

ITEM 6. NAMING PROPOSAL - THE GREEN SQUARE COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL PRECINCT

FILE NO: S123931

SUMMARY

On 25 August 2014, Council endorsed the scope of community facilities and public domain redevelopment works for the site of the former South Sydney Hospital. The project comprises three heritage buildings: the former nurses' quarters, the Esme Cahill Building, the Casualty Building and the Pathology Building, with a new open space connecting the buildings. Once redeveloped, these buildings will provide a creative centre, childcare centre and community shed.

Following the undertaking of major adaptive re-use projects, the City will often take the opportunity to appropriately name new community facilities. To date, the City's preferred approach to naming new or extensively refurbished community facilities/repurposed buildings is to reflect their geographic location and/or function, while acknowledging any former names in appropriate aspects of the overall project.

Further, as the redeveloped site will house a combination of both community and cultural facilities, it is thought that the entire site would benefit from the designation of a single identifying name.

This report recommends that Council formally endorse the public exhibition of the proposed naming options for the former site of the South Sydney Hospital and repurposed buildings.

RECOMMENDATION

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council provide in-principle approval for the following naming options for the site of the former South Sydney Hospital and buildings:
 - (i) the entire redevelopment site of the South Sydney Hospital being named the Green Square Community and Cultural Precinct;
 - (ii) the redeveloped nurses' quarters being named Joynton Avenue Creative Centre;
 - (iii) the redeveloped casualty building be named Waranara Early Education Centre; and
 - (iv) the redeveloped pathology building being named Banga Community Shed;
- (B) Council approve the public exhibition, for a minimum period of 28 days, of the proposed naming options for the site of the former South Sydney Hospital and buildings; and
- (B) a further report be submitted to Council at the end of the exhibition period.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

BACKGROUND

1. The site of the former South Sydney Hospital is bounded by Joynton Avenue, Hansard Street, Portman Street and Zetland Avenue. The City owns the site and is redeveloping it in line with the Green Square Town Centre Development Control Plan (2012) and the South Sydney Hospital Site Masterplan (2013).
2. On 25 August 2014, Council endorsed the scope of the redevelopment of the community facilities and public domain for the site.
3. The project comprises three heritage buildings: the former nurses' quarters, the Esme Cahill Building, Casualty and Pathology Buildings, with a new open space connecting the buildings. Once redeveloped, these buildings will provide a creative centre, childcare centre and community shed.
4. Following the undertaking of major adaptive re-use projects, the City will often take the opportunity to appropriately name new community facilities. To date, the City's preferred approach to naming new or extensively refurbished community facilities/repurposed buildings is to reflect their geographic location and/or function, while acknowledging any former names in appropriate aspects of the overall project.

Open Space Naming

5. The name of the new open space, Matron Ruby Grant Park, was endorsed by Council on 14 May 2012 as part of the Naming of Streets and Open Space in Green Square and Ashmore Neighbourhood report.

Community and Cultural Facilities Naming

6. The buildings covered in this report include:
 - (a) the Esme Cahill Building, formerly the nurses' quarters, which will be redeveloped into a creative centre. The proposed name is Joynton Avenue Creative Centre;
 - (b) the former Casualty Building, which will be redeveloped into a long-day Childcare Centre. The proposed name is Waranara Early Education Centre; and
 - (c) the Pathology Building, which will be redeveloped into a community shed. The proposed name is Banga Community Shed.
7. The preferred names for the Esme Cahill Building and community shed from consultation held in September 2014 were Joynton Creative Studios and Banga Community Shed. Banga is the Gadigal language word for 'make or do'.
8. As part of the City's commitment to recognise the Aboriginal culture of Sydney, words from the language of the traditional custodians, the Gadigal, are proposed: Waranara Early Education Centre - Waranara means to seek; and Banga Community Shed.
9. These Aboriginal words are sourced from Jakelin Troy's The Sydney Language (Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, 1993), the most comprehensive word list of the Sydney language published and accepted by the Aboriginal community.

10. The two proposed Aboriginal language names, Banga and Waranara, have been endorsed by the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel.
11. The proposed name for the Creative Centre is Joynton Avenue Creative Centre.
12. Another option is to name all facilities with 'Green Square'. This reinforces the name of the place and helps build identity for this new village.

Precinct Naming

13. As the redeveloped site will house a combination of both community and cultural facilities, it is thought that the entire site would benefit from the designation of a single identifying name. It is proposed that the site be named the Green Square Community and Cultural Precinct.

KEY IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Alignment

14. *Sustainable Sydney 2030* is a vision for the sustainable development of the City to 2030 and beyond. This report is aligned with Sustainable Sydney 2030 Strategic Direction 4 - A City for Walking and Cycling – facility names and signage increase recognition and encourage use of community land.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

15. Funding for the building and site signage is available within the Green Square Creative Centre, Community Shed and Matron Ruby Park Project.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

16. The building and site naming proposals outlined in this report do not require approval by the Geographical Names Board.

CRITICAL DATES / TIME FRAMES

17. Finalisation of signage documentation for construction is required as soon as possible.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

18. The Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council and the City's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel have been consulted.
19. Further consultation on the proposed names will involve:
 - (a) notifying the community and stakeholders;
 - (b) advertisements in local papers;
 - (c) a display at the Tote Neighbourhood Service Centre;

- (d) online through Sydneyoursay.com.au and social media; and
- (e) signage on the site.

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