

9. Reports of officers

9.1 Place naming community engagement outcomes - Morton Road reserve

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Council

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Date

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1. Purpose

Reporting the outcomes of community engagement on place name options for the park located on the corner of Morton Road and Flaxmill Road, Christie Downs (refer attachment 1) and seeking permission to formally name the park.

2. Recommendations

That pursuant to Section 219 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, Council approves the formal name:

1. Niipu-niipu Wama

OR

2. Morton Park

OR

3. Niipu-niipu Wama/Morton Park

for the land on the corner of Morton Road and Flaxmill Road, Christie Downs described as Portion of Allotment 530 (Reserve) in Deposited Plan 9370 comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 4189 Folio 918.

3. Executive summary

The major upgrade to the park commonly known as Morton Road reserve in Christie Downs (refer attachment 1), presents an opportunity to formally name this open space. A formal name supported by the community will foster a greater sense of ownership of the park and provide a strong identity for the area, unifying feature elements 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](#) (the Policy) and [Place Naming Procedure](#) (the 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. Most of the names were deemed appropriate in line with the Policy, with only a small number not recommended to proceed to the next stage of community engagement.

Six name suggestions were deemed suitable to proceed to the next stage of community engagement. This included a Kurna name suggestion 'Marntudla' that – in line with our policy was checked with Kurna Warra Karrpanthi Aboriginal Corporation (KWK) to ensure the name is appropriate for this location.

After Strategic Directions Committee approved the short list of names a reply was received from KWK determining that the name 'Marntudla' was not suitable. KWK provided an alternative Kurna name, '[Niipu-niipu Wama](#)' meaning 'friendship park' which was taken from one of the other community suggestions.

The second stage of community engagement was undertaken where community members voted on their preferred name(s), with Niipu-niipu Wama the most popular option.

Once the First Nations People Advisory Group is fully operational we will seek the group's advice to inform any updates needed to our Place Naming Policy and Procedure.

4. Background

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| Community Plan 2030 | <p>people: connected, engaged, active, healthy</p> <p>place: 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 | The process and proposals described in this report comply with the Policy and the Procedure. |
| 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"> • local residents (letter) • Your Say Onkaparinga newsletter (email) • local community groups (email) • temporary signs installed around the park • engagement notification to elected members (Weekly News) • name suggestions were accepted from 18 March to 12 April 2021. <p>Community engagement stage 2 – voting on list of approved names (completed):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • as per stage 1 – along with anyone that contacted us during stage 1 • list of names approved by Council for the next stage of community engagement • voting was open from 5 August to 20 September 2021. <p>Community engagement stage 3 – notification of formal place name (to commence once the formal name is approved by Council):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • as per stage 1 – along with anyone that participated in stages 1 and 2 • place name sign installed in the park, and name formally announced at the opening ceremony planned for Saturday 30 October 2021 • notice in the Government Gazette (legislated requirement) • letter/email to state government, emergency services and utilities. |

5. Discussion

In accordance with the Policy (Section 2) and the Procedure (Section 4.1) it is appropriate for Council to name public places (including parks, reserves and buildings) that were previously unnamed.

Based on the definitions in our procedure (Section 3) this public place meets the definition of a park, so this was incorporated into the name options.

In accordance with the Policy:

- we sought input from the local community and/or communities of interest on known and potential names for the public place
- we wrote to KWK to seek an Aboriginal name option.

Stage 1 of the community engagement was undertaken from 18 March to 12 April 2021 seeking name suggestions. Fifteen place name suggestions were received suggesting nine unique names.

Strategic Directions Committee resolved on 6 July 2021 that:

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

We wrote to KWK seeking verification of the name Marntudla, which a community member suggested was the Kurna name for Christie Downs. A reply was received from KWK on 2 August 2021 stating that 'Marntudla is not the name for Christie Downs but the Kurna name for a site in the vicinity of section 622, Hundred of Willunga (around Christie Creek on the west side of the Southern Expressway)'. In place of Marntudla KWK assigned the Kurna name 'Niipu-niipu Wama' which was taken from the community suggestion 'Friendship Park'. Niipu-niipu Wama was included in the names for community voting.

