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8 May 2024

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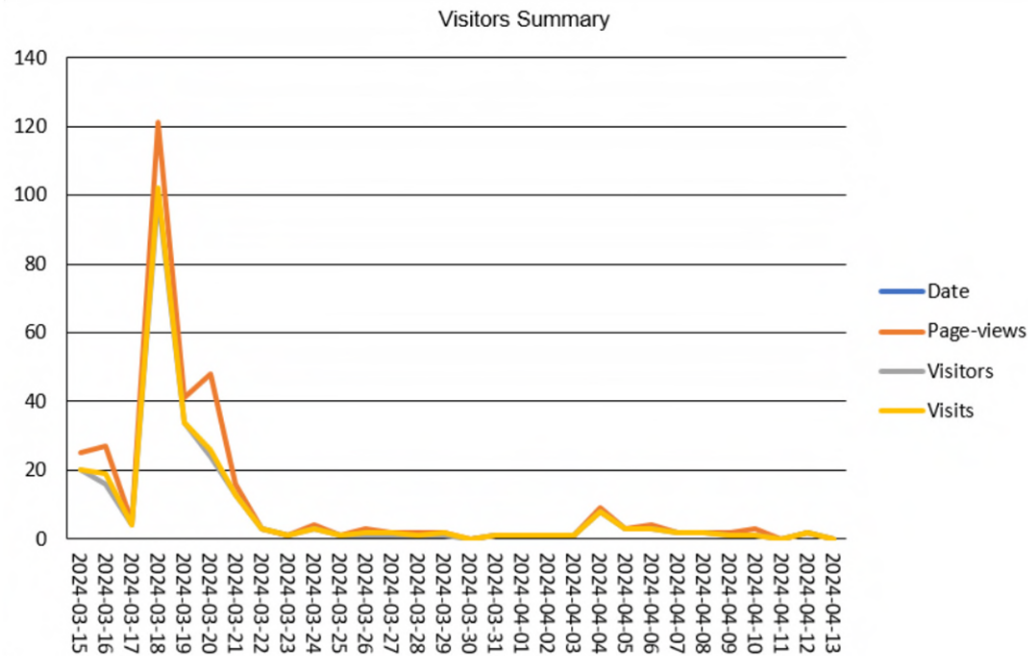
ITEM 9.4 NAMING OF QCCP AND PUBLIC SPACES - COMMUNITY
FEEDBACK

ATTACHMENT 1 FEEDBACK REPORT NAMING OF QCCP AND PUBLIC
SPACES APRIL 2024

FEEDBACK on NAMING of QUEANBEYAN CIVIC and CULTURAL PRECINCT



ON EXHIBITION: 15 March -13 April 2024
TOTAL VISITS: 259
NEW REGISTRATIONS: 1
SURVEY RESPONSES: 12



SUBURB	
Karabar	3
Braidwood	2
Bungendore	2
Wamboin	2
Mongarlowe	1
Googong	1
Carwoola	1

