

## ITEM 6 PROPOSED NAMING OF THREE UNNAMED RESERVES IN KEMBLA GRANGE

Kembla Grange Estate Pty Ltd has formally requested Council to name three public reserves currently being constructed within the emerging Kembla Grange residential area. The proposed names are -

- Stane Dyke Park
- McPhail Reserve
- Mogomorra Park.

Council publically exhibited this naming proposal from 11 June to 8 July 2019. This report outlines the outcome of this community engagement and now seeks Council endorsement to apply to the Geographical Names Board to formally assign Lot 996 DP 1239565 as 'Stane Dyke Park', Lot 99 DP 1230416 and Lot 999 DP1239565 as 'McPhail Reserve', and Lot 2000 DP 1239566 as 'Mogomorra Park' under the Geographical Names Act 1996.

### RECOMMENDATION

Council endorse the application to the Geographical Names Board of NSW to formally assign the following under the Geographical Names Act 1996 -

- a Lot 996 DP 1239565 as 'Stane Dyke Park'
- b Lot 99 DP 1230416 and Lot 999 DP1239565 as 'McPhail Reserve'
- c Lot 2000 DP 1239566 as 'Mogomorra Park'.

### REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

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### ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Map of Proposed 'Stane Dyke Park'
- 2 Map of Proposed 'McPhail Reserve'
- 3 Map of Proposed 'Mogomorra Park'
- 4 Naming of Parks in Kembla Grange Engagement Report - July 2019

### BACKGROUND

Council conditionally approved DA-2017/486 on 21 December 2017 for the Torrens Title subdivision of 277 residential lots, two open space lots, one drainage lot, and one lot to be consolidated with Lot 99 approved via DA-2016/410 and associated works.

Condition 10 of the approval deals directly with naming of parks and sportsgrounds:

#### **10 Park and Sportsground Naming**

*Park and sportsground naming is to comply with Council's policy 'Community Recognition Program' and 'Naming of Parks, Community Facilities and Parks Management Policy' for the naming of any park, sportsground or natural area within the subdivision. If the developer fails to lodge an appropriate name, Council will reserve the right to nominate a suitable name.*

In January 2019, Kembla Grange Estate Pty Ltd (the developer) formally requested Council consider the naming of three public reserves within the emerging Kembla Grange Estate, located off Sheaffes and Paynes Roads, Kembla Grange.

The proposed names were -

- Stane Dyke Oval – Park 3A (refer Attachment 1)
- McPhail Reserve – Lot 99 DP 1230416 and Lot 999 DP1239565 (refer Attachment 2)
- Mogomorra Park – Lot 2000 DP 1239566 (refer Attachment 3).

Council's policy is to consider the naming of parks, sportsgrounds, natural areas and general community use lands (including features within those) based on the following -

- Names of Aboriginal origin and indigenous significance to the local area
- Historical or cultural significance to the local area
- Geographical relevance of the immediate area
- Names associated with the heritage of an area are also encouraged, especially the names of early explorers, settlers, naturalists, events.

The naming proposals represent the European and Aboriginal heritage of the subject area and based on a number of heritage studies and Interpretation Plan (Heritage21, 2017) which supports DA-2017/486. Following discussions with Council officers, the developer has agreed to change Stane Dyke Oval to Stane Dyke Park, the more accurate nomenclature for the shape of the Community land.

### **Stane Dyke Park**

The proposed Stane Dyke Park fronts Stane Dyke Homestead, a heritage item identified in WLEP 2009 and having local heritage significance. "Stane Dyke", Scottish tongue for stone wall, was built c. 1890 and relocated in 1930 to its current location. According to the State Heritage Register database, the homestead has significance for historical and aesthetic reasons, is a representative example of Victorian period rural houses in the local area, and is relatively rare as sandstone houses of this type were uncommon (OEH, 2019).

The park presents as a visual continuation of the curtilage of the homestead to Sheaffes Road, and allows unobstructed views to the homestead from Sheaffes Road and beyond.

The park is zoned RE1 Public Recreation and will in future contain a single rectangular sporting field providing active recreational opportunities. This park is yet to be formally subdivided.