Stage 2 of the community engagement was conducted from 5 August to 20 September 2021. In summary, there were 135 visits to the page on [Your Say Onkaparinga](#), with the following results:

- 122 aware participants (viewed at least one page)
- 105 informed participants (downloaded a document/visited multiple pages/voted/provided feedback)
- 59 engaged participants (voted/provided feedback)

Of the 59 people that provided feedback via Your Say Onkaparinga, 80 place names were selected for the park (participants were able to nominate more than one preferred name).

In addition to the online participation, votes were accepted via Christie Downs Community House. Thirty five votes were received, selecting 41 place names for the park.

Via all forms of engagement, a total 94 people participated in voting, selecting 121 names. Of these 94 responses:

- 38 indicated a preference for Morton Park (40%)
- 42 indicated a preference for Niipu-niipu Wama (45%)
- 13 indicated a preference for Bob Mansfield Park (14%)
- 7 indicated a preference for Festival Park (7%)
- 18 indicated a preference for Friendship Park (19%)
- 3 indicated a preference for Julia Gillard Park (3%)

Our Procedure (section 4.2) indicates that *'Preference should be given to Aboriginal names in areas where an Aboriginal name is deemed appropriate. In other locations preference should be given to historical names (such as early explorers, pioneers, and settlers, eminent persons, war/casualty lists), or names that match an identified theme for the area. The most appropriate name source(s) for each location will be identified by the Key Internal Stakeholder Group.'*

The Key Internal Stakeholder Group believes the most appropriate name source for this location is an Aboriginal name and, based on community suggestion of the name Friendship Park, the Kurna translation/interpretation of this as Niipu-niipu Wama has been provided by Kurna Warra Karpnanthi (per our Place Naming Procedure). The name Niipu-niipu Wama received the highest level of support through the community engagement undertaken, receiving 42 nominations (45 per cent).

Morton Park was also a strong preference by our communities, receiving 38 nominations (40 per cent). This name also provides a road reference for the park which is beneficial for wayfinding and assists emergency services, so a dual name was considered.

Details of both stages of community engagement are provided in the community engagement feedback report (attachment 2).

In the Strategic Directions Committee report on 6 July 2021, it was proposed that this 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. However, advice from Governance indicated that this was not a valid reason for a confidential report.

6. Financial implications

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

All place naming costs including community engagement, place name signs and the public notice in the Government Gazette are included in existing budgets.

7. Risk and opportunity management

| Risk | |
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| Identify | Mitigation |
| Reputation/community expectation | We have undertaken community engagement to seek feedback on six place name options. The name Niipu-niipu Wama was our communities' most popular option. |

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| Our communities and the key stakeholders may not support the Kurna name | <p>In line with the Procedure this name was provided by KWK who are responsible for Kurna language matters. Assigning an Aboriginal name is in line with both our Policy (Section 6.2) and Procedure (Sections 4.2, 4.7 and 4.8).</p> <p>We will include the meaning of the name as advised by KWK on the name signs that will be installed in the park.</p> |
| Opportunity | |
| Identify | Maximising the opportunity |
| Currently the park is unnamed which could potentially cause confusion for emergency services and communities | <p>We have an opportunity to formally name the park to alleviate any potential confusion.</p> <p>In accordance with the Policy (Sections 6.8 and 6.9) we will notify relevant parties (including emergency services) of the formal name and give public notice in the Government Gazette.</p> <p>Name signs will be installed in the park in line with the Procedure (Section 4.15).</p> |
| <p>Opportunity to recognise local Aboriginal cultural heritage</p> <p>Opportunity to acknowledge the traditional owners of our region</p> | <p>Community Plan 2030 includes the desired outcome that 'Places of particular importance in local Aboriginal culture are recognised and their cultural significance is respected.'</p> <p>Using the name provided by KWK is an opportunity to recognise Kurna as the traditional owners of the land being named.</p> |

8. Next steps

Signage will be manufactured and installed in time for the opening ceremony for the park which is planned for Saturday 30 October 2021.

