

Public 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, subject to community consultation, Council provide in-principle approval to name this park: “Daranggara Park”.

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

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council provide in-principle approval to name the park "Daranggara Park" and that the name be placed on public exhibition for community comment for a minimum period of 28 days; and
- (B) note that a further report will be submitted to Council, detailing the results of the public consultation process.

Attachments

Attachment A. Map Showing Location of the Park

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.

Key Implications

Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision

12. 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 and creative life - supports recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage and history in public spaces and streets.

Organisational Impact

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

Risks

14. There are no identified risks associated with the naming proposal.
15. This naming proposal is within the City's risk appetite:
- it helps to ensure public safety and meet community expectations by assisting with wayfinding
 - it ensures we comply with our legal and regulatory requirements
 - it supports the achievement of our strategic objectives.

Social / Cultural / Community

16. The community will have an opportunity to comment on the naming proposal during the exhibition period.

Financial Implications

17. There are funds available in the 2024/25 operational budget for the installation of park signage.

Relevant Legislation

18. The Geographic Names Act 1966 (NSW) and Geographical Names Board Guidelines- the recommended names comply with this legislation and meet the Geographical Names Board Guidelines.

Critical Dates / Time Frames

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

Public Consultation

20. The process for naming of public spaces generally proceeds as follows:
 - (a) in-principle approval by Council of the proposed name
 - (b) public notification of the naming proposal/s with a minimum 28-day response time
 - (c) Council approval following community consultation
 - (d) assessment by the Geographical Names Board of New South Wales through its formal application process
 - (e) approval by the Geographical Names Board and subsequent publication in the NSW Government Gazette.
21. The naming proposal will be advertised on the Sydney Your Say website, notices will be letterboxed to surrounding properties and there will be a public notice on site.
22. If Council approves the name, an application will be made to the Geographical Names Board for gazettal.

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