ramsgate (Pem's) Baths to a packed house at Rockdale Library. His tales included the famous 'penny scrambles' and details about the giant slides and future Olympic swimmers.

Botany Wool

Our first public talk for the year will be Leonie Bell speaking about the history of the Botany wool industry on Saturday 9 February 2019 at Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum at 2.00pm. Leonie was the 2018 recipient of the Ron Rathbone Local History Prize.

Social Media Promotion

Recent blog posts have included:

Journalist Dan McAloon's tales of Pemberton's Baths and a promotion of his talk at Rockdale Library on 26 November 2018.

House names of the Great War – after the war many local families gave their homes names reflecting their participation, or losses, in World War I.

Attachments

Nil

Botany Historical Trust

4/02/2019

Item No	5.3
Subject	New Park Name Request - Mascot
Report by	Diana Polonska, Senior Systems Specialist
File	SF19/207

Summary

Council has been informed by RMS that a new public reserve will be formed in Mascot at the intersection of Botany Road and Wentworth Avenue. The reserve is a part of the land acquired by the RMS Airport East project that is currently under construction (No. 2 to No.12 Wentworth Avenue and No.1287 to No.1293 Botany Road, Mascot).

Once the Airport East project is completed, there will be some residual land on the corner of Wentworth Avenue which will be handed over to Bayside Council by RMS as a public reserve. RMS is seeking guidance on a proposed name for the proposed public reserve. The location of the new park is illustrated in Attachment 2. The new Lot & DP for the new park will not be known until construction of the project site has been completed.

Prior to these projects commencing, there was an existing public reserve in the area of the land acquired by RMS named "Dr Darragh Reserve". The land previously known as Dr Darragh Reserve (Lot 10 DP 234967) is now located within the new roadway. The name Doctor Darragh Park has been used in another location in Mascot and this name cannot be re-used due to GNB guidelines (no duplication of names in the same locality).

The name '**Beckenham**' after the church next door which has now been acquired because of the road works related to Airport East project, has been suggested by Council's Local History Team. The name was referred to the Geographical Names Board Secretariat for pre-approval under the Addressing Guidelines. Approval of the name is up to the Board's discretion. The Geographical Names Act 1966 empowers the Geographical Names Board of NSW to assign names to places. However, proposals will need to have the support of the local Council.

Officer Recommendation

That the BHT Executive Committee support the proposed name for the new park for endorsement by Council.

Background

The land that was acquired for RMS Airport East project (No.2 to No.12 Wentworth Avenue and No.1287 to No.1293 Botany Road, Mascot) will be subdivided into two or more lots and road widening. The lots would be a public reserve (coloured green) and the church (coloured pink) on the attached AEP Landscape Design plan. Please refer to Attachment 2.

Previously Dr Darragh Reserve was located at 1287 Botany Road, Mascot (Lot 10 DP 234967). As part of this project, RMS acquired at least nine lots from other owners in this

location. The land previously known as Dr Darragh Reserve (Lot 10 DP 234967) is now located within the new roadway.

Council was informed by RMS that once the Airport East project is completed, some residual land on the corner of Wentworth Avenue will be handed over to Council upon completion of the project and will be used as a reserve. Attached is a drawing which shows the location of the land. The previously existing park "Dr Darragh Reserve" was acquired by RMS and the land of the Reserve (Lot 10 DP 234967) is now located within the new roadway. Also, a new Doctor Darragh Park was established in another part of Mascot in 2016. Map showing the current location of Dr Darragh Park is attached – Attachment 3.

Accordingly, a new name for the new public reserve adjacent to Wentworth Avenue is required. The naming will be applied in accordance with the guideline in the Geographical Names Board of NSW (GNB) Place Naming Policy, September 2018. The Geographical Names Act 1966, empowers the GNB of New South Wales to assign names to places. The NSW Gazetteer of Place Names is provided for under Section 5(1) of the Geographical Names Act and is the official register of place names for the State. Under s.2 of the Act: 'Place' means any geographical or topographical feature or any area, district, division, locality, region, city, town, village, settlement or railway station or any other place within the territories and waters of the State of New South Wales. The Gazetteer of Place Names is accessed via the Geographical Names Board of NSW website.