A public notice will be published in the Government Gazette.

We will update the Your Say Onkaparinga page.

We will contact all participants in the place naming process to advise of the outcome.

9. Attachments

Attachment 1 – Aerial map of unnamed park Morton Road Christie Downs (1 page)

Attachment 2 – Community engagement feedback report (10 pages)

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Aerial map of unnamed park Morton Road Christie Downs

Attachment 1



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



Legend



Subject Reserve Land proposed for naming



YOUR SAY

Attachment 2

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FEEDBACK REPORT

PLACE NAMING PROPOSAL FOR A PARK IN CHRISTIE DOWNS

INTRODUCTION

With the major upgrade to the park commonly known as Morton Road reserve in Christie Downs, 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 accordance with our [Place Naming Policy](#) (the Policy) and [Place Naming Procedure](#) (the 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
- name suggestions were collated and presented Strategic Directions Committee for shortlisting
- we wrote to Kurna Warra Karrpanthi Aboriginal Corporation (KWK) to obtain an appropriate Aboriginal name option
- we invited our communities to vote on the shortlisted name options.

ENGAGEMENT PURPOSE

The purpose of the engagement was to provide a genuine opportunity for the community to have their say about a formal name for the unnamed park (timing it with the park upgrade that is underway), including:

- suggesting potential names
- voting on the shortlisted names.

ENGAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

The local community and key stakeholders:

- are made aware of the proposal to formally name the park
- know how they can get involved in the process
- are kept informed of any decisions regarding these matters.

and Council:

- meets its legislative obligations regarding place naming (pursuant to section 219 of *the Local Government Act 1999*).

SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES

| Stage 1 - Seeking name suggestions (18 March to 12 April 2021) | Stage 2 – Seeking votes on the shortlisted names (5 August to 20 September 2021) |
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| Of the 142 visits to the Your Say Onkaparinga page: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 132 aware participants (viewed at least one page)• 29 informed participants (downloaded a document/visited multiple pages/provided feedback/suggested a | Of the 135 visits to the Your Say Onkaparinga page there were: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 122 aware participants (viewed at least one page)• 105 informed participants (downloaded a document/visited multiple pages/voted/provided feedback)• 59 engaged participants (voted/provided feedback). |

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| <p>name)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 engaged participants (provided feedback/suggested a name). <p>In addition to the online suggestions, we placed suggestion boxes at Christie Downs Community House and Wardli Youth Centre, receiving 7 name suggestions.</p> <p>We received one name suggestion via email.</p> <p>We also received a letter from Christie Downs Residents Group.</p> <p>In total we received 15 place name suggestions for nine unique names.</p> <p>Most place names met the criteria outlined in our Policy (refer Section 6).</p> <p>Council resolved to seek feedback on six names in the second stage of engagement.</p> <p>Refer appendix 1 for details.</p> | <p>Of the 59 people that provided feedback, 80 place names were selected for the park (participants were able to nominate more than one preferred name).</p> <p>In addition to the online votes, we received 35 votes via Christie Downs Community House, selecting 41 names for the park.</p> <p>In total we received feedback from 94 people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 38 indicated a preference for Morton Park (40%) 42 indicated a preference for Niipu-niipu Wama (45%) 13 indicated a preference for Bob Mansfield Park (14%) 7 indicated a preference for Festival Park (7%) 18 indicated a preference for Friendship Park (19%) 3 indicated a preference for Julia Gillard Park (3%) <p>Refer appendix 1 for details.</p> |
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ENGAGEMENT TECHNIQUES

The below table outlines all techniques used to promote the engagement, and seek the active participation of the community.

