# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY REPORT

## Croydon Avenue Reserve, West Croydon Renaming Request

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# 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We engaged with our community from Friday, 2 February 2024 to Sunday, 25 February 2024 on a request to rename Croydon Avenue Reserve to "Eileen Harris Reserve".

Engagement was undertaken in accordance with Section 4, Part 3 of Council's PCP and with our Reserve Naming Policy. The public consultation steps for this project were determined by Council on a discretionary basis and the level of engagement for this project was **'consult'**.

The purpose of the engagement was to:

- Inform the community about the request received to rename Croydon Avenue Reserve after a member of the community.
- Share the request received by Council and information about the proposed new name of the reserve.
- Understand the community sentiment toward the request and the proposed name before any decisions are made about the request.

The consultation was promoted through approximately 320 hand-delivered and 65 posted consultation packages distributed to the consultation mailout catchment area (**Figure 1**, pg 4), Your Say Charles Sturt e-mail campaign, a public notice in the Advertiser newspaper and online classifieds and onsite corflute signs. An online Your Say Charles Sturt project page hosted information relevant to the consultation and an online feedback form.

We received 88 feedback responses on the request to rename Croydon Avenue Reserve, including 5 responses that were from individuals who resided in the same household as another feedback respondent. With around 400 consultation packages distributed locally and 61 click throughs from the Your Say campaign, motivation to participate in the engagement was high (approx. 20% engagement based on the mailout area). One petition was also received in objection to the request.

| Feedback indicates majority of participants support the request to rename Croydon Avenue Reserve to "Eileen Harris Reserve". |
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| 89% support the request to rename the reserve |
| 10% oppose the request or prefer to keep the existing name |
| 1% are non-committal and don't mind what the name is |

Most participants expressed strong support for the request to rename the reserve, sharing Eileen's significant contributions to the community over many years and some sharing personal experiences and memories of Eileen, expressing gratitude for her kindness and support. Many expressed their appreciation for honouring a local resident such as Eileen, with limited participants commenting on the importance of recognising contributions of women.

Some individuals express concerns about the proposed name change in terms of its inclusivity, ease of reference, and whether there were more practical/economical forms of recognition. Others questioned the renaming process and whether it has adequately considered the history of the area, particularly the former Croydon Primary School.

# 2. BACKGROUND

Council received a request on 28 August 2023 from Ms Kerry Coggins to rename local West Croydon reserve, Croydon Avenue Reserve, to 'Eileen Harris Reserve'. The reserve is located between Cedar Avenue and William Street in West Croydon (Lot 14 FP 116026 Vol 5428 Fol 651). The request has been received to recognise Eileen Harris' dedication and contribution to the local area and community.

Croydon Avenue Reserve is located between William Street and Cedar Avenue in West Croydon. The reserve is 3,760m2 and contains a small playground, a shelter, picnic settings, a half basketball court, established trees and well-maintained grassed areas and landscaping. The reserve is designated as a Recreation Park in Councils Open Space Strategy.

Kerry Coggins has requested the reserve be named after Eileen Harris as Eileen has lived in the local area for over 80 years and plays an active role within the local community. Eileen was one of the group of residents who took an active role in how the local reserve was originally developed, and actively connects the local community through organising an annual Christmas in the Park celebration, building relationships, and sharing the history of the local area. The request was considered by the Asset Management Committee meeting of 16 October 2023 (Item 4.71) in line with the requirements of the Reserve Naming Policy, and the request was approved for consultation.

# 3. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT APPROACH

This consultation was carried out in accordance with the requirements of Council's PCP, Reserve Naming Policy, and any additional, discretionary activities. The engagement level was 'consult' and public feedback was open for a minimum of 21-days. Feedback could be submitted online at the Your Say Charles Sturt project page or received and recorded over the phone.

The objectives of the community engagement were to ensure:

- That our Charles Sturt community had easy access to the appropriate information.
- That our Charles Sturt community was given equal opportunity to provide feedback.
- That the process builds positive relationships between Council and the community, and positions Charles Sturt as an organisation that is providing sound management decisions.
- That information was provided to the Charles Sturt community of the decision and reasoning for the decision.

Property owners/landowners and residents within the defined consultation mailout catchment area (Figure 1, pg 4) received a consultation pack to their residential address, while absent property owners received materials to their listed postal address. The consultation pack included a covering letter and 1-page consultation flyer with a QR Code to direct recipients to the online Your Say Charles Sturt project page. The wider public was informed of the consultation and invited to share their feedback via other public promotional methods.