### **McPhail Reserve**

The McPhail family were the last owners of the subject land and have resided in the Stane Dyke Homestead since its construction in the 1880's. The McPhail's who were successful dairy farmers at the time, are noted for donating land in Kembla Grange for the construction of the West Dapto Public School, now a pre-school and also a local heritage item in WLEP 2009. The stone for the old school was obtained from the same quarry used for Stane Dyke (Heritage 21, 2017).

The proposed name recognises the family name and its long association with the area including the old West Dapto Public School which is sited slightly west of park.

The reserve is zoned E3 Environmental Management and contains a detention basin, picnic facilities and a natural area providing passive recreational opportunities.

### **Mogomorra Park**

Mogomorra is a local Aboriginal name for the Kembla Grange area. This naming proposal is supported by a letter of support from the Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council [ILALC] whilst the proposed name and spelling is referenced in a report published by Organ, MK. (1993) Illawarra and South Coast Aborigines 1770-1900, University of Wollongong.

The park is zoned RE1 Public Recreation and contains a playground, path network and large detention basin providing passive recreational opportunities.

A review of the Geographical Names Board [GNB] Place Name Search function revealed no similar or same names locally or elsewhere state-wide.

## PROPOSAL

Noting the extensive community consultation regarding the proposal and the advice received from ILALC, Council endorsement is sought to apply to the GNB to formally assign Park 3A as 'Stane Dyke Park', Lot 99 DP 1230416 and Lot 999 DP1239565 as 'McPhail Reserve' and Lot 2000 DP 1239566 as 'Mogomorra Park' under the Geographical Names Act 1996.

Should the GNB support the proposal, interpretative signage or additional signage text will be utilised to assist residents in understanding name meanings. This approach is consistent with the NSW Geographical Names Board Policy and Guidelines.

## CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Following EMC endorsement on 14 May 2019, a community engagement process was undertaken from 11 June to 8 July 2019 to canvass the community's views on the proposal (refer Attachment 4).

Three submissions were received. Two submissions opposed the proposed names suggesting that names should be proposed by the community, not developers and that the parks should be named after Aboriginal elders or *'first founding members of Wollongong...who donated their lands to the council or government for school use'*.

One submission supported the proposed name Mogomorra suggesting the name recognised local Aboriginal history and connections.

These comments have been considered but no changes are proposed. The table below outlines this consideration.

Comment	Response to submission	Impact
Names should be proposed by the community, not developers.	Council conditionally approved DA-2017/486 including condition 10 which outlined the process for park naming.  All proposed names are considered in accordance with Council's Naming of Community Facilities and Parks (Including Sports Grounds and Natural Areas) Policy.	Comment noted – no further action required.
Parks should be named after Aboriginal elders or <i>'first founding members of Wollongong...who donated their lands to the council or government for school use'</i> .	McPhail Reserve is named after the McPhail family who donated part of their land for the construction of the old West Dapto Public School. The old school land and building forms part of the development and lies adjacent to reserve.	Comment noted – no further action required.
Mogomorra name recognises local Aboriginal history and connections.	Feedback noted supporting no change to proposal.	Comment noted – no further action required.

All three submissions have been formally acknowledged as per Community Engagement's protocols for online engagement. In addition, a "We asked, You Said, We Did" style document will be uploaded on the project Have Your Say page or distributed to people who provided feedback to help close the engagement loop.

The engagement elements are summarised below -

Methods	Details of Methods	Distribution
Councillor Information Note	Information about the exhibition was sent to Councillors prior to the proposal being distributed to the community.	Lord Mayor and Councillors
FAQ	A Frequently Asked Questions document was created addressing location, background information, and the process to name the Park.	All community
Map	A Location Map was created, which was used during the exhibition to clearly show the proposed location of the Park and its proximity houses and existing roads.	All community
Feedback Form	A Feedback Form was created for those wishing to submit comments on the proposal.	All community
Website	The Have Your Say webpage was created that included opportunities for online feedback.	All community
The Advertiser	A notice was placed in the Council column of "The Advertiser".	All community
Resident mail out	Letters were sent to more than 472 households within a radius of approximately 1,500 metres of the site – included with the letter was: a FAQ document, a Map, a Feedback Form, and a link to Council's "Have Your Say" website.	Local residents

## PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong 2028 goal "We are a Connected and Engaged Community". It specifically delivers on the following:

Community Strategic Plan	Delivery Program 2018-2021	Operational Plan 2019-20
Strategy	3 Year Action	Operational Plan Actions
3.3 Partner with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and culturally and linguistically diverse communities and schools	3.3.2.1 Deliver and support a range of projects and programs which build harmony, understanding and cultural awareness	Collaborate in joint projects with local Aboriginal organisations and the community.
4.1.1 Provide residents with equitable access to information and opportunities to inform decision making	4.1.1.1 Ensure an effective community engagement framework that connects the community to Council decision making	Deliver a diverse range of community engagement opportunities to inform and guide development and delivery of Council business.

## CONCLUSION

In accordance with Council's Naming of Community Facilities and Parks (including Sports Grounds and Natural Areas) Policy, Stane Dyke Park, McPhail Reserve and Mogomorra Park are proposed for unnamed Community land in Kembla Grange.

Noting the extensive community consultation regarding the proposal and the advice received from the ILALC endorsement is now sought to apply to the GNB to formally assign Park 3A as 'Stane Dyke Park', Lot 99 DP 1230416 and Lot 999 DP1239565 as 'McPhail Reserve', and Lot 2000 DP 1239566 as 'Mogomorra Park' under the Geographical Names Act 1996.









**Proposed Park Naming - McPhail Reserve**  
**Lot 999 DP 1239565 and Lot 99 DP1230416**



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### Lot 994 DP 1239565 - Proposed 'Mogomorra Park'



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NAMING OF PARKS IN KEMBLA GRANGE

# ENGAGEMENT REPORT

JULY 2019

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## Executive Summary

With the Kembla Grange residential area emerging, Kembla Grange Estate Pty Ltd formally requested that Council name the three public reserves currently being constructed. The proposed names for the three public reserves are Stane Dyke Park, McPhail Reserve and Mogomorra Park. The significance behind Stane Dyke Park comes from the Stane Dyke Homestead which has been identified as a heritage item. The McPhail family were the last owners of the land and residents that lived in the Stane Dyke homestead. The proposed name recognises the family name and its association with the area. Mogomorra Park was proposed for the other park, which means Kembla Grange in local Aboriginal language.

The naming proposal was on public exhibition from Tuesday 11 June to Monday 8 July 2019. A location map (Appendix 1) accompanied the Frequently Asked Questions sheet (Appendix 2), feedback form (Appendix 3) and notification letter (Appendix 4) that was sent to all stakeholders. Stakeholders included Kembla Grange residents, Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council, Neighbourhood Forum 8, Illawarra Historical Society and the general community. Information was made available at Dapto Library and Council's Customer Service Centre. Public notices were published in the Advertiser on 19 June. The community were invited to provide feedback via Council's website, Customer Service Centre, Dapto Library.

Three submissions were received. Two submissions opposed the proposed names suggesting that names should be proposed by the community, not developers and that the parks should be named after Aboriginal elders or 'first founding members of Wollongong...who donated their lands to the council or government for school use'.

One submission supported the proposed name Mogomorra suggesting the name recognised local Aboriginal history and connections.



## Background

Kembla Grange Estate Pty Ltd have planned and started building on the emerging Kembla Grange estates located along the Princes Highway at the foothills of the Illawarra Escarpment. Council received a request from Kembla Grange Estate Pty Ltd to name the parks within the estate.

The proposed Stane Dyke Park fronts Stane Dyke Homestead, a heritage item identified in Wollongong Local Environment Plan 2009 and having local significance. The park presents as a visual continuation of the curtilage of the homestead to Sheaffes Road and allows unobstructed views to the homestead from Sheaffes Road and beyond. The park will in future contain a single rectangular sporting field.

The McPhail family were the last owners of the subject land and resided in the Stane Dyke Homestead. Their relationship with the subject site spanned multiple generations. The proposed name recognises the family and its association with the area. The reserve contains a detention basin, picnic facilities and a natural area.

