

## Place naming proposal - Morton Road reserve

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### Meeting

Strategic Directions Committee

### Approving officer

Julia Grant, Director Strategy and Engagement

### Date

6 July 2021

## 1. Purpose

This report seeks permission to undertake community engagement to invite feedback on place name options for the park commonly known as Morton Road reserve in Christie Downs.

## 2. Recommendations

**That the Strategic Directions Committee approve:**

### 1. Undertaking community engagement on six public place names proposed by community members:

- a) **Morton Park – a suitable name adapted from the common name for the park**
- b) **Marntudla Park – an Aboriginal name taken from the Kurna language for the area now known as Christie Downs, or an alternative Kurna name as recommended by Kurna Warra Karrpanthi Aboriginal Corporation**
- c) **Bob Mansfield Park**
- d) **Festival Park**
- e) **Friendship Park**
- f) **Julia Gillard Park**

**for the open space in Christie Downs (bounded by Flaxmill Road, Morton Road, Finbar Crescent and the Christie Downs railway station eastern car park) in accordance with our Place Naming Policy.**

### 2. That a report be presented to Council on the place naming community engagement outcomes for a Council decision.

With the major upgrade to the park commonly known as Morton Road reserve in Christies Beach (refer attachment 1), we have an opportunity to formally name this open space. A formal name supported by the community will create greater ownership of the park and provide a strong identity for the area to unify the various elements in the open space including the grassed area, tennis courts, playground and skate park.

In the [Open Space Strategic Management Plan](#) this park is classified as district family open space.

In accordance with our [Place Naming Policy](#) and [Procedure](#):

- we sought input from the local community and/or communities of interest on known and potential names for the public place

- a traditional Aboriginal name was considered for this location.

We received a total of 15 place name suggestions from the community for nine unique names (refer attachment 2). Most of the names were deemed appropriate in line with our Policy, with only a small number not recommended to proceed to the next stage of community engagement:

- suggestions to name the park after an existing staff member are not recommended
- suggestions that were specific to the skate park (and not the broader area) are not recommended.

The other six name suggestions are deemed suitable to proceed to the next stage of community engagement. This includes a Kurna name suggestion 'Marntudla' that – in line with our policy will be checked with Kurna Warra Karrpanthi Aboriginal Corporation (KWK) to ensure the name is appropriate for this location. If KWK determine that the name is not suitable, KWK will suggest an alternative Kurna name.

Once Council approves the short list of names and staff receive a response from KWK the second stage of community engagement will be undertaken where community members can vote on their preferred names. The outcomes will be presented to Council later this year for a decision on the formal name for the park.

It is proposed that the upcoming Council report be presented in confidence so that the formal name can be unveiled at the opening ceremony for the park at the completion of the project (at this stage scheduled for late 2021).

Once the First Nations People Advisory Group is operational we will seek their advice on how best to include them in the place naming process, and will update the Place Naming Policy and Procedure accordingly.

### 3. Background

Community Plan 2030	<p><b>people:</b> connected, engaged, active, healthy</p> <p><b>place:</b> green, inviting, accessible, liveable</p> <p>Formally naming a public place creates a stronger identity for the place, while creating a greater connection to the area for the local community.</p>
Policy and/or relevant legislation	<p>The process and proposals described in this report comply with our <a href="#">Place Naming Policy</a> and <a href="#">Procedure</a>.</p>
Who did we talk to/who will we be talking to	<p>Community engagement stage 1 – seeking name suggestions (completed)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• local residents (letter)</li> <li>• Christie Downs Community House board (discussion at board meeting)</li> <li>• Christie Downs Community House users (discussions at individual sessions, and name suggestion box at front counter)</li> <li>• Wardli Youth Centre users (name suggestion box at front counter)</li> <li>• project followers for <a href="#">Morton Road reserve upgrade project</a> on Your Say Onkaparinga (email)</li> <li>• Your Say Onkaparinga newsletter (email)</li> <li>• project update to the mayor and ward councillors (email)</li> </ul> <p>Community engagement stage 2 – voting on short list of approved names</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• as per stage 1 – along with anyone that contacted us during stage 1</li> <li>• to commence once the short list of names is approved by Council for the next stage of community engagement</li> </ul>

	<p>Community engagement stage 3 – notification of formal place name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• as per stage 1 – along with anyone that participated in stages 1 and 2</li> <li>• notice in the Government Gazette (legislated requirement)</li> <li>• letter/email to state government, emergency services and utilities</li> <li>• to commence once the formal name is approved by Council and the place name sign is unveiled at the opening ceremony for the completed park.</li> </ul>
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#### 4. Financial implications

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

All place naming costs including community engagement and place name signs are included in existing budgets.

#### 5. Risk and opportunity management

Risk	
Identify	Mitigation
<p>Reputation/community expectation</p> <p>Interested stakeholders may not be aware of the opportunity to nominate a known or potential name for the public place</p> <p>Community members may prefer the common name for the park</p>	<p>To ensure people are aware of the place naming opportunity we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• wrote to local residents</li> <li>• spoke to the board and users of the Christie Downs Community House</li> <li>• provided information on the Your Say page dedicated to the park upgrade project</li> <li>• included information in a Your Say newsletter emailed to all Your Say Onkaparinga members.</li> </ul> <p>The common name 'Morton Road reserve' does not meet the definitions of a reserve in our Place Naming Policy, so it is proposed that we adapt the name to 'Morton Park' to provide a similar option for stage 2 of community engagement.</p>
Compliance/legal	We will ensure that our place naming process (including community engagement) complies with legislation as well as relevant policies and procedures.

