

**ITEM 4. NAMING PROPOSAL - THE GREEN SQUARE COMMUNITY AND  
CULTURAL PRECINCT - POST EXHIBITION**

**FILE NO: S123931**

**SUMMARY**

This report recommends that Council approve the naming of the Green Square Community and Cultural Precinct.

The recommended names are:

- Green Square Community and Cultural Precinct – the entire redevelopment site of the former South Sydney Hospital.
- Joynton Avenue Creative Centre – formerly the Esme Cahill Building (nurses' quarters).
- Waranara Early Education Centre – formerly the Casualty Building. Waranara means to seek.
- Banga Community Shed – formerly the pathology building. Banga means make or do.

The naming proposal was exhibited from 28 March 2016 to 19 April 2016 and five submissions were received in response. One submission supports the proposed names, two proposed alternative names, and the majority support the use of Aboriginal language names.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is resolved that Council approve the following names for the former South Sydney Hospital Site and buildings:

- (A) Green Square Community and Cultural Precinct (for the entire redevelopment site of the former South Sydney Hospital);
- (B) Joynton Avenue Creative Centre (for the redeveloped nurses' quarters);
- (C) Waranara Early Education Centre (for the redeveloped casualty building); and
- (D) Banga Community Shed (for the redeveloped pathology building).

**ATTACHMENTS**

**Attachment A:** Submissions Summary

## **BACKGROUND**

1. The site of the former South Sydney Hospital is bounded by Joynton Avenue, Hansard Street, Portman Street and Zetland Avenue.
2. On 29 February 2016, Council provided in-principle approval for the following naming options for the site of the former South Sydney Hospital and buildings:
  - (a) the entire redevelopment site of the former South Sydney Hospital be named the Green Square Community and Cultural Precinct;
  - (b) the redeveloped nurses' quarters be named Joynton Avenue Creative Centre;
  - (c) the redeveloped casualty building be named Waranara Early Education Centre; and
  - (d) the redeveloped pathology building be named Banga Community Shed.
3. Names of Aboriginal origin are sourced from Jakelin Troy's The Sydney Language (1993), the most comprehensive word list of the Sydney language published and accepted by the Aboriginal community.
4. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Advisory Panel and the Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council have been consulted and support the proposed Aboriginal language names.
5. The naming proposal was exhibited from 28 March 2016 to 19 April 2016 and five submissions were received in response. The proposal was advertised in local newspapers, displayed on site and featured on the SydneyYourSay webpage.
6. Most submissions support the use of the Gadigal language and some proposed alternatives, such as retaining Esme Cahill as the name for the nurses' quarters. A summary of submissions is contained in Attachment A.
7. The original Nurses' Home was built in 1938. It was only later, when the Nurses' Home was extended in 1958, that it became known as The Esme Cahill building in honour of the wife of the NSW Premier, John Cahill. Premier Cahill had set the foundation stone of the extension on 22 August 1958.
8. The recommended names are preferred because they identify the new Community and Cultural Precinct, the function of the creative centre and recognise Aboriginal heritage. The history of the Esme Cahill building and hospital will be acknowledged through heritage interpretation panels at the creative centre entrance and in the park.

## **KEY IMPLICATIONS**

### **Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030 Vision**

9. 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**

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

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION**

11. There is no relevant legislation – new building names do not have to be submitted to the Geographical Names Board.

**CRITICAL DATES / TIME FRAMES**

12. Finalisation of the names is required by the end of June 2016 to allow for signage documentation and manufacture.

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

13. A proposal to change the building names was notified in two local newspapers, the Central Courier and the Southern Courier, on the City's webpage "Sydney Your Say", and signage boards were displayed on the hoarding around the hospital site. The NSW Nurses and Midwives Association was also consulted, and the names have been endorsed by the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel. The notification period went from 28 March 2016 to 19 April 2016. Five submissions were received.

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