

ITEM 9. NAMING PROPOSAL - HYPERION PARK AND KINGSBOROUGH WAY

FILE NO: X010461

SUMMARY

This report recommends that, subject to community consultation, Council provide in-principle approval to naming a new park and new road to be built within a development site at 906 Bourke Street, Zetland "Hyperion Park" and "Kingsborough Way" respectively.

The naming proposal originated from a request from the developer. The park and road are expected to be completed in early 2018.

The new street and park will be located on the site of the former horse training stable Zetland Lodge. It is proposed to name the new street and park after thoroughbreds owned by Governor Sir Hercules Robinson who played a key role in establishing a horse training industry in the district and developing the suburb. The names originate from:

- Kingsborough Way - Kingsborough was one of Robinson's thoroughbreds, trained by Thomas Lamond, which won the AJC Derby, Champagne Stakes, Sires' Produce Stakes, Hawkesbury Guineas, and Metropolitan races.
- Hyperion Park – Hyperion was one of Robinson's thoroughbreds, trained by Thomas Lamond, which won the Champagne Stakes in 1875.

The proposed names reflect the recommendations of the Heritage Interpretation Strategy for the site and are supported by the City Historian.

The proposed names will be placed on exhibition for public comment and a further report summarising the outcome will be submitted for the consideration of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council provide in-principle approval to name the new park to be constructed within the development site bounded by Bourke Street, Merton Street and McPherson Lane as "Hyperion Park" and that the name be placed on public exhibition for community comment for a minimum period of 28 days;
- (B) Council provide in-principle approval to name the new street to be constructed between Bourke Street and O'Dea Avenue as "Kingsborough Way" and that the name be placed on public exhibition for community comment for a minimum period of 28 days; and
- (C) a further report be submitted to Council, on the results of the public consultation process.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Map showing the location of Hyperion Park and Kingsborough Way

BACKGROUND

1. A new road and park to be constructed within a development site bounded by Bourke Street, McPherson Lane, and Merton Street in Zetland are expected to be completed by the developer in early 2018.
2. The development is comprised of two multi-storey residential buildings and 15 town houses. Public domain works include a public park, pedestrian green links, a new road into the site from Bourke Street, new pedestrian footpaths and new street trees.
3. The development will include a new neighbourhood park of approximately 2,500 square meters and a new street.
4. In 2016 a design report was prepared by an external consultant for the site, including a concept design for a public park which will be located in the north-western section of the site.
5. The new park will provide an engaging green open space for recreation, play and social gatherings while interpreting the former use of the site as a racing stable.
6. Key features include a children's playground, picnic areas, shared paths for walking and cycling. Other elements include a central lawn area, a series of garden rooms set around a central courtyard and timber play horses for children (referencing the site's former use as horse stables).

Naming Proposal

7. The new street and park are located on the site of the former horse training stable "Zetland Lodge" which was established in 1874 by Governor Sir Hercules Robinson. The Governor employed an accomplished trainer Thomas Lamond to oversee the stable and was rewarded with many champions including Hyperion. Lamond went on to develop Zetland Lodge as one of the prominent racing stables in the district. Lamond was a popular and respected figure in Zetland. He took an active interest in public affairs, serving as an alderman on Waterloo Municipal Council for 21 years from 1887-1907 and was Mayor on four occasions (1892, 1897, 1898, and 1903). A nearby lane is named Lamond Lane after Thomas Lamond.
8. Under the guidelines of the Geographical Names Board, the relevant roads authority is responsible for naming the road and for the proposed new street the City of Sydney is the roads authority. The Geographical Names Board is the authority for naming public places and the City is required to submit its proposed name for their consideration.
9. It is proposed to name the new street and park after thoroughbreds owned by Robinson and trained by Lamond, in recognition of the role that the Governor Sir Hercules Robinson played in establishing a horse training industry in the district and developing the suburb:
 - (a) Kingsborough Way - Kingsborough was one of Robinson's thoroughbreds, trained by Lamond, which won the AJC Derby, Champagne Stakes, Sires' Produce Stakes, Hawkesbury Guineas, and Metropolitan races; and
 - (b) Hyperion Park – Hyperion was one of Robinson's thoroughbreds, trained by Lamond, which won the Champagne Stakes in 1875.

10. The proposed names reflect the recommendations of the Heritage Interpretation Strategy for the site and are supported by the City Historian.