Community engagement stage 1

In line with the Procedure we sought input on any known or potential names for the public place via:

| Technique | Stakeholders |
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| Letters | Local residents and businesses located within close proximity to the park. The letter included an aerial map of the park, the criteria for naming a public place, a feedback form and a reply-paid envelope. |
| Emails | All stakeholders listed in the Community Group Register located in, or with an interest in Christie Downs |
| Your Say Newsletter | All registered users of the Your Say platform living in Christie Downs |
| Conversations | Staff at the Christie Downs Community House notified user groups and visitors to the Community House of the opportunity |
| Suggestion box | Suggestion boxes were placed at Christie Downs Community House and Wardli Youth Centre |
| On-site signage | Corflute signs were installed around the park to notify visitors and passers-by |
| Your Say Onkaparinga webpage | Your Say page contained: Consultation dates Project information Aerial map Criteria for naming a public place |

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| | Place Naming Policy Tool to capture name suggestions How to get in contact with us |
| Weekly news | Notification to elected members (in particular the Mayor and ward councillors) |

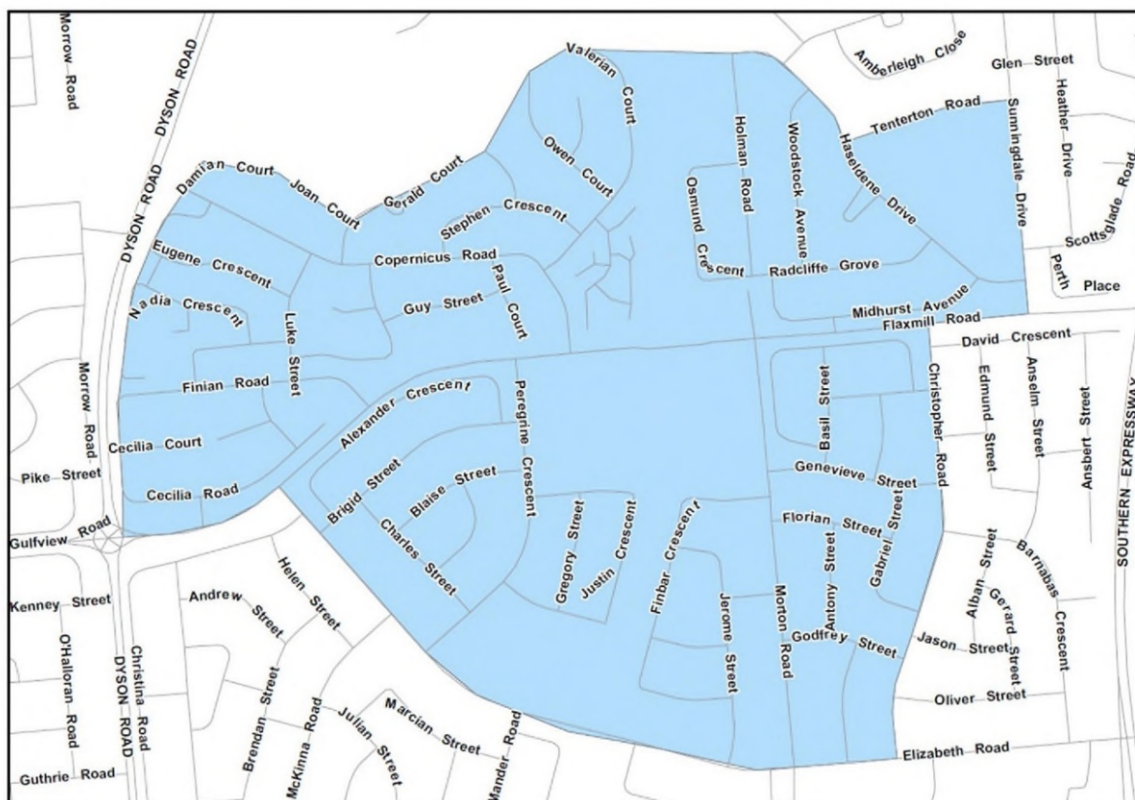
Community engagement stage 2

In line with the Procedure we sought feedback on the name suggestions via:

