

Post Exhibition – Naming Proposal – Daranggara Park, Camperdown

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Summary

A small park was established at 19-25 Lyons Road, Camperdown in 2012 (bounded by Lyons Road, Lambert and Purkis streets) and requires naming.

Indigenous consultancy Murawin was engaged to research naming options and suggested “Daranggara Park”. Daranggara (pronounced durran-garrah) is the word for cabbage tree palm in the local Gadigal language. This name references planting currently in the park and endemic to the area.

The City of Sydney is committed to recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage and history in the public domain. Principle 4 of the City of Sydney naming policy states that new names using local Aboriginal language are encouraged, especially for parks and open spaces, and shall be in the local Gadigal language.

This report recommends that Council provide in-principle approval to name this park: “Daranggara Park”, enabling an application to be made to the Geographical Names Board for the naming of the park.

The proposed name complies with the City of Sydney naming policy.

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the adoption of the name "Daranggara Park" for the park identified in Attachment A to the subject report; and
- (B) an application be made to the Geographical Names Board for the naming of the place as approved in (A), in accordance with the Geographical Names Act 1996.

Attachments

Attachment A. Map Showing Location of the Park

Attachment B. Community Engagement Report

Background

1. A small park was established in 2012, at 19-25 Lyons Road, Camperdown (bounded by Lyons Road, Lambert and Purkis streets) and requires naming.
2. The park has been recently redesigned, with advice from Indigenous consultancy, Murawin, to include native plantings, a playground, a fitness area and multiple seating areas.
3. Indigenous consultancy, Murawin, was engaged by Jane Irwin Landscape Architecture on behalf of the City to research naming options.
4. Murawin suggested 4 possible names and “Daranggara” was selected by the Naming Proposal Working Group.
5. “Daranggara” is the word for cabbage tree palm in the Gadigal language. This name references these hardy, resilient plants that are planted currently in the park and endemic to the area.
6. In the naming justification Murawin wrote: “These plantings help us Connect with this Country.”
7. The word “Daranggara” is from the local Gadigal language, documented in Jakelin Troy's book *The Sydney Language*.
8. The proposed name complies with the City of Sydney naming policy. Specifically:
 - Principle 2: Uniqueness - duplication is avoided with other existing names in a 10-kilometre radius.
 - Principle 3: This name acknowledges the multicultural nature of our society. Inclusiveness and addressing the imbalance of previous approaches are significant priorities for new names.
 - Principle 4: New names using local Aboriginal language are encouraged, especially for parks and open spaces, and shall be in the local Gadigal language.
 - Principle 6: Local or Cultural Relevance - the name has local relevance, reflecting the heritage and history of the local landscape and its plants.
9. On 13 November 2024 the name was presented to the City's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel and they were supportive of the name.
10. On 15 November 2024 the name was approved by the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council.
11. Naming this park is important for wayfinding and access for emergency vehicles.
12. Community consultation was held between 14 July and 1 August 2025.
13. We received a total of 6 submissions during the consultation. 3 submissions were in favour of the name and 3 opposed the name.
14. The Sydney Your Say page was visited 136 times during the public exhibition period.

Key Implications

Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision

15. Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision renews the communities' vision for the sustainable development of the city to 2050. It includes 10 strategic directions to guide the future of the city, as well as 10 targets against which to measure progress. This report is aligned with the following strategic directions and objectives:
- (a) Direction 1 - Responsible governance and stewardship - formally naming the park will ensure its gazettal and recognition with the NSW Geographical Names Board.
 - (b) Direction 5 - A city for walking, cycling and public transport - formally naming the park will assist in wayfinding.
 - (c) Direction 8 - A thriving cultural life - supports recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage and history in public spaces and streets.

Organisational Impact

16. Naming the park will have minimal organisational impact. Signage will be installed once the name is gazetted.

Risks

13. There are no identified risks associated with the naming proposal.
14. This naming proposal is within the City's risk appetite:
- (a) it helps to ensure public safety and meet community expectations by assisting with wayfinding, consistent with the City's encouragement of public spaces that prioritise health and safety, foster wellbeing and comply with applicable legislative and regulatory requirements.
 - (b) it ensures we comply with our legal and regulatory requirements.
 - (c) it supports the achievement of our strategic objectives.

Social / Cultural / Community

17. The name has local relevance, reflecting the heritage and history of people, events, and the community.

Financial Implications

18. There are sufficient funds available in the 2025/26 operational budget for the installation of the park signage.

Relevant Legislation

19. The Geographic Names Act 1966 (NSW) and Geographical Names Board Guidelines. The recommended name complies with this legislation and meets the Geographical Names Board Guidelines.

Critical Dates / Time Frames

20. Should Council approve the name, a formal naming application will be submitted to the Geographical Names Board for consideration.

Public Consultation

21. Community consultation was held between 14 July and 11 August 2025.
22. The Sydney Your Say web page provided details of the park location, background for the origins of the name and a guide to pronunciation. A link to an online survey provided people with the opportunity to give their feedback. The page received 136 views during the consultation period.
23. On-street signage was erected around the park and a notification letter was delivered to 723 local residents and businesses (75-metre radius from the plaza).
24. We received a total of 6 submissions during the consultation. Three submissions were in favour of the name and 3 opposed the name.
25. Reasons given in support of the proposed name were:
 - (a) Supports recognition of traditional owners (1 comment)
 - (b) Supports recognition of Indigenous history and continued presence through place naming using Indigenous language (1 comment)
 - (c) Supports Indigenous language for place names (1 comment).
26. Reasons given in opposition to the name were:
 - (a) Objection to 'virtue signalling' and names should reflect the wishes of local residents (1 comment)
 - (b) Name lacks genuine cultural connection. Aboriginal language does not help generate recognition of the park or its location. Naming should recognise the cultural contribution of other groups who live and work in the area (1 comment)
 - (c) Place names should be in English (1 comment).

27. More information about the community engagement can be found at Attachment B - Community Engagement Report.
28. If Council approves the name, an application will be made to the Geographical Names Board for gazettal. As part of this process the Geographical Names Board may also notify the public through their website as part of their routine procedure for the naming of open spaces. If objections are raised, the proposal is returned to Council for further comment or amendment if required.

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