KEY IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030 Vision

11. *Sustainable Sydney 2030* is a vision for the sustainable development of the City to 2030 and beyond. It includes 10 strategic directions to guide the future of the City, as well as 10 targets against which to measure progress. This report is aligned with the following strategic directions and objectives:
 - (a) Direction 4 - A City for Walking and Cycling – formally naming the street and park will assist in wayfinding and will facilitate recognition and visitation; and
 - (b) Direction 6 - Vibrant Local Communities and Economies - naming the street and park will raise awareness and promote visitation to the precinct and to nearby businesses such as cafes and restaurants.

Organisational Impact

12. Naming of the park and street will have minimal organisational impact. The City will ensure signage is installed once construction is complete and the road and site are handed over to the City for community use.

Risks

13. There are no identified risks associated with the naming proposal.

Social / Cultural / Community

14. The community will have an opportunity to comment on the naming proposal during the exhibition period.
15. Many names of Aboriginal language origin have been applied to parks, streets and buildings in recent years, particularly around the southern renewal area. The City's Historian recommends Hyperion Park and Kingsborough Way, reflecting the recommendations of the Heritage Interpretation Strategy for the site, and does not recommend the use of an Aboriginal Sydney Language name.
16. The City's standard park signage featuring the traditional acknowledgement of country messaging "Bujari Gamarruwa" will be installed at the main park entrances.
17. The City's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Board will be notified and consulted about the proposed names and their advice will be reported back to Council.

Economic

18. Naming of the street and park may generate a positive effect by facilitating increased visitation to the site and surrounding businesses.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

19. The park and road will be delivered through a voluntary planning agreement. The City is not required to contribute funding for the construction of the park and road.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

20. The Roads Act and Roads Regulation – the City is the relevant roads authority with jurisdiction over the site.
21. The Geographical Names Act and Guidelines – the recommended names meet the requirements of the Geographical Names Board guidelines. The recommended park name, if supported by Council, will be submitted to the Geographical Names Board NSW for consideration and assessment in accordance with their process for the naming of public places.
22. The recommended names conform to the City's Draft Naming Policy.

CRITICAL DATES / TIME FRAMES

23. The park and road are expected to be completed in 2018.

OPTIONS

24. Council may choose to consult the community about alternative names.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Naming Procedure for the New Park

25. The process for naming of public spaces generally proceeds as follows:
 - (a) in-principle approval by Council of the proposed name;
 - (b) public notification of the naming proposals with a minimum 28 day response time;
 - (c) Council approval following community consultation;
 - (d) assessment by the Geographical Names Board of New South Wales through its formal application process; and
 - (e) approval by the Geographical Names Board and subsequent publication in the NSW Government Gazette.
26. The Geographical Names Board will also notify the public through the local press as part of their routine procedure for the naming of public places. If objections are raised, the proposal is returned to Council for further comment or amendment if required.
27. The naming proposal will be advertised in the local press, on the Sydney Your Say website, notices will be letterboxed to surrounding properties (approximately 450m radius) as well as a public notice on site.

Naming Procedure for the Public Road

28. The City of Sydney is the roads authority and, under section 162 of the *Roads Act 1993*, may name all public roads for which it is the roads authority. Road naming is conducted in accordance with Part 2, Division 2 (Naming of Roads) of the *Roads Regulation 2008*.

29. The naming process is as follows:
- (a) the City's naming proposal is submitted to the Geographical Names Board through their online portal.
 - (b) the Geographical Names Board then gives notice of the proposed name, published in a local newspaper and served on Australia Post, the Registrar General, the Surveyor General, the Chief Executive of the Ambulance Service of NSW, NSW Fire Brigade, the NSW Rural Fire Service, the NSW Police Service, the State Emergency Service and the NSW Volunteer Rescue Association. The notice must state that written submissions on the name must be made to the roads authority and must specify to whom and the date by which any submissions should be made.
 - (c) any person may make a submission regarding a proposed name. If, after considering any submission made to it, the roads authority decides to proceed with the naming or renaming, the roads authority must publish a notice in the NSW Government Gazette and in a local newspaper and must inform Australia Post, the Registrar General and the Surveyor General, giving sufficient details to enable the road to be clearly identified.
 - (d) the Geographical Names Board must be given at least one month's notice of the proposed name.
30. The City will submit the proposed name for the new street following Council approval and public exhibition of the name for community comment.

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