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ATTACHMENT 1 10 MAY 2017 - GOOGONG PLACE NAMES MAP



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| ATTACHMENT 2 | 10 MAY 2017 - PROPOSED ABORIGINAL PLACE NAMES - GOOGONG |

GOOGONG TOWNSHIP – PROPOSED ABORIGINAL PARK NAMES & CULTURAL HISTORY

- **Aboriginal names for four (4) nominated sites at Googong**
- **Aboriginal background and meaning of the names proposed for the nominated sites and why they were chosen**

| Current Name | Proposed Aboriginal Name | Meaning | Background / Why chosen |
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| Googong Common | bunburung thina | lizard (small) track | <p>The reference to small lizard was selected due to the Pink-tailed Legless Lizard (also known as the Pink-tailed Worm-lizard) known to inhabit the Canberra/ Queanbeyan region. This naming also links in with the lizard/worm-like characteristics (as per concept plans) of the Googong Common pathway.</p> <p>As mentioned above, the lizard/snake-like characteristics of the Googong Common pathway also connects with the Ngunawal peoples' belief that the brown snake is a protector of Aboriginal sacred sites.</p> <p>As the Googong Common is the central pathway of the project area and links all nominated sites, it is appropriate also that it ties in with water as a natural resource. Water is the lifeblood of a healthy country and is vital to the cultural and spiritual identity of Aboriginal people.</p> <p>Water forms the basis of many Aboriginal Dreamtime stories about creation.</p> <p>Aboriginal people relied on healthy waterways to carry out their cultural and day to day activities, such as fishing, hunting, practising ceremony, following songlines and accessing medicinal plants and herbs.</p> |

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| | | | In the Ngunawal language, the word for money closely resembles that of water – this reaffirms the fact that to Aboriginal people water was a precious and valuable resource for survival. |
| 'Hill 800' | nangi pimble | see district | <p>The top of the hill currently known as 'Hill 800' provides a great panoramic view across the Googong township and beyond.</p> <p>In times of Aboriginal preoccupation, hills such as this provided a vantage point to not only see who was approaching but also as a means to identify other hill tops and pathways in which to traverse the country.</p> <p>It is highly likely that this particular hill and pathway was used by Queen Nellie Hamilton, her friend Nanny and "three or four half-caste children" during their well-documented walk to Cooma in the winter of 1873.</p> |
| Display Village 2 park | yerradhang nguru | gumtree camp | <p>This naming links in with the gumnut (pod) theme chosen for this playground.</p> <p>'Camp' in Aboriginal culture means not necessarily to live there but to stop a while.</p> <p>Trees are significant to Ngunawal traditional custodians as they were 'scarred' (the bark was removed and used). Traditional uses for the bark included: Coolamon (to hold water), collecting food and for carrying babies. Trees were also scarred to indicate entering or leaving a traditional custodians boundary or to indicate the presence of a burial.</p> |
| Montgomery Rise park | munnagai woggabaliri | come play | This naming was chosen as it is a welcoming invite for all to |

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| | | <p>come and play in this park area.</p> <p>Aboriginal people as traditional custodians have spiritual and cultural obligations to care for Country but of course there was always a time for play.</p> <p>There were many traditional recreational pastimes believed to have been played at gatherings and celebrations. An example of one of these earlier games was Marn Grook or Marngrook, a football game which featured punt kicking and catching a stuffed "ball". It was commented that players exhibited outstanding skills, such as leaping high over others to catch the ball. The modern equivalent to this earlier game is AFL.</p> |
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▪ **Aboriginal background and meaning of the name 'Googong'**

Aboriginal people are believed to have inhabited the Queanbeyan region for some 20,000 years. With two major rivers flowing through the area, the Molonglo and Queanbeyan Rivers, it was an ideal settlement point with the rivers providing rich food sources in the form of fish, shellfish, water fowl and edible roots. The country also provided good grazing for emu, kangaroo and wallaby.

Queen Nellie Hamilton was known to reside in the Queanbeyan region and was thought to be the last of the full blood Ngunawal Aborigines.