| Technique | Stakeholders |
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| Emails | All participants in the place naming process – to keep them informed |
| Voting slips at the Christie Downs Community House | Staff at the Christie Downs Community House accepted votes from users of/ visitors to the Community House |
| On-site signage | Corflute signs were installed around the park to notify visitors and passers-by |
| Your Say Onkaparinga webpage | Your Say page contained: Consultation dates Project information Aerial map Criteria for naming a public place Place Naming Policy Tool to vote on name options How to get in contact with us News feed to share updates as the process progressed. |

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES**Letter Drop**

Local residents residing within the blue letter drop zone were made aware of the proposal to name the park and how to provide name suggestions. Contact details for the relevant officer were included in the letter in case residents had any questions.



Emails

Emails were sent to

- Your Say Onkaparinga members living in Christie Downs
- community groups and organisations in the Community Group Register located in, or with an interest in Christie Downs

to let them know of the proposal to name the reserve and how to provide name suggestions.

Contact details for the relevant officer were included in the email in case the recipient had any questions.

One name suggestion was received via email.

Conversations at Christie Downs Community House

The Community Development Officer spoke to most of the user groups at the Community House to let them know about our place naming process, and encourage them to submit name suggestions.

Suggestion boxes

Suggestion boxes were placed at Christie Downs Community House and Wardli Youth Centre seeking name suggestions for the park. Seven suggestions were received from the Community House. No suggestions were received from Wardli Youth Centre.

Your Say Onkaparinga

Throughout the place naming process there have been 370 visits to the Your Say Onkaparinga page, with:

- 316 aware participants (viewed at least one page)
- 132 informed participants (downloaded a document/visited multiple pages/provided feedback)
- 65 engaged participants (suggested a name/voted/provided feedback).

Of the visits to Your Say:

- 22 people downloaded the aerial map
- 8 downloaded the Place Naming Policy
- 11 downloaded the criteria for naming a public place (an extract from the Policy)
- 7 submitted name suggestions for the reserve (stage 1 engagement)
- 4 downloaded the list of name options (stage 1 engagement)
- 5 downloaded the 6 July Council report (deciding on the shortlisted names)
- 6 listened to the Niipu-niipu Wama sound file
- 30 voted for their preferred name/s (stage 2 engagement)

Voting via Christie Downs Community House

We received 35 votes via Christie Downs Community House, selecting 41 names for the park.

Voting results

Of the 59 people that provided feedback via Your Say Onkaparinga, 80 place names were selected for the park (participants were able to nominate more than one preferred name).

Thirty five votes were received via the Christie Downs Community House, selecting 41 place names for the park.

In total 94 people participated in voting, selecting 121 names. Of these 94 responses:

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SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS

Ninety four people voted for their preferred name(s). Thirty eight online participants are residents of Christie Downs (as determined via their Your Say profile). It is anticipated that the votes received through the Community House were likely residents that lived nearby. Votes were also received from other City of Onkaparinga residents – mainly living in the surrounding areas, and one as far away as Aldinga Beach.

Forty two people (45 percent) voted for the Kaurua name Niipu-niipu Wama. The next preference was Morton Park with 38 votes (40 per cent).

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APPENDIX 1

Place name suggestions

Voting box at Christie Downs Community House

| Name | Description/supporting information provided (verbatim) | Suitability |
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| 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 |
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| 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 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 | Specific to the skate park and unsuitable for the broader park |
| 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. |

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| | | 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

| Name | Description/supporting information provided (verbatim) | Suitability |
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| 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.