The suggested name for Park 4 (Appendix 1) was Wadi Wadi Park. The Wadi Wadi proposal reflects the name of one of the traditional custodian groups in the Illawarra region. Based on discussions with Council's committees, concerns were raised regarding this naming proposal. It was suggested the size and prominence of the park did not align with the significance of the name of a local Aboriginal group. The developer subsequently submitted another name for Park 4, Mogomorra, being a local Aboriginal word meaning Kembla Grange, according to the Illawarra and South Coast Aborigines 1770-1850, A book written by Michael Organ in 1990. This naming proposal is supported by a letter of support from ILALC. The proposed Mogomorra Park consists of a large detention basin, small playground, pathways and some trees.

## Stakeholders

Stakeholders identified prior to the commencement of the engagement period included:

### Internal Stakeholders

- ☐ Community Engagement Team
- ☐ Executive management team
- ☐ Project Manager
- ☐ Media Team
- ☐ Customer Service Team
- ☐ Dapto Library

### External Stakeholders

#### Community

- ☐ Residents/ Land owners
- ☐ Potential local residents
- ☐ Neighbourhood Forum 8
- ☐ Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council (ILLACL)
- ☐ Illawarra Historical Society
- ☐ Aboriginal Reference

#### Business

- ☐ Kembla Grange Estate Pty Ltd

#### Government

- ☐ NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH)
- ☐ Geographical Names Board (GNB)

## Methodology

Methods	Details of Methods
<b>Communication Methods</b>	
Media	A media release was distributed to notify media outlets of the exhibition
The Advertiser	Information was included in the Advertiser pages on 19 June.
Info pack	Feedback form and FAQ was made available at Dapto Library
Frequent Asked Questions	The FAQ provided details about the project
Email	An email was sent to stakeholders informing them about the engagement and inviting their participation.
Letter	Letters were sent to residents and property owners informing them about the engagement and inviting their participation.
<b>Engagement Methods</b>	
Survey / feedback form	Feedback form was provided to capture people feedback
Engagement HQ website	Information about the project and a form to provide feedback was made available on Council's Engagement HQ platform.

## Results

### Online Engagement Results

A total of three submissions were received online. Table 3 presents the usage statistics for the project page on Council's website.

Table 3 Summary of online participation

Measure and Explanation	Usage
Aware – Total number of users who viewed the project page	63
Informed – Total number of users who opened a hyperlink or read a document	18
Engaged – Total number of users who have actively contributed to the project via the project page	3

### Submission results

Community members were asked to comment on and provide feedback on the proposed names Mogomorra Park, McPhail Reserve and Stane Dyke Park.

Feedback came from three submissions. Two submissions opposed the proposed names suggesting that names should be proposed by the community, not developers and that the parks should be named after Aboriginal elders or 'first founding members of Wollongong...who donated their lands to the council or government for school use'.

One submissions supported the proposed name Mogomorra suggesting the name recognised local Aboriginal history and connections.



## Appendix 1: Map



## Appendix 2: FAQ

## Proposed Park Naming in Kembla Grange

We've received an application from Kembla Grange Estate Pty Ltd to name three public reserves at the emerging residential area on the corner of Sheaffes and Paynes Rd, Kembla Grange. The proposed park names are Stane Dyke Park, Mogomorra Park and McPhail Reserve. Council would like to find out whether the community supports these names.

**Please let us know your thoughts by 8 July 2019.**

### Who submitted the naming application?

Kembla Grange Estate Pty Ltd has formally requested Council to name three public reserves currently being constructed within the emerging Kembla Grange residential area. The proposed names are:

- Stane Dyke Park
- McPhail Reserve
- Mogomorra Park

### What is the origin of these names?

The significance behind the name Stane Dyke Park comes from the Stane Dyke Homestead which is a heritage site located nearby. Stane, in old English means stone, which was the material the homestead was created from.

The McPhail family were the last land owners and residents of Stane Dyke Homestead. The proposed named recognises the family name and its association with the area.

The name Mogomorra was suggested by Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council. This name is a local Aboriginal word for Kembla Grange which was referenced in a book by Michael K. Organ called "Illawarra and South Coast Aborigines, 1770 -1900". The proposed naming of this reserve - as Mogomorra would recognise and acknowledge cultural, natural and heritage connections with the site.