It is documented that during the May winter of 1873, Nellie, her friend Nanny and "three or four half-caste children" accepted an invitation to visit the Ngarigu people. After being refused passage on the mail coach, they walked all the way to Cooma on what must have been a desperate trek for help through the snow. This walk would have seen them pass by Googong following the pathway now known as the Old Cooma Road.



Queen Nellie Hamilton

In the 1850's the area came to be known as 'Googongs' or 'Gugong' and McDonald's stone cottage as 'The Googongs'. The meaning of the word 'Googong' is obscure but it is most likely to be of Aboriginal origin. The Googong area was generally accepted to be the land between Burra and Queanbeyan east of Jerrabomberra Creek and this area subsequently formed most of the Parish of Googong (reference *Googong Homestead 1845-1976*).

According to the *Vocabularies of tribes in the Southern Uplands* (Appendix XI) 'Googong' means sleep in the Yass vocabulary (reference *Magistrates in Curr 1886*).

Also interesting to note is that in the Ngunawal vocabulary, 'ngambori' also has the meaning of sleep or to lay down (reference *Appendix XI Vocabularies of tribes in the Southern Uplands, R.H. Mathews 1904: 303-05*). This perhaps provides/lends evidence/reference of other Aboriginal groups that made use of or passed through the land at one time or another.

A modern translation of the word 'Googong' is a place to unwind or relax.

▪ **History of the local Ngunawal people identifying their traditional area and the significance of the project area to them**

The meaning of 'Ngunawal' is **we, the people, or us**. Early surveyors and historians in the 19th century spelled it Ngunawal (one 'n'), so did Norman Tindale in his listing of Aboriginal tribes (Tindale 1974: 198). These sources also indicate that the original spelling was in fact *Ngoonawal* (rhyming with soon).

The traditional custodians, the Ngunawal have occupied the area in the vicinity of the present town of Yass which was central to the clan boundaries of the Ngunawal people. The clan boundaries encompassed the area from Goulburn to the north, Gundagai to the west, Cooma to the south and Braidwood to the east. This also includes the entire territory of the Australian Capital Territory on which the national capital, Canberra, is situated.

The Ngunawal peoples, consists of a number of different clans bounded by the broad language groups of Wiradjuri (to the west of Yass), Ngarigo (south-east of Canberra), Walgalu, Gundungurra (to the north) and Yuin (on the coast). The Ngunawal people are identified on Tindale's map of Aboriginal Tribes of Australia (1974). This widely recognised and authoritative languages map is a representation of the language groups, or tribes, who inhabited Australia at the time of the new settlement in 1788.

Within the Ngunawal people there are known to be seven clans who lived in fairly specific localities. There is an obvious link between clan names and the modern names of the areas today. The Maloongoola lived in the Molongolo area, the Biyaligee in the area of Pialligo, the Namitch or Namwitch lived in the area we know as Namadgi, the Cumbeyan lived in the Queanbeyan area, the Kanberri lived in the Belconnen area, the Toogoranoongh lived in Tuggeranong and the Yarr lived in the Yass area.

Scientific evidence proves that the Ngunawal people have lived here for more than 20,000 years, perhaps from the time when the extreme cold of the last Ice Age eased. This is arguably one of longest periods of continual habitation anywhere on earth. The Ngunawal people have developed a way of living and managing the natural resources of the land which has enabled this phenomenon.

The area now known as Googong has a rich cultural history for the traditional custodians. There is evidence of the Ngunawal peoples' occupation of this area as it was/is rich in cultural and natural resources which sustained the Ngunawal people. Googong has many Aboriginal sites which are viewed by the Ngunawal people as holding spiritual significance, including the London Bridge Arch.

The Queanbeyan River was a traditional pathway used by the Ngunawal, Yuin and other neighbouring tribes to gain access to the higher country where they would perform lore such as initiation, trade and marriage.

Pathways were the means of access across the region and in the case of the main ranges visible from the highpoints of the Majura valley, a physical and visual link to major spiritual and gathering places.

The traditional custodians are still actively involved in the protection and preservation of culture and heritage within their traditional boundaries and maintain a strong connection to the land.

