



6th May, 2003

WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANDWICK WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, 90 AVOCA STREET, RANDWICK, ON TUESDAY, 13TH MAY, 2003 AT 6:00 P.M.

Committee Members: His Worship, the Mayor, Cr D. Sullivan, Crs Backes, Bastic (Chairperson), Greenwood, Schick, Seng and White (Deputy Chairperson) and Whitehead.

Quorum: Five (5) members.

NOTE: AT THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2000, THE COUNCIL RESOLVED THAT THE WORKS COMMITTEE BE CONSTITUTED AS A COMMITTEE WITH FULL DELEGATION TO DETERMINE MATTERS ON THE AGENDA.

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GENERAL MANAGER



Director Asset & Infrastructure Services' Report 14/2003

SUBJECT:	NAMING OF NORTH HEADLAND OF LITTLE BAY
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DATE:	1 May, 2003	FILE NO:	98/S/0178 xr 98/S/1730
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REPORT BY: DIRECTOR ASSET & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

INTRODUCTION:

Council at its meeting held on 25 February, 2003, resolved

“Council investigate the naming of the north headland of Little Bay as Buchan Point.”

ISSUES:

The Geographical Names Board of New South Wales (GNB) is responsible for assigning names to places anywhere in the State. The Guidelines for determination of place names reads ‘inter alia’

“The changing of long established place names is generally not preferred, except where necessary to avoid ambiguity or duplication -

- a) If considered appropriate, place names may perpetuate the names of eminent persons, particularly those of early explorers, settlers and naturalists.*
- b) Names of persons should normally only be given posthumously but the Board at its discretion may approve a feature name which honours a living person. Such a person’s contribution to the local community should have been of outstanding benefit to the community. Ownership of the land is not sufficient reasons for the application of the owners name to a geographical feature. The Board will not approve the naming of a feature after a person still holding public office.*
- c) The Board may approve a first or given name as part of a geographical name only where it is necessary to appropriately honour the person referred to or where it is necessary to avoid ambiguity.”*

The GNB Guidelines for the determination of place names is attached.

CONCLUSION:

Council at its Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 17 December, 2003, resolved that in memory of the six local Coogee footballers who died as a result of the Bali bombings, the headland at the northern end of Coogee Beach be named 'Dolphins Point' and that a plaque be erected to the restored portico featuring the names of all twenty local residents including Steve Buchan, who lost their lives the Bali bombings.

The naming of the headland at Little Bay after the late Steve Buchan, a local South Ward resident does not fall under the GNB Guidelines for the naming of geographical sites and it is therefore not be favoured by the Board, However, Mr Kevin Richards of the GNB has been contacted and he suggested that the installation of a memorial seat and plaque at this location on the headland, in memory of Steve Buchan, would be an appropriate way of sustaining his life memories. The land involved is Crown Land under the control of the Coast Golf Club and it is considered that the Club should be contacted to ascertain whether or not an appropriate location for this seat and plaque can be found and whether or not they have any objection to its installation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That

- a. No action be taken to name the northern headland of Little Bay as Buchan Point.
- b. The Coast Golf Club be requested to consider whether there is a suitable location for a memorial seat and plaque to commemorate the life of Steve Buchan and whether or not they would object to its installation.
- c. Should the Club not object to the memorial seat and plaque, Council officers proceed with its installation and the works be funded from the current Councillors' Bids Allocation.

ATTACHMENT/S:

Guidelines for the determination of place names

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GUIDELINES FOR THE DETERMINATION OF PLACE NAMES

Endorsed by the Geographical Names Board of New South Wales on 17 October 1996.

A name suggested for any place that owes its origin to the peculiarity of the topographic feature designated, such as shape, vegetation, animal life, etc., may be accepted but, in doing so, care should be exercised in avoiding duplication of names already used for other features.

The Geographical Names Board prefers to avoid the repetition of commonly used names. *Sugar Loaf, Sandy, Back, Bald, Deep, Long, Kangaroo, Ready, Rocky, Spring and Storey* are examples of such names.

Easily pronounced names should, as far as possible, be used.

Names of Aboriginal origin or with a historical background are preferred.

Names acknowledging the multicultural nature of our society are encouraged.

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Long and clumsily constructed names and names composed of two or more words should be avoided.

The multiplication of names for different parts of the same topographical feature such as a stream or mountain range will be avoided whenever possible and the one name applied to a stream or mountain range throughout its entire length.

The naming of forks, arms and branches of a river as *North Branch* and *South Branch* is not favoured. Generally, it is preferable to assign independent names to river branches.

The use of cardinal points of the compass as a prefix or suffix to an existing name is not favoured. However well established names which carry such a prefix or suffix may be approved.

Where names have been changed or corrupted by long established local usage, it is not usually advisable to attempt to restore the original form; that spelling which is sanctioned by general usage should be adopted.

When a choice is offered between two or more names for the same place, locality or feature, all sanctioned by local usage, the Board may adopt one of such names as is considered appropriate in accordance with the rules outlined above.

The possessive form should be avoided whenever possible without destroying the sound of the name or changing its descriptive application, eg. *Howes Valley* should be written without the apostrophe.

The use of hyphens in connecting parts of names should, as far as possible, be avoided. Names considered offensive or likely to give offence will not be approved.

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Director Asset & Infrastructure Services' Report 15/2003



SUBJECT:	REQUEST FOR HYDROTHERAPY POOL IN RANDWICK
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DATE:	1 May, 2003	FILE NO:	98/S/0305(8) 98/S/1173(3)
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REPORT BY: DIRECTOR ASSET & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

INTRODUCTION:

Council at its meeting held on 25 March, 2003, considered a petition containing 110 signatures requesting that consideration be given to the provision of a hydrotherapy pool in the Randwick City Council area.

Council resolved that the petition be referred to the appropriate committee and/or the Council's bulletin with a report from the relevant officer.

BACKGROUND

WAVES (Water Activities for Vitality in the Eastern Suburbs) currently run classes at the Des Renford Aquatic Centre, and it has been suggested that this complex would be the ideal location for a hydrotherapy pool as the site has ample off street parking and is in close proximity to public transport.

It should be noted that the characteristics of a hydrotherapy pools vary considerably ranging from those providing medical rehabilitation to the less complex heated facility being an exercise pool for the elderly. The rehabilitation pools are often located in hospitals and are used by hospital physiotherapist. In the petition there is no detail of the type of facility required.

There are two 25metre pools at the Des Renford one is a "Competition" pool and the other is a "Learn to Swim/Training Pool". The 25 metre "Learn to Swim Pool" is currently used by WAVES and other elderly people for exercise. However the primary use of this pool is for learning to swim by children and adults. The income generated from the Learn to Swim programme for the period Monday 8 April 2002 to Monday 7 April 2003 was \$717,716.13, the major source of income for the pool.

The "Learn to Swim Pool" is suitable for use by the elderly because of the elevated temperature of the pool and the consistent depth. As the pool has a consistent depth of 1.2 meters it is a good facility for people to use for walking. At present there are a large

number of elderly people that use this pool on a daily basis for their exercise. Most of these people walk in the pool as it provides a warm and impact resistant environment for them to increase their mobility.

ISSUES

There are a number of issues of the installation of a hydrotherapy pool at the Des Renford Aquatic Centre. If the pool was changed to accommodate hydrotherapy, the learn to swim programme would have to cease operation for the following reasons:

- The temperature of the pool would have to lift from 30 degrees Celsius to 35 degrees Celsius. With this temperature change babies and toddlers would not be permitted to use the facility due to the likelihood of greater levels of bacteria etc.
- At this time the Operational Staff at the Centre do not believe the “Learn to Swim” could be accommodated anywhere else in the facility and therefore a substantial source of income would be lost or substantially reduced.
- There would need to be substantial physical changes to the pool that would incur significant capital expenditure.

Further to this as hydrotherapy is used to rehabilitate people from all types of injuries, access to the pool would need upgraded. The following facilities would be required:

- The installation of a ramp and/or a hoist to enter and exit the pool for people in wheelchairs would be required.
- Increased numbers of disabled toilets.
- Increase in staff numbers to assist people in and out of the pool.
- Increased cost for the heating of the pool
- Increased monitoring of the pool for bacteria etc as sick persons would be using the pool

It is also important to note that hydrotherapy is a medically supported form of treatment to the rehabilitation of injuries. For hydrotherapy to be used in this manner, professionals with appropriate training need to conduct the sessions with their patients. Usually these appointments are on a one on one basis, not in a class format. The income generated from a hydrotherapy pool is likely to be substantially less than that of the “Learn to Swim” programmes.

Currently there are not any Council managed community facilities that would accommodate a hydrotherapy pool in the Randwick City Council area. The construction cost of a hydrotherapy pool would be cost a minimum of \$150 000 and at this time Council does not have budget identified for such a facility.

Randwick Council intends to undertake a number of studies that could further investigate the need for a hydrotherapy pool in the City of Randwick. These studies include a Recreational Needs Study that will audit and assess recreational requirements for the area.

CONCLUSION

The petitioners have highlighted that there is no public hydrotherapy pool in the Randwick City Council area and suggests that the Des Renford complex would be a suitable place for one to be installed.

The conversion of the "Learn To Swim Pool" into a dedicated hydrotherapy pool would incur an enormous loss of income to the complex and therefore is not deemed feasible at this time.

A more thorough investigation into the need for a Hydrotherapy Pool needs to occur to assess the benefit of such a facility. If identified as a desirable community facility, Council would need to identify funds for constructing a hydrotherapy pool.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the programmes/use of the 25-meter "Learn To Swim Pool" at the Des Renford Aquatic Centre is retained in the current form.
2. That Council Officers consider the need for the installation of a Hydrotherapy Pool in any further studies on the recreational needs of the City of Randwick.

ATTACHMENT/S:

Nil

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