### Has there been any support for the naming proposal?

As part of their naming application Kembla Grange Estate provided letters of support from:

- Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council for the Mogomorra proposal

- McPhail Family for the McPhail Reserve proposal

### Why do people want to name parks?

Council receives a number of requests to name parks as a way of recognising the achievements and efforts of individuals and groups that have contributed a lot to the cultural and social aspects of the City of Wollongong. Our Community Recognition Policy and Naming of Community Facilities and Parks Management Policy sets out criteria for naming Council-owned or controlled community facilities, parks, sportsgrounds, natural areas and community land.

### What names will Council consider?

Council follows the guidelines of the NSW Geographical Names Board (GNB) for assigning names. We consider names based on the following:

- Names of Aboriginal origin and indigenous significance to the local area
- Botanical reference native to the area
- Historical or cultural significance to the local area
- Geographical relevance of the immediate area
- A person's name
- A group - charitable, social/cultural community

*If a person's name is proposed, it must be made posthumously (more than 3 years after their death) and meet the following requirements:*

- The person gave more than 20 years' service to the Wollongong region
- Must relate to the place of residence or area of service

- They were of good repute and not likely to be the subject of controversy
- They made a significant contribution to the Wollongong region which has been formally recognised

#### How is the decision made by Council on whether the proposed name is endorsed?

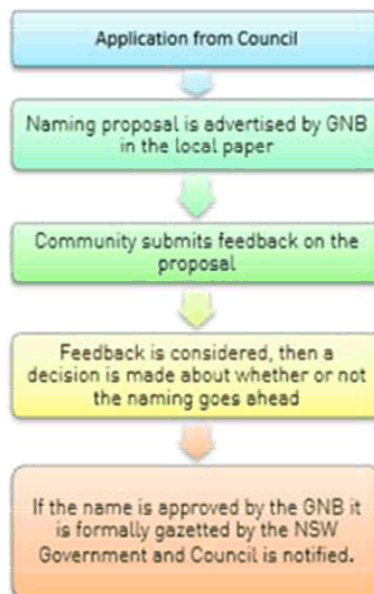


#### What is the Geographical Names Board process?

Council sends a submission to the Geographical Names Board (GNB) with an application to use the proposed name. Applications are added to GNB Board meeting agendas, which are prepared two weeks in advance of meetings.

If the Board approves the public exhibition of the naming proposal, it is advertised by the GNB for public comment for one month. If no objections are received during the exhibition period, Council is notified and the name is officially assigned in the NSW Government Gazette. It may take approximately 6 – 8 weeks for the Geographical Names Board to formally gazette the name

See the GNB process summarised as follows:



#### How can I Join the conversation?

The easiest way to provide your feedback on the proposed naming of Stane Dyke Park, McPhail Reserve and Mogomorra Park is to complete a feedback form available on Council's website, Customer Service Centre or Dapto Library.

Visit [www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au](http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au)

Email [engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au](mailto:engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au)

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## Appendix 3: Feedback Form

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Z19/148285 Park Naming in Kembla Grange - Engagement Report (July, 2019)

## Appendix 4: Letter to Residents

Dear Resident/Owner

### PROPOSED PARK NAMING IN KEMBLA GRANGE

We've received an application from Kembla Grange Estate Pty Ltd to name three public reserves at the emerging residential area on the corner of Sheaffes and Paynes Rd, Kembla Grange. The proposed park names are Stane Dyke Park, Mogomorra Park and McPhail Reserve.

In accordance with the requirements of Council's Naming of Community Facilities and Parks Policy, we are now seeking feedback on the proposed park names.

Enclosed is a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) that provides information about the background of the naming proposal and the process for how parks are named. Also enclosed is a feedback form should you wish to provide comment. If you prefer to provide feedback online, please visit Council's website [www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au](http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au). Feedback closes on 8 July 2019.

Following the engagement process, Council will consider the community feedback and if the proposal is supported, a naming application will be submitted to the Geographical Names Board who will make the final decision on whether the names become official.

If you require more information about this project, please contact me.