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DATE OF CONTRIBUTION	NELLIE HAMILTON CENTRE	MALUNGGANG WALK	DJARA GARDENS	ONYONG PARK
Mar 16 24 10:54am	NO, NO, NO!!	I DO NOT want First Nation's names on every damn thing, so sick of seeing and hearing it everywhere, sick of seeing dot painting's on buses, emergency vehicles, mural's on wall's, it's every bloody where, give us a break, there are other talented artist's, how about some normal painting's of Aussie native animal's on buses, fire truck's etc?? NO DOT painting's!!	NO, I do not want First Nation's names!! My opinion is supported by everyone I speak to, people are over this First Nation's overload!! Shoved in our faces at every angle!!	NO, I do not want First Nation's names!!
Mar 16 24 02:17pm	Great idea - fully support this initiative	Great idea. Fully support this initiative	Great idea - fully support this initiative	Great idea - fully support this initiative
Mar 16 24 05:19pm	The use of aboriginal names may be politically correct but it distances these publicly owned spaces from the ratepayers who are paying for their creation and upkeep. Why not just call it "Council Chambers" I wouldn't even put Queanbeyan Palarang in the name given that based on recent history that will change in the next few years.	The use of aboriginal names may be politically correct but it distances these publicly owned spaces from the ratepayers who are paying for their creation and upkeep. Aboriginal names are also difficult for ordinary Australians to remember and pronounce. How about names such as Eucalypt Walk, Acacia Gardens and Wattle Park (with the actual proposed names based on what is growing there but please stick with common names and not Latin botanical names).	The use of aboriginal names may be politically correct but it distances these publicly owned spaces from the ratepayers who are paying for their creation and upkeep. Aboriginal names are also difficult for ordinary Australians to remember and pronounce. How about names such as Eucalypt Walk, Acacia Gardens and Wattle Park (with the actual proposed names based on what is growing there but please stick with common names and not Latin botanical names).	The use of aboriginal names may be politically correct but it distances these publicly owned spaces from the ratepayers who are paying for their creation and upkeep. Aboriginal names are also difficult for ordinary Australians to remember and pronounce. How about names such as Eucalypt Walk, Acacia Gardens and Wattle Park (with the actual proposed names based on what is growing there but please stick with common names and not Latin botanical names).
Mar 18 24 02:36pm	Please don't name it after an aboriginal person. Its divisive and does not represent the numerous people and cultures that make up modern Australia. Come up with something that is not offensive to	Please don't name it after an aboriginal person. Its divisive and does not represent the numerous people and cultures that make up modern Australia. Come up with something that is not offensive to	Please don't name it after an aboriginal person. Its divisive and does not represent the numerous people and cultures that make up modern Australia. Come up with something that is not offensive to	Please don't name it after an aboriginal person. Its divisive and does not represent the numerous people and cultures that make up modern Australia. Come up with something that is not offensive to

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Mar 18 24 02:54pm	I don't think the building should be named after a person. Does the building even need a name? It has a street address, and customers and deliveries rely on this to locate the building, not a name.	Would prefer these areas be named with a mix of first nationals and traditional names, not all first nations. I would like my heritage to be acknowledged too.	Would prefer these areas be named with a mix of first nationals and traditional names, not all first nations. I would like my heritage to be acknowledged too.	Would prefer these areas be named with a mix of first nationals and traditional names, not all first nations. I would like my heritage to be acknowledged too.
Mar 18 24 04:07pm	Everyone is saying we need to be inclusive but the pendulum has swung way to far the other way now to the point everyone other than indigenous people are excluded. Please consider all Australians!	Everyone is saying we need to be inclusive but the pendulum has swung way to far the other way now to the point everyone other than indigenous people are excluded. Please consider all Australians!	Everyone is saying we need to be inclusive but the pendulum has swung way to far the other way now to the point everyone other than indigenous people are excluded. Please consider all Australians!	Everyone is saying we need to be inclusive but the pendulum has swung way to far the other way now to the point everyone other than indigenous people are excluded. Please consider all Australians!
Mar 18 24 05:24pm	In recognising the historical background of Queanbeyan and its elected representatives and reflecting the purpose of the building, I believe that Nellie Hamilton Centre is inappropriate and that the centre should reflect the history of ALL people who call Queanbeyan/ QPRC area home. For this reason, we should call the centre 'JJ Wright Centre': 1885 – 1888 – J J Wright elected Queanbeyan's first Mayor.	Like most indigenous names, the problem is pronunciation. It needs to be phonetically displayed and explained. That in itself renders the name inappropriate. When only handfuls or scores of people can actually pronounce a name, it is divisive/ exclusive, not inclusive. Why isn't it just called 'Platypus Walk'. Last time I checked the official language (and taught in every school in our area) is English.	Same as for Malunnggang Walk - now is it pronounced? This is not inclusive, it is exclusive. What a pity that elected representatives are choosing names that will reflect the woke era, not the good people of Queanbeyan.	Again, when most people can't pronounce the name, it is divisive and exclusive. How do the ancestors of Allianoyonyiga feel about the name? By your own explanation, it is an abbreviation of the warrior's name, potentially missing the relevance and importance. And again, how is the full name pronounced?
Mar 19 24 04:48:14 pm	This is good. Honouring a real person.	Ridiculous, overuse of indigenous words is not being inclusive, it's actually exclusive, excluding the multicultural majority.	P.C rubbish. Overuse of indigenous words. Is the "d" silent? Or the "j"? Get something that people can pronounce and spell.	Overuse of indigenous words again, Virtue signaling.

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Mar 19 24 09:35pm	Acceptable although as a lifetime resident of Queanbeyan I have never heard of her or her contribution to Queanbeyan.	Why do we have to have aboriginal names know one can pronounce or relate to?	No. Another aboriginal name that few relate .to	No. Does anyone actually know whether this story is fact or fiction. There have been many contributors to Queanbeyan over the years where there is more than one persons opinion of their contribution. Never heard of these aboriginal words nor can most of us pronounce them. Stop the woke rubbish.
Mar 20 24 08:37pm	This comment relates to the proposal in general and not just to the proposed name of Nellie Hamilton. The second sentence of your intro is correct when it states that this naming process provides an opportunity to acknowledge and pay respect to First Nations history and language. However, it equally provides an opportunity to do exactly the same for our European forebears. Unless there is a Minute or similar on Council's books requiring the use of indigenous acknowledgement why not take the opportunity to acknowledge the role and impact that both have provided. If you wish to divide that area into four parts - then an equal split seems reasonable to me with two names for each of the indigenous and European role being equitable.	If this name is Ngunnawal for platypus, then it seems strange to me that it is not associated with a water-based environment rather than a walk.	Your explanation provides a definitive link to the Ngunnawal people in two instances, being the walk and the gardens, but no direct acknowledgement of the Ngambri in the others. Whilst it may well be there, there is no direct reference and this appears somewhat unbalanced in my view. I understand that both mobs lay claim to this area but it does not appear they have been equally acknowledged. Having no knowledge whatsoever of the make up of the advisory committee, I cannot comment on the merits of either or both in terms of contributions to the naming.	In closing, I revert to my earlier comments regarding lack of recognition to the not insignificant role played by the early European settlers in the area.

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Mar 24 24 01:30pm	I choose the new QPRC Civic and Cultural Precinct to be named the Nellie Hamilton Centre as its the best of four poor choices. At least some of the longtime residents such as myself have heard of Nellie Hamilton and are aware of her significance to the City and surrounds. It is just a shame that other very significant people who have made huge contributions to the development and advancement of this district are not given the opportunity of recognition.			
Apr 10 24 02:55pm	No, not a very well known person. Why not choose a name that is not commemorative. This building will house services for the whole of Queanbeyan, Bungendore and Braidwood districts. A name that encompasses the whole area would be more appealing. It doesn't have to be a Ngambri word. Some suggested words; Casuarina Building, Acacia Building. If Queanbeyan is the 'regional hub' this must be reflected in the name. The whole community is paying for this building. Thank you.			
Email received 9 Apr 10.14am	The Aboriginal Advisory Committee successfully worked collegially and efficiently and collectively to negotiate a collective voice for the names. Council has treated us as tokenistic and refuted our thoughtful proposal. I am wanting to lodge a formal petition to refute the name Onyong - that name was not supported by the Traditional Custodians or Community or the Advisory Committee. I want to support the use of Louise Brown in the garden area near the Q. Further, Nellie Hamilton already has a bridge and other locations named after her. I do not feel Council is respectful of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee and do not have faith in Council's ability to be objective or work collaboratively with the Aboriginal Advisory Committee.			