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Comments from Your Voice Page

| Date of contribution | Survey Response |
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| | Please provide your feedback on the proposed names for Googong Reserves |
| Mar 29 17 12:40:50 pm | After reading the names, I would recommend that the name Googong Common remain with any signage to include the words "Small Lizards Track" rather the long and at times unpronouncable local tribal name. |
| Apr 20 17 04:42:57 pm | <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I have recently purchased land at burrabella and have been advised of the proposed cemetary and I wish to advise you that I 100% disagree on placing in the designed area which is located directly behind my land. I believe many other people within the area will also strongly that it needs to be located else where. I believe it will cause sever washway issues as the creek is right next to the proposed site. This will then have a huge impact on our property itself if the land starts to wash away due to soil movement. I also believe that it's going to turn away people who are wishing to purchase land and those who have already purchased a property at burrabella. There will be many unhappy people within the little burra, burra and googong area about the location of the proposed cemetary.</p> <p>I strongly believe it would be a good idea to re consider the placement of this cemetary as it's going to have a very large impact on the community surrounding.</p> |

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| ITEM 4.6 | REQUEST FOR IN PRINCIPLE SUPPORT TO CREATE RIGHT OF CARRIAGEWAY FOR ACCESS TO CARPARK AT REAR OF LOT 2 DP 1051859, 35 ELLENDON STREET, BUNGENDORE |
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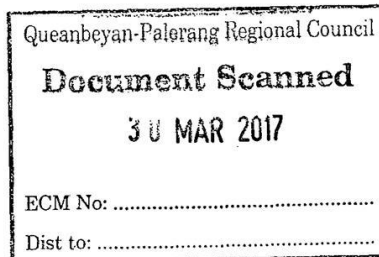
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28 March 2017

Attention: Mr. M. Thompson
Director of Planning
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council
PO Box 348
BUNGENDORE NSW 2621



Dear Sir

**RE: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
35 ELLENDON STREET, BUNGENDORE
LOT 2 DP1051859**

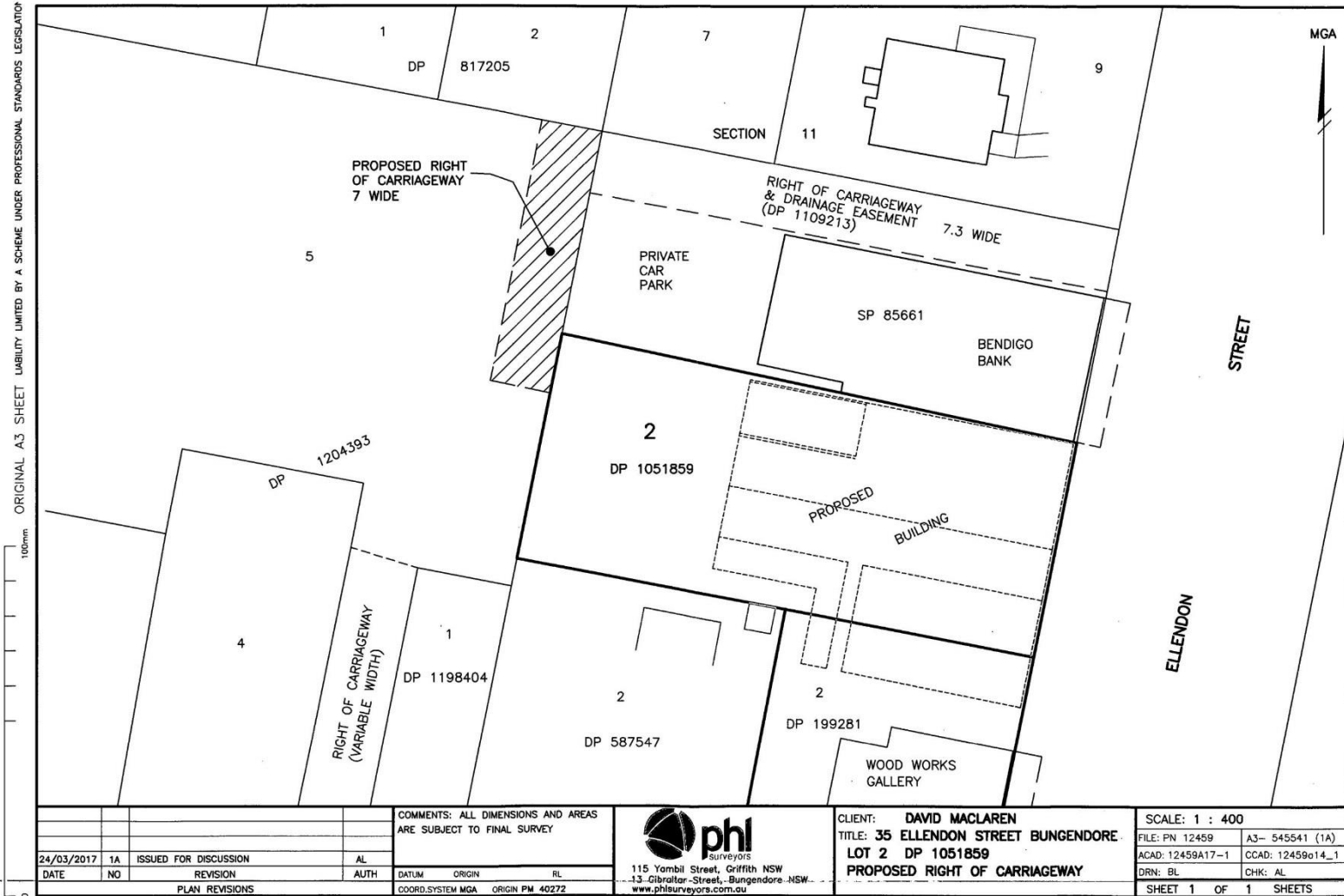
Thank you for the meeting on 8th March at Council offices in Bungendore. Further to this we now confirm that, following a 2 year consultation phase, a Development Application will be submitted in the next couple of weeks for a building at No. 35 Ellendon Street (Lot 2 DP1051859).