In addition to the promotion of this open consultation by the City of Charles Sturt, the ABC Adelaide Radio interviewed Eileen about the request and publicised the story on their social media accounts, further raising community awareness. A detailed list of promotional and engagement activities undertaken by the City of Charles Sturt and other independent parties is available in **Table 1** - **"Community Engagement Activity"** (pg 5).

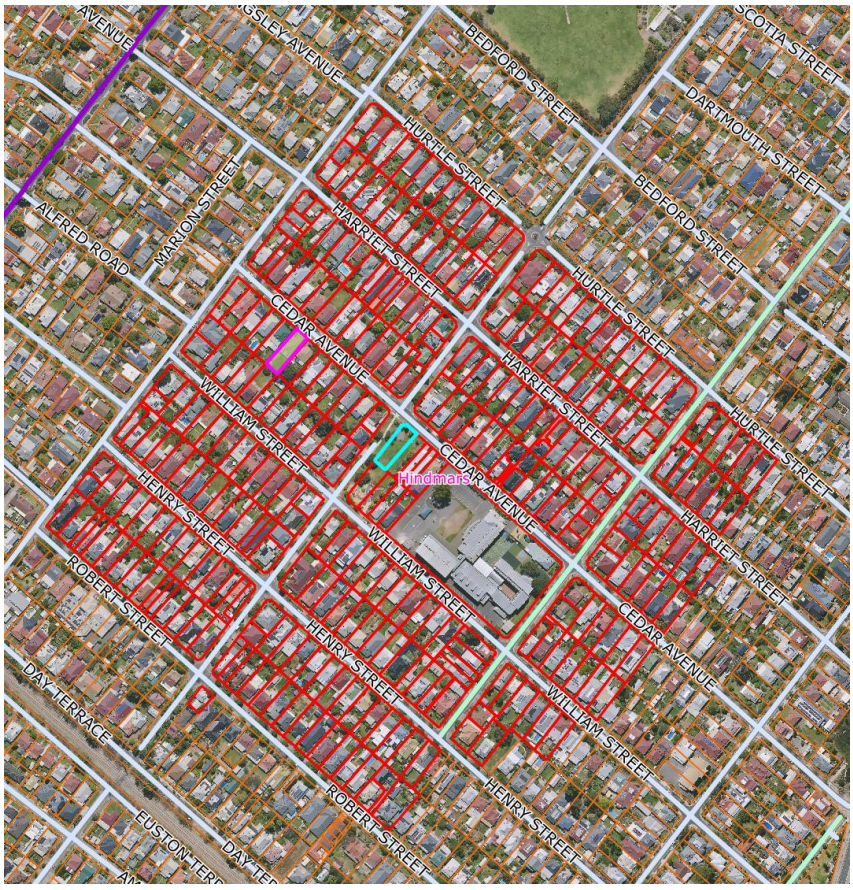
The scope of the consultation related specifically to understanding the community support/opposition and sentiment toward the reserve renaming request and proposed new name. The public was also invited to share any comments and reasons for their opinions, including any personal, historical, cultural, or local matters relevant to the request. Feedback on alternative naming suggestions from the public was not invited as part of this consultation given a request has been received and must be considered independently of any other requests.

After considering the results of public consultation and other factors such as historical or cultural matters, the Council will determine the outcome of the reserve renaming request. In the event the renaming of the reserve is not approved, its existing name will be retained, and future renaming requests may be considered at the discretion of the Council.

Following any decision/s of Council on this request, participants of the consultation and project followers will be notified of the engagement outcomes, decision/s, and any next steps.

## FIGURE 1: CONSULTATION MAILOUT CATCHMENT AREA

All properties and land highlighted in red indicate inclusion in the consultation mailout catchment area.



# TABLE 1: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY

| What | Engagement activity | Details | Participants |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Consultation promotion** | Your Say Charles Sturt email campaign - opening | New project email campaign sent on 2 February 2024 at 1.49pm (the Friday before consultation officially opened). | Sent to 1,115 registered Your Say members.<br>665 opens (59.6%)<br>61 click-through (5.5%) |
| | Consultation package to mailout catchment area | Distributed on Monday, 5 February 2024 to the defined consultation mailout catchment area. | 325 packages hand delivered to residential and commercial properties.<br>+ 65 packages mailed to absent property owners/landowners via Australia Post. |
| | Public Notices | 1 x Public Notice in the Advertiser Newspaper on 5 February 2024 promoting the consultation. | NA |
| | Signs & Displays | ▪ 2, 1m x 1m signs surrounding Football Park, in addition to A3 laminated signs tied to posts or fencing around the oval. | NA |
| **Your Say Charles Sturt Project Page** | Your Say Charles Sturt online project page: "Croydon Avenue Reserve, West Croydon Renaming Request". | Open to everyone.<br>Live from Friday, 2 February 2024 to Sunday, 25 February 2024. | At the time of writing the report:<br>621 page views<br>515 page visits<br>438 unique visitors<br>57 project followers |
| **Other**<br>*Not facilitated by City of Charles Sturt | *News & Social Media | ABC Interview with Eileen Harris on 07/02/2024, shared to: https://www.facebook.com/abcadelaide<br><br>https://www.instagram.com/p/C3Be00zydfh/?img_index=1<br><br>Also shared to 'Croydon & West Croydon (SA) Local History' and 'Kilkenny Community' Facebook pages. | 399 Likes/Loves, 45 comments, 22 shares<br><br>562 likes<br><br>62 Likes/Loves, 7 comments, 2 shares |
| **Feedback & Submissions** | Online (Your Say Charles Sturt online form) and over the phone feedback accepted. | Open from Friday 2 February to 5pm Sunday, 25 February 2024. | **Feedback received:**<br>▪ 77 online feedback<br>▪ 9 over the phone feedback<br>▪ 1 letter submission<br>▪ 1 email submission<br>**Total = 88 feedback form responses**<br><br>▪ + 1 petition |

# 4. ENGAGEMENT EXAMPLES

## Consultation Pack:



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5 February 2024

To the property owner or tenant

**WHAT'S YOUR VIEW ON RENAMING CROYDON AVENUE RESERVE, WEST CROYDON?**

You are receiving this consultation notification as you reside in the West Croydon or Croydon area.

The City of Charles Sturt is inviting feedback on a request to rename Croydon Avenue Reserve in West Croydon to "Eileen Harris Reserve". This reserve abuts three streets in West Croydon – William Street, Croydon Avenue and Cedar Avenue (identified in the blue border, below).

Find out more, including how to be involved and receive notification of the outcome, over the page >>>

Yours faithfully

Caitlin

**Caitlin Tierney**
**Community Engagement Officer**
Open Space, Recreation & Property



# CROYDON AVENUE RESERVE NAME CHANGE

We have received a community request to rename your local reserve, currently known as Croydon Avenue Reserve, to **"Eileen Harris Reserve"**. This request was received to honour long-term West Croydon Resident, Eileen Harris, and her dedication and contribution to the community and the area. We'd love to hear how you feel about changing the name to recognise a member of your community.

Eileen has lived in the local area for over 80 years and plays an active role in the community. Eileen took a lead role in how the reserve was initially developed and continues to drive local change. She actively connects the neighbourhood, sharing local history and organising events like the annual Christmas in the Park celebration.

The renaming would "...honour a woman who truly epitomises just what the area is about...community! The current name has no real local meaning... A name to acknowledge and celebrate a much-loved, local identity would be most fitting." - Requestor

**How will the proposal be considered?**
Following consultation with the community, Council will decide on the request, considering the views of the local area and the broader community. Other considerations include the weight and merit of the request, expert advice, other historical, cultural, social, environmental, or economic factors, as well as Council's discretionary view.

If the request to change the name of the reserve is not approved by Council, it will keep its current name – "Croydon Avenue Reserve".

Scan the QR Code below, visit **yoursaycharlessturt.sa.gov.au**, or contact Sue Tripodi on 8408 1306 to share your feedback **by Sunday, 25 February 2024**.

Only consultation participants and followers of the project on Your Say will be notified of the outcome of the request.

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YOUR SAY

## Onsite Signage:



# HEY THERE!

You know me as Croydon Avenue Reserve.

We've received a request to rename the reserve "Eileen Harris Reserve" in recognition of local legend, Eileen.

How do you feel about this name change request?

Scan the QR Code or contact 8408 1306 to share your feedback by 25 February 2024.

For more information about the request → **yoursaycharlessturt.com.au/croydon-avenue-reserve-rename**
Only participants and followers of the project on Your Say will be notified of the outcome.

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## Advertiser Public Notice:



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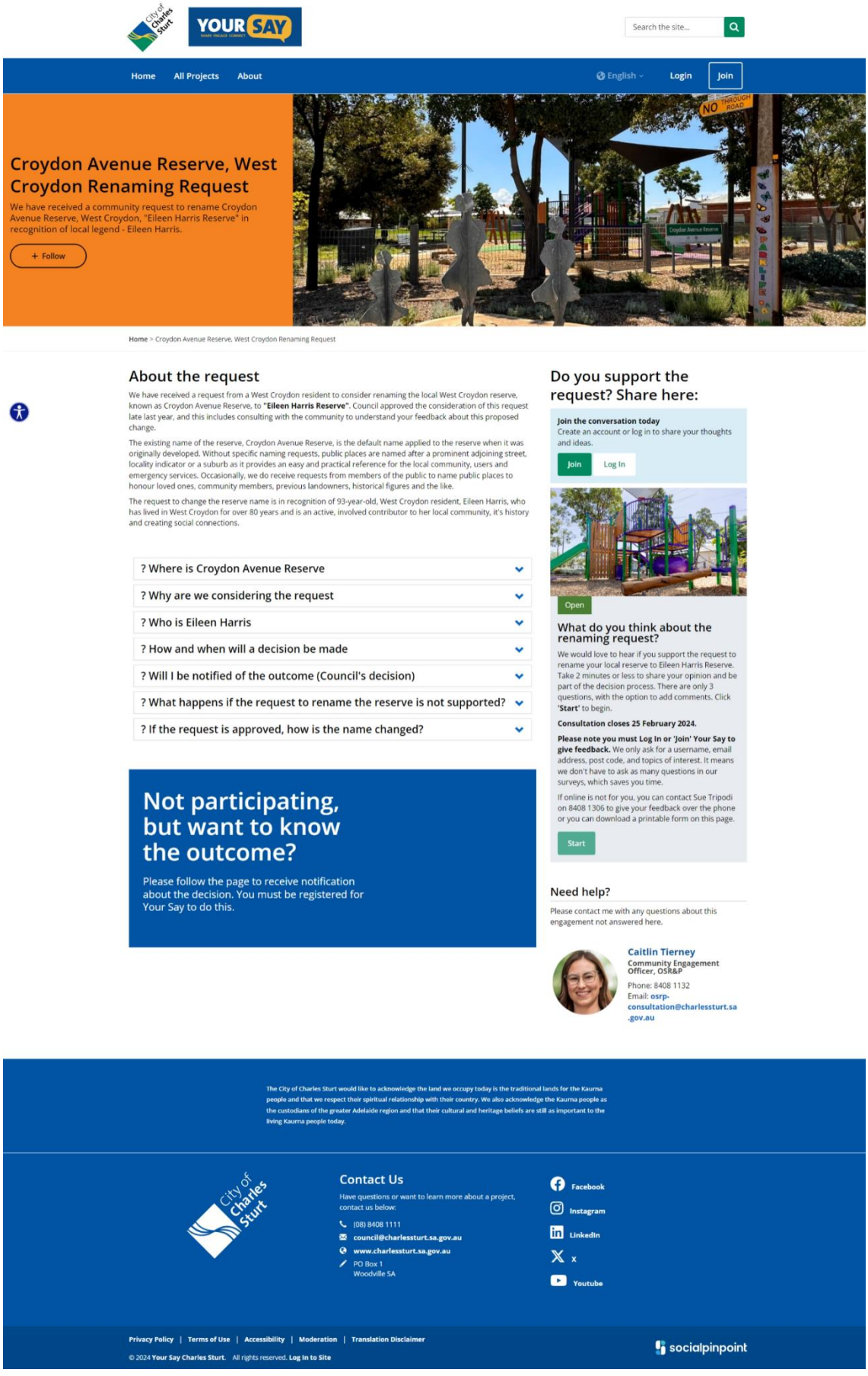
**PUBLIC CONSULTATION: REQUEST TO RENAME CROYDON AVENUE RESERVE IN WEST CROYDON**

The City of Charles Sturt is inviting feedback on a request to rename the reserve known as "Croydon Avenue Reserve" on the corner of Croydon Avenue and Cedar Avenue/William Street in West Croydon. The proposed new name "Eileen Harris Reserve" is to honour long-term West Croydon Resident, Eileen Harris, and her dedication and contribution to the community.

To find out more and share your feedback, please visit **yoursaycharlessturt.com.au** or contact Sue Tripodi on 8408 1306 by **5pm Sunday, 25 February 2024**.

Paul Sutton
Chief Executive Officer.

**Your Say Charles Sturt Project Page:**
https://www.yoursaycharlessturt.com.au/croydon-avenue-reserve-rename



# 5. ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS & KEY THEMES

## 5.1 Participation

We received a total of 88 feedback submissions in response to the request to rename Croydon Avenue Reserve in West Croydon to "Eileen Harris Reserve". However of these 88 submissions, 5 were found to be from individuals who resided in the same household as another individual who had made a submission, and which expressed the same sentiment. These are detailed further, below. While important to note, these submissions from members of the same household had little effect on the results (less than 1% difference).

A petition was received on 20 February 2024 objecting to the renaming request, with 21 signatories from 10 different residential properties in the Croydon and West Croydon suburbs (refer CL 12 March 2024, Item 5.03).

## 5.2 Community position

Most of the consultation participants shared overwhelming support for the request to rename the reserve in recognition of Eileen Harris with 89% of respondents overwhelmingly supporting the request (refer **Figure 2**, over the page). It is important to note that there were 5 responses received from participants who resided in the same household as another participant and expressed the same sentiment; 4 which duplicated support for the request and 1 which duplicated opposition toward the request. This duplication had little effect on the data in terms of creating a bias, with less than 1% difference in the results (refer table below). For the purposes of analysis, all responses were subsequently included.

| **Community Position** | **All respondents** | | **Excluding same household with same sentiment duplicates** | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Support | 78 | 88.6% | 74 | 89.2% |
| Opposed | 9 | 10.2% | 8 | 9.6% |
| Didn't mind | 1 | 1.1% | 1 | 1.2% |

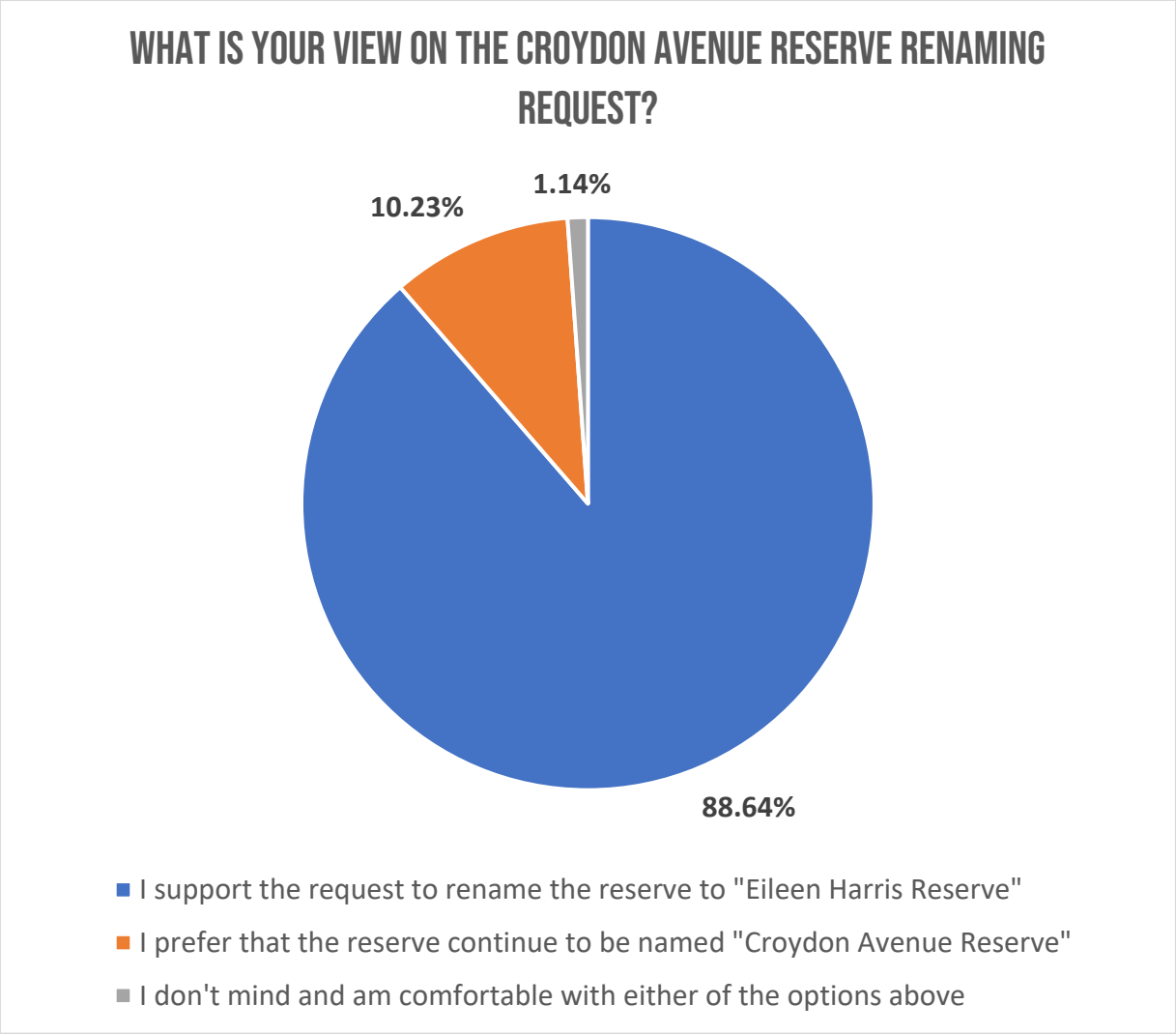
## 5.3 Who we heard from

The location of participants has been considered in the findings, to better understand who we heard from and their relative geographical proximity to the reserve in question. While some respondents did not live local to the reserve or even within the City of Charles Sturt, their participation in the consultation appears to be driven by their knowledge of, or personal relationship with Eileen Harris.

Of the 88 consultation participants:

1. 43.2% of respondents reside in West Croydon.
2. 22.7% of respondents reside in bounding suburbs including Croydon, Kilkenny, Ridleyton, Croydon Park, Brompton and Welland.
3. 12.5% of respondents reside in other City of Charles Sturt suburbs including Brompton, Bowden, Findon, Henley Beach, Woodville Park, and others.
4. 17% of respondents resided outside of City of Charles Sturt in other South Australian suburbs, however many noted in comments they had a personal relationship with Eileen or lived near her in the past.
5. 4.5% of respondents did not reside in South Australia, however comments indicate they had a personal relationship with Eileen.

**Figure 2: Community Position on the Reserve Renaming Request**




### 5.4 Themes and Sentiment

Positive sentiment was prevalent in the feedback, with most participants expressing admiration, respect, and appreciation for Eileen Harris or sharing examples of her contribution to, and relationship with the community. Some participants felt the current name held no real meaning or supported this method of recognises more women in the community.

However other perspectives questioned if renaming the reserve was the most appropriate method of recognition, the potential impact on local history, and future generation's connection to the reserve. Others preferred to keep the existing name due to the perceived financial cost to change the name, because they did not know of Eilleen, or felt it would be divisive and instead suggested a neutral or Aboriginal name.

1. **Community Contributions**: Eileen Harris is widely recognised and appreciated for her significant contributions to the community over many years. She has organised events, supported and cared for neighbours, welcomed new residents, and engaged in various community matters.

2. **Deserving Recognition:** Many people express strong support for honouring Eileen Harris due to her positive impact on the community, her generosity, and her lifelong commitment and contributions to West Croydon.

3. **Positive Character Traits:** Feedback for Eileen is very positive, consistently highlighting and praising Eileen's character and traits of kindness, generosity, friendliness, and dedication and commitment to community.

4. **Reservations on the Name Change:** While many support renaming the park after Eileen Harris as a tribute to her, some express concerns about the proposed name change citing reasons such as the historical significance of the current name, the potential for division within the community, logical considerations such as the length of the proposed name, the potential impact on future generations' connection to the name (not knowing who Eileen Harris is), and voicing general fatigue with name changes. Some shared a preference for alternative forms of recognition such as plaques or benches, to honour Eileen's contributions without changing the park's name.

5. **Gender Representation:** Sentiment regarding the importance of recognising women's contributions to the community, highlighting a desire for more gender-inclusive recognition in public spaces.

6. **Historical considerations**: Some participants praised Eileen for her knowledge of local history and her role in passing down stories and fostering a sense of belonging within the community. They felt the renaming would support local interest in the suburb's history. Others provided a historical context related to the past Croydon Primary School and its significance in the community's history. There were concerns about the potential erasure of the school's history with the proposed name change.

To read the verbatim, anonymous feedback comments received during the consultation, please refer to **Attachments A and B** (from pg. 12 onwards).

# 6. SUMMARY

Overall, the feedback regarding the proposal to rename Croydon Avenue Reserve to Eileen Harris Reserve is predominantly positive with many expressing overwhelming support for honouring Eileen Harris for her significant contributions to the community. However a minority of participants expressed hesitation or concern about the proposed name change citing the cost, impracticalities of renaming the reserