

Minutes

Council Meeting

Monday, 8th June 2020

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The meeting commenced at 7.00pm online via the Zoom platform.

Present: Cr Georgina Oxley (Mayor)
Cr Tamara Barth
Cr Tamsin Bearsley
Cr David Eden
Cr Geoff Gledhill
Cr Steve Staikos
Cr Rosemary West OAM

In Attendance: Julie Reid, Chief Executive Officer
Paul Franklin, General Manager Corporate Services
Phil De Losa, Manager Governance
Sharon Banks, Executive Assistant

1. Apologies

An apology from Cr Brownlees was submitted to the meeting.

Moved: Cr Staikos

Seconded: Cr Bearsley

That the apology from Cr Brownlees be received.

CARRIED

2. Foreshadowed Declaration by Councillors, Officers or Contractors of any Conflict of Interest

There were no Conflicts of Interest submitted to the meeting.

3. Corporate Services Reports

3.1 Ward Names

Moved: Cr Staikos

Seconded: Cr Gledhill

That Council resolve to recommend the following names of the new wards provided in the map of Kingston's new electoral boundary structure (refer to attached map):

The proposed names recognise our local parks, flora and fauna and other features and honour our Aboriginal First People. Council chose these names in consultation with Elders.

Most of the names have particular significance and relevance for each ward.

Ward A - Bunjil Ward

This ward is named in honour of Bunjil, the wedge-tailed eagle, the creator deity of the local indigenous people of Kingston, the Bunurong (or Boon Wurrung) People of the Kulin Nation.

Ward B - Karkarook Ward

Kingston is often referred to as the "sandbelt" and Karkarook, an Aboriginal word meaning "sandy place" honours this name and the natural sandy soils of the area. This ward is home to Karkarook Park which is the north-westernmost end of the Sandbelt Parklands (Chain of Parks) project, and of the South East Green Wedge.

Ward C - Caruana Ward

This ward is named after the Caruana Woodland Reserve in Dingley Village; the ward is also home to the Grange Reserve in Clayton South. Both sites are treasured for their environmental significance and represent significant remnant vegetation assets that pre-date white settlement. Both also attract rare native bird life.

Ward D - Wattle Ward

This ward covers much of what was known as “Two Acre Village” at the time of white settlement. The area had a river running along what is now Nepean Highway, and was known for the abundance of Wattle, Red Gum and Yellow Box Gums. Much of the vegetation was cleared by the settlers. The Golden Wattle is Australia’s Floral Emblem.

Ward E - Chicquita Ward

This name honours the connection between our city and the horse racing industry. In the heart of this ward is Chicquita Park named after a famous racing mare owned and trained in Mentone. In the early 2000s the community mobilised to save the environmentally significant bushland park from housing development and managed to retain nearly half of it for public open space.

Ward F - Como Ward

Mentone and its streets, including Como Parade, were named to create ‘the new Riviera of the south’. Many of the streets were given the names of Italian cities and towns to establish a special atmosphere and destination in the 1880s. Mentone is experiencing a renaissance today. Como was the ward name prior to 2008.

Ward G - Derrimut Ward

Derrimut was a revered headman of the Bunurong people. He fought in the late 1850s and early 1860s to protect local aboriginal people’s rights to live on their land at Mordialloc Reserve. An Aboriginal Gathering Place has been named in his honour on the foreshore.

(If **Derrimut Ward** is not acceptable to the Bunurong Land Council as representatives of the Bunurong People, Kingston Council will recommend the following alternative name: **Melaleuca Ward**)

Melaleuca are indigenous to Kingston, and are common today both in nature reserves, parks, as street trees and add to the biodiversity of our city. The Scented Paperbark (*Melaleuca squarrosa*), and Swamp Paperbark (*Melaleuca ericifolia*) line the Mordialloc Creek which is a major feature of this ward and of Kingston.

Ward H - Yammerbook Ward

Yammerbook, (aka Jimmy Dunbar) was a proud Bunurong man, who for a time lived on the Blind Creek, which was an arm of the Mordialloc Creek. That area is now called Yammerbook Nature Reserve in this ward, and forms an important connection between the Creek and the Edithvale Wetlands.

Ward I - Sandpiper Ward

This ward is home to the internationally recognised and protected wetlands. Edithvale-Seafood Wetlands which are remnants of the Carrum Carrum Swamp, which once covered more than 4,000 hectares in the area. The wetlands attract 190 bird species including the sharp-tailed sandpiper, which is the signature species that gained these wetlands their Ramsar-listing.

Ward J - Longbeach Ward

Kingston is home to 13 kilometres of sandy beaches from Mentone to Carrum. The name “Longbeach” recognises the beach lifestyle of many of our residents and commitment of local people and our city to the health of our beaches and to Port Phillip Bay. Longbeach was the name of a Council Ward prior to 2008.

Ward K - Banksia Ward

The Coast Banksia (*Banksia integrifolia*) is an indigenous species to Kingston especially prevalent in this ward, including one giant remnant pre-white-settlement tree on the foreshore at Bonbeach. They are particularly hardy in foreshore areas and stabilise the sand dunes. Council and the community have been protecting these trees for many years.

CARRIED

4. Confidential Items

Nil

The meeting closed at 7.10pm

Confirmed.....

The Mayor 22 June 2020