The Bayside East Local Historian Team has researched and suggested the name to be '**Beckenham**' – after the church next door which has now been acquired because of the road works related to Airport East project. Attached is some information about the church and the Rev. John Beckenham after whom it was named, (Attachments 4, 5 and 6). The name is pre-approved by GNB for uniqueness and duplication. In accordance with the Geographical Name Board of NSW Policy Place Naming Policy "*Uniqueness is the most essential quality to be sought in proposing a new place name*" (Ch. 8.2)

The proposed name is a Commemorative name that commemorates a person according to the NSW GNB Naming Policy: "*The names of deceased persons are suitable for the naming of reserves. Such persons shall have had a long term association with the area, or have made a significant contribution to the area of the proposed park or reserve.*" (Ch. 7.1)

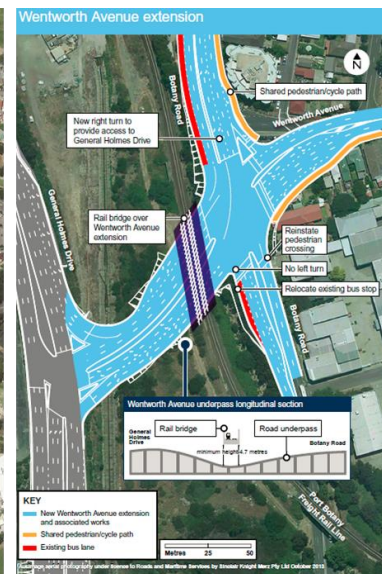
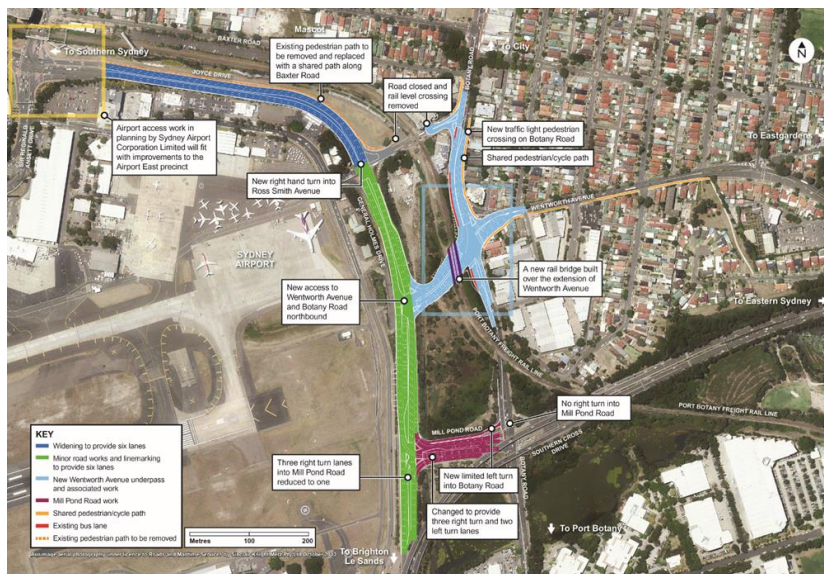
Once Council endorses the proposed name, council officers will submit an official place naming proposal to the GNB. The proposal will be considered by the Board at its next available Board meeting, and go through the Board's advertising and naming process. As explained in Attachment No.7 "Naming a Place – GNB NSW," the following steps will be applied to the process of naming the park:

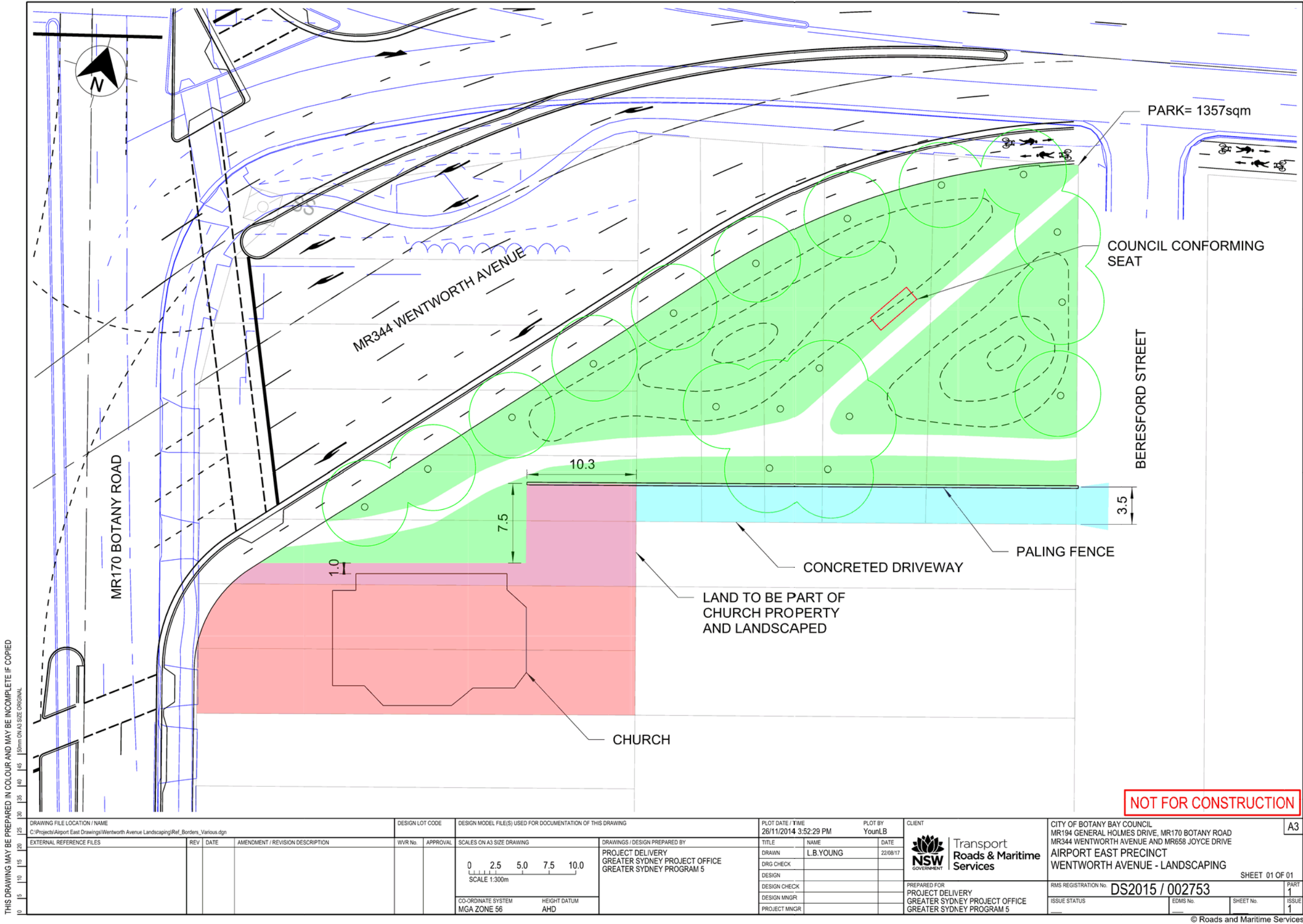
If supported, GNB Secretariat opens the proposed name to the members of the public for comment. The advertising period is open for one month. If no objections are submitted by the public, the name becomes official and the GNB updates the official NSW mapping database and Geographical Names Register.

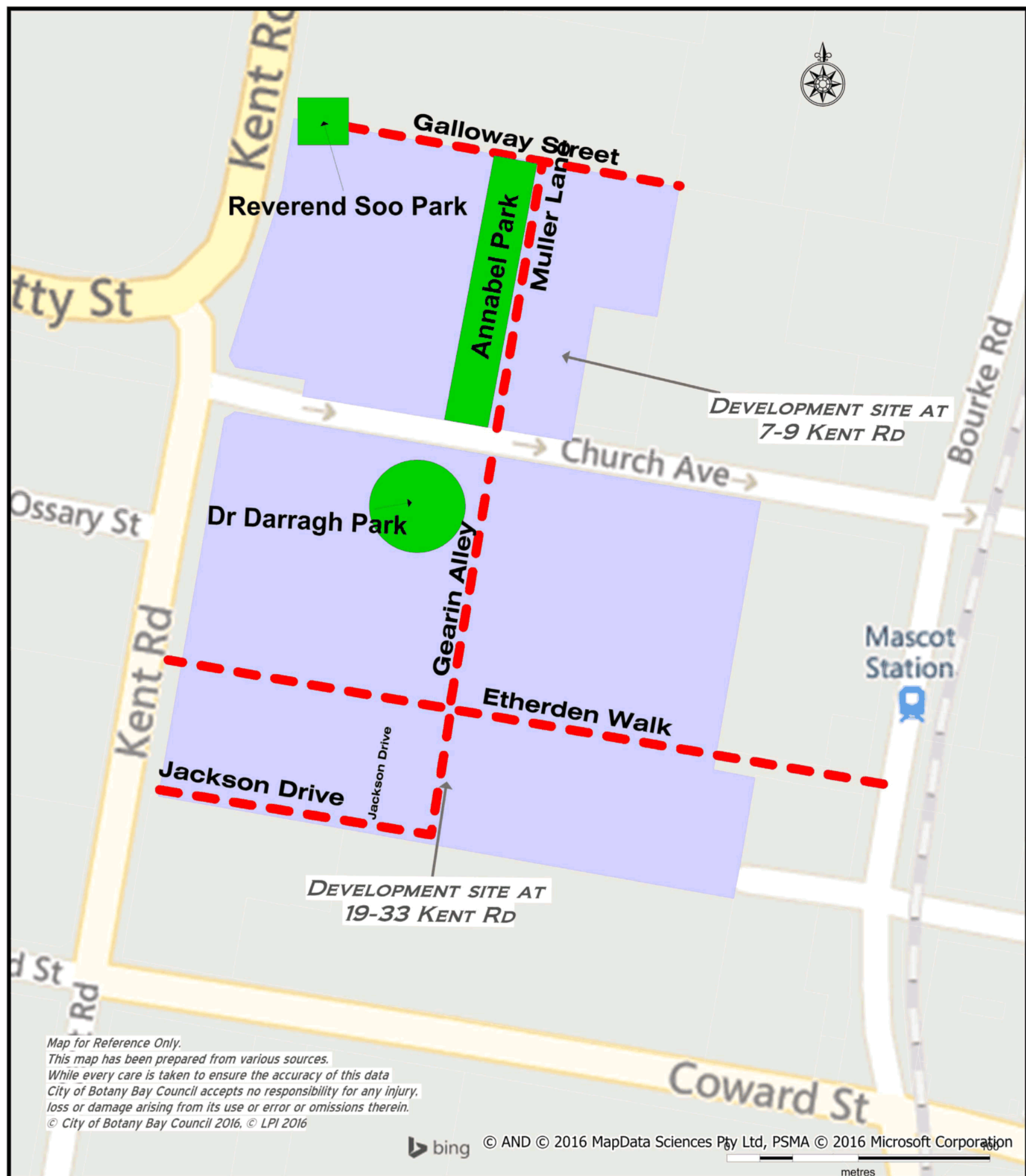
If any objections are submitted they will be forwarded to Council for comments. The Board will review submissions and either reject, alter or endorse the name. A report which sets out the grounds for the submissions is prepared for the Minister. If approved, it becomes the official geographical name and NSW mapping databases and the Geographical Names Register are updated.

Attachments

- 1 Airport_east_project_map [↓](#)
- 2 AEP_Landscape_Design_04 [↓](#)
- 3 Mascot Precinct New Parks [↓](#)
- 4 Beckenham Church - short history [↓](#)
- 5 Beckenham Church - History of Botany book. [↓](#)
- 6 Beckenham Church - South Sydney Sentinel 18 May 1933 [↓](#)
- 7 Naming_a_place_Sep2018 [↓](#)







Beckenham Memorial Church

The Church School Hall, 1914, and the Beckenham Memorial Church, 1933, were originally Congregational Churches. They are now Uniting Churches, joining the union in 1977. The 1933 Church is in Gothic Revival style - harking back to the Gothic style of the Middle Ages. The pointed arch design over doors and windows is evidence of this. The Gothic Revival Style was very popular in Australia from 1837-1901, so this 1933 building is quite a late use of the style. Interior features worth noting are the use of Masonite panels in the ceiling with bindings detailed in white and the semi-circular placement of the stained pine pews.



Church School Hall, built 1914.

The significance of these buildings lies not only in their architectural value but in their historical association with the establishment of the Congregational Church in this area and the two prominent ministers who served here. Their placement beside each other, with both interiors relatively intact with original features, is also important. The building of the 1933 Church was quite an achievement in the years immediately after the Great Depression.

Congregational services were given in Dudley Hall (now the site of Mascot RSL) by the Rev. John Beckenham in 1911. He came to Australia from England in the 1860s, at the age of 14. After several years he took up theological studies and eventually served in Mascot for 5 years, from 1911-1916. Under his ministry it was decided that land should be purchased for their own Church building. The site at 1293 Botany Road was purchased in 1912 for £100. To pay for the land fund raising events were organised and congregation members were encouraged to pay for one yard of land each - costing 2/6.

The Church School Hall was built in 1914 in a matter of 8 weeks and was part brick, part weatherboard construction (note the dado inside). The main builder was **Mr G.M. Carter** and the Church was designed to accommodate 300 people. In April, 1916, the Rev. Beckenham died at age 70. The funeral was a very large one and he was buried at Rookwood Cemetery. The Church was then served with temporary ministers until May 1924, when the Church called its own minister, Rev. Sydney Samuel Walter Horner who served until 1950. He had worked for NSW Railways for 20 years, starting as a blacksmith in Eveleigh rail yard. After serving in WWI (1914-1918), he then undertook Theological studies.

More rooms were added to the School Church Hall in 1925 and plans were now put in place to build a new Church. The adjacent block of land was purchased in 1925 for this purpose. On September 9, 1933, the new Church was opened. It was designed by architect **Mr A. Lanyon Clark**, modelled on the Canterbury Methodist Church, and could seat over 250 people. It was dedicated to the Rev. John Beckenham. His wife laid one of the foundation stones in May 1933 but unfortunately passed away only two weeks before the official opening of the Church in September. The alter chair was donated by the Women's Church Guild in Mrs Beckenham's Honour.



1. Wheel window feature & triple gothic style windows - note cross detail of bricks in the front buttresses. 2. Gothic interior door from porch - etched in memory of Mrs Laurel Goldrich, 1958. 3. Stained glass windows - in memory of Rev. S.S. Horner, 1950. 4. Gothic style entrance door of porch.



Beckenham Memorial Church, 1293 Botany Road, Mascot, built 1933.



Interior of the Beckenham Memorial Church, showing the gothic detail on doorway and windows, and the original paneled masonite ceiling.

During Rev. Horner's ministry congregation numbers increased strongly. In 1950 Rev. Horner died at the age of 62. As minister for 26 years, he was well-known and deeply respected by the whole community, regardless of denomination. Reports of the day indicate that thousands of people assembled outside the Church and lined Botany Road for his funeral - described as one of the biggest funerals Mascot had seen.

CAPTAIN COOK BI-CENTENARY 1770-1970

THE HISTORY OF BOTANY

1788-1970

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THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BOTANY

and instructive addresses were delivered. The association's activities were not limited to Sunday meetings but extended into participation in sports of various kinds. Today meetings are held monthly, on week nights, and are of a different character. Nevertheless the association continues its tradition of local service and organises the annual "Back to Botany" services and celebrations.

6. THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The original Municipality of Botany had no Congregational Church and members of that denomination attended services in Mascot at Beckenham Memorial Church. The first Congregational services were conducted in 1911 at Dudley Hall, Mascot by the Rev. John Beckenham. The original congregation was very small, numbering but sixteen persons at the morning service and forty-five at the evening meeting. A few weeks later a Sunday School was opened, and the following year the site of the present school was purchased. A building to accommodate 300 persons was opened in January 1914. The Rev. Beckenham died after a serious illness on April 1, 1916.

After his death, a home missionary assumed control of the Mascot services. In May 1924 the Rev. S. S. W. Horner, M.M. was appointed to the church, a position he held until his death in 1950. During his administration a kindergarten hall, vestry and kitchen were added to the school, and a new church building was erected. The new church, which was designed by Lanyon Clark, was opened in September 1933. It was named the Beckenham Memorial Congregational Church to commemorate the work of the original pastor, the Rev. John Beckenham.

The Rev. Horner was a minister possessed with considerable drive and energy. In addition to the improvements at the Beckenham Memorial Church, he was responsible for the establishment of East Mascot Congregational Church in 1936, and acted as minister for both. After his death in 1950 East Mascot was renamed Horner Memorial Church to perpetuate his memory. Botany Council, assisted by public subscription, endowed a bed in South Sydney Hospital in recognition of Rev. Horner's work in the community. A further step was the renaming of Mary and Sharp streets as Horner Avenue. The Mascot Church installed a fine stained glass window, and in 1957 purchased the Horner Memorial Manse in Flora Street, Mascot.

A prominent Congregationalist, the Rev. R. C. Turner, succeeded the Rev. Horner and in 1968 the Rev. George D. Macdougald, formerly minister of Northolt and West Ealing Congregational Churches in Middlesex, England, commenced religious duties in Eastlakes and Mascot. Prior to

entering the ministry, the Rev. Macdougald had had a successful career in business and only accepted his ministerial post at Eastlakes and Mascot following a unanimous call from the two churches.

7. THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army first established a Corps in Mascot in September 1912. Ten years later Commandant Evans commenced services in the old Sir Joseph Banks Hotel. Sister F. Williams in co-operation with the Commandant provided for Sunday School services, which later were transferred to the home of Brother and Sister Harvey. A hall was then built in Botany and the Army work was undertaken as an outpost from Mascot until the Corps became a separate unit in 1930, with Captains Gee and Stace as officers in charge. The hall was partly destroyed by fire in 1931, but was soon rebuilt and opened by Commissioner McKenzie. Further additions were made in 1935 largely through the generosity of Mr. Davis of Davis Gelatine. The hall was enlarged and a Primary Hall erected.

Although no further building developments have occurred in Botany, the Salvation Army has worked with the characteristic zeal of the order to prove the truth of the statement that "the love of God can be equally preached by service as by sermon". The Army sincerely believes that "along the road there will always be needy souls", people who require direction along that "long hard road back to citizenship".

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New Memorial Church At Mascot

CHAIRMAN OF CONGREGATIONAL UNION'S VISIT

The ceremony of placing the foundation stones of the new Beckenham Memorial Congregational Church, Mascot, will be carried out at 3 p.m. on Saturday, by the Rev. R. B. Reynolds, M.A., B.D., Chairman of the Congregational Union of N.S.W., Mrs. J. Beckenham, senr., widow of the late Rev. J. Beckenham, founder of the Church, and the Rev. S. S. W. Horner, who recently celebrated the ninth anniversary of his ministry at Mascot.

Greetings will be given by their Worship the Mayors of Mascot and Botany (Ald. C. J. Dransfield, J.P., and Ald. W. Harford, J.P.), and by the representative of the Mascot and Botany Minister's Union, the Rev. J. W. Spencer. Former Ministers of the Church who will take part in these services will be Rev. A. P. Doran, Rev. T. J. Harper, and Rev. J. Harold King.

The new church which is to be erected alongside the present building at a cost of £1600, according to the plan will be of simple Gothic design the openings generally having plain painted arches, emphasised by label moulds at the main facade and at the entrances. The main front gable is provided with a fine rose tracery window set over triple windows.

Seating accommodation is to be provided for more than 200 people. A fall of a foot in the floor is arranged to give the congregation a clear view of the Minister. The rostrum and choir are arranged centrally under a large pointed arch, and the furnishing here will be in maple. The organ is provided with a special recess through an arched opening, set in the diagonal return side of transept, convenient to the choir.



REV. R. B. REYNOLDS, M.A., B.D.

LATE MRS. GREETHAM

Mrs. Greetham, aged 35 years, passed away at her residence, John Street, Mascot, on Wednesday, the 10th inst.

In referring to her demise, at the ordinary meeting of the Council on Tuesday night, His Worship the Mayor, Ald. C. J. Dransfield, said everyone would regret Mrs. Greetham's untimely end and the fact that she left behind her four little children and a sorrowing husband.

He was sure that Council's sympathy would go out to all the relatives in the sadness of their bereavement. A resolution of sympathy in the deaths of Mrs. Greetham, Mrs. H. Turner, Botany Road, near Church Avenue, and Mr. Robert Steele Senr., of Melrose Street, was carried in the usual manner by all present standing for a moment in silence.

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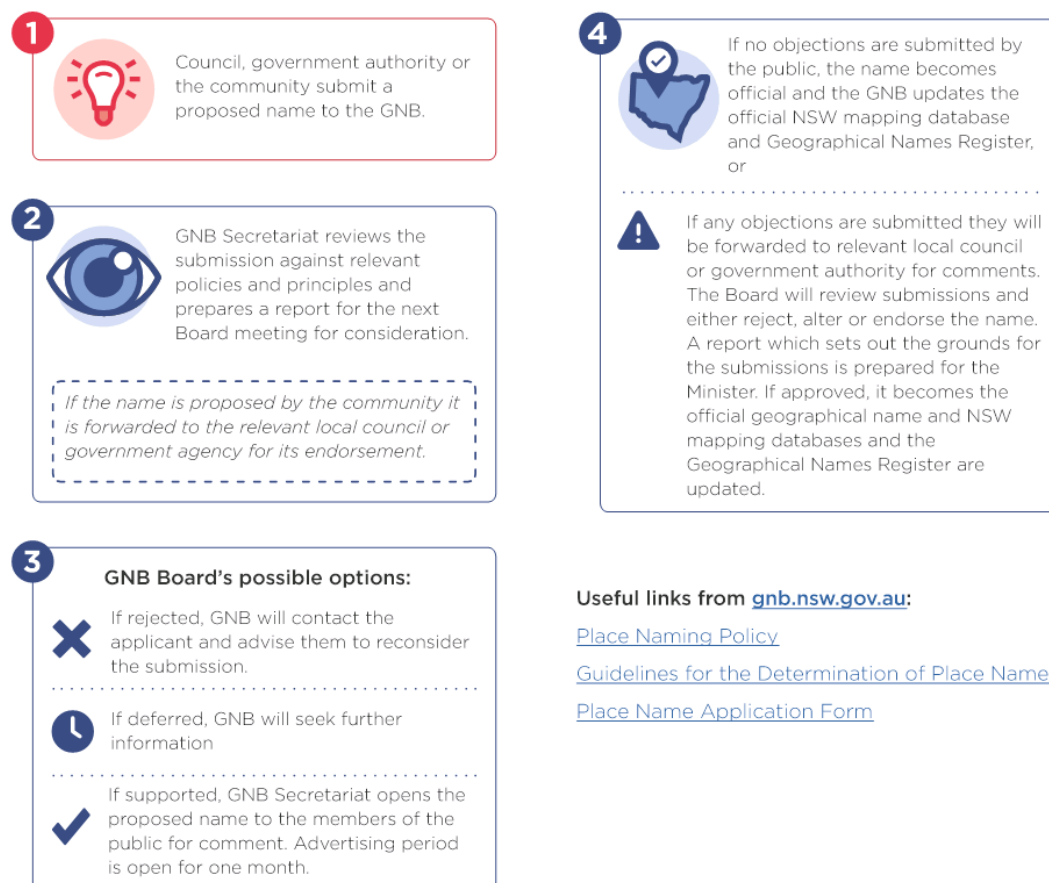
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