1. This application will propose rear access from the future Council car park west of Lot 2 DP1051859. This land, Lot 5 DP1204393 is owned by Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council. A plan is enclosed showing a Right of Carriageway 7 wide that we would like Council to create to secure access to the rear of No. 35 Ellendon Street. This Right of Carriageway is required to ensure secure access in case the public car park does not proceed or if another land use is permitted on this land.
2. The other main point to come out of the meeting was the ownership and development of the land zoned as SP2 Public Car Park within Lot 2 DP1051859. It is our strong belief that this land should become public car park and be constructed by Council following dedication by the owner/developer. Although the car park behind the Bendigo Bank building is private, other SP2 land should be held in public ownership as it becomes available. The dedication of land should be offset against Section 94 contributions.

Happy to discuss this further at any time.

Yours faithfully
PHL SURVEYORS

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| ITEM 5.1 | NEW PUBLIC TOILET BLOCK AT ARALUEN RECREATION GROUND RESERVE |
| ATTACHMENT 1 | ARALUEN AREA S.355 COMMITTEE'S MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14 APRIL 2017 |

Araluen Section 355 Committee

Minutes: Meeting held at Araluen 1.00 pm Friday 14 April, 2017.

Present: Paul Cockram Ron Bateman
 Natasha Murphy Robin Cavalier

The committee considered the following two motions:

1. "That the Committee recommends to Queanbeyan-Palerang Council (QPRC) that the SCF funds designated for construction of a toilet block be placed in the account of the Araluen Recreation Ground Trust bank account."
2. "That, the Committee requests QPRC to approve the establishment of a Working Party for the project"; the nominated members being:

Section 355 Committee members:

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| Paul Cockram | Ron Bateman | Robin Cavalier |
| Sally Matthews | Penny Hayman | |

Trustees of the Araluen Recreation Ground:

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| Cath Harrison | Laurann Yen | Mick Pritzler |
| David Harrison | Jimmy Dawes | |

Moved: Paul Cockram Seconded: Natasha Murphy

Robin Cavalier acting in the capacity as recorder of these minutes was instructed to forward these resolutions to Debby Ferguson at QPRC.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.15 pm.