Opportunity	
Identify	Maximising the opportunity
<p>Increase community ownership of the area</p> <p>Unify the various elements of the park under one name</p>	<p>A formal name supported by the community will create greater ownership of the park, and provide a strong identity for the area to unify the various elements in the open space, including the grassed area, tennis courts, playground and skate park.</p>

#### 6. Next steps

Community engagement stage 2 will seek community votes on the shortlisted names.

A confidential report to Council will provide the outcomes of community engagement and seek approval of a formal name for the reserve.

The formal name is unveiled at an opening ceremony for the park upgrade.

Community engagement stage 3 notifies all stakeholders of the outcome of the place naming process.

Seek the advice of the First Nations People Advisory Group on how best to include them in the place naming process.

## 7. Attachments

Attachment 1 – Aerial map of park (1 page)

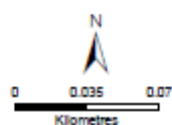
Attachment 2 – Place name suggestions from the community (3 pages)

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## Reserve on Morton Road Christie Downs



*The boundaries plotted hereon are indicative only and their location cannot be relied upon as accurate.*



### Legend



**Subject Reserve Land proposed for naming**



## Place naming suggestions

### Suggestions from Christie Downs Community House (suggestion box)

Name	Description/supporting information provided (verbatim)	Suitability
1. Allison Emmerson Community Reserve	Does a lot of work for the community	While it does not contravene our Place Naming Policy or Procedure, it was not deemed appropriate to include the name of an existing staff member in the short list of names for voting
2. Allison Emmit	None provided	
3. Bob Mansfield Reserve	In honour of Mr. Mansfield who did so much in the community. Also as the hall is named after him it would be less confusing	Name is appropriate, but to meet the policy definitions we would replace 'Reserve' with 'Park'
4. Bob Mansfield Park	Because of what he did for the community. Because he started the community centre. Good way to honour him	Name is appropriate
5. Bob Mansfield Park	Bob supported the local community and community centre over a 25 year period. Through his service he ensures the community centre delivered programs to the community	
6. Friendship Park	The original motto for the Community House is "Where old and new friends meet" and the reserve is around the house	Name is appropriate
7. Friendship Park	This will be a place to meet friends, to make new friends	

### Suggestions from Wardli Youth Centre (suggestion box)

Nil

### Suggestions from Your Say Onkaparinga

Name	Description/supporting information provided (verbatim)	Suitability
8. Dorfus Park	I emailed before construction started, in regards to naming this park after my late brother-in-law Tim 'Dorfus' McDougall, who was a local professional skateboarder from Reynella. He was known all over the world, and worked with convic to design and build several	Specific to the skate park and unsuitable for the broader park

	other skateparks including flagstaff Hill and west beach. He passed away 3 years ago, aged 39. It would be a great honour to my husband and I (as well as his 2 young children who live locally) to have this park named in his honour	
9. Dorfus McDougall	Tim Dorfus mcdougall was a well known skateboarder, he helped build many skateparks around the world. Unfortunately he died a couple years ago but I'm sure he would have loved taking his young twins to this skate park	Specific to the skate park and unsuitable for the broader park
10. Dorfus Reserve	Tim 'Dorfus' McDougall was my favourite uncle. He was such an amazing person and loving to everyone he knew. He DESERVES something local to be named after him to carry his legacy, we owe it to him and his family after his tragic loss	Specific to the skate park and unsuitable for the broader park
11. Marntudla Recreation Park	marntudla the kurna name for Christie Downs	We have written to Kurna Warra Karrpanthi to ask if this name is appropriate, and if not to provide an alternative Kurna name.  To meet the policy definitions we would drop 'Recreation' from the name
12. Julia Gillard Reserve	Julia Gillard was the first female prime minister of Australia . Julia is also from Adelaide. It would be nice to name something after her	Name is appropriate
13. Morton Road Reserve	It makes it easy for people to know where it is	Normally we avoid a common name that uses a major road because there could be more than one park on the road. However this common name is well-known by the local community and has been used in our project documentation. To meet the policy definitions we would replace 'Reserve' with 'Park' and drop 'Road' for simplicity. The name then becomes 'Morton Park'
14. Festival Park	All the synonyms for "festivities" are an apt interpretation of the facilities at Morton Road Reserve - from fun and various activities through to sport	Name is appropriate

**Via email to [YourSay@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au](mailto:YourSay@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description/supporting information provided (verbatim)</b>	<b>Suitability</b>
15. Skate Morton	I like the name " Skate Morton " Loving the amount of young people who have been there since it opened	Specific to the skate park and unsuitable for the broader park

**Via letter (verbatim)**

The Morton Road Reserve family sports ground is a facility that will attract people from areas out-side of Christie Downs and the Council area. As such we (Christie Downs Residents Group) would like the new name to be locality based and not be named after a person. With facilities such as this a person's name or non descript name gives no indication to its location or purpose. We are proud of our suburb of Christies Downs and the Morton Road reserve engaging with Onkaparinga Council for many years to stop their planned building of shops and houses on it. Whilst not giving a specific title for the reserve we would like our suggestion to be taken into account as from the patronage of the skate board facility we believe the up-graded reserve will be a well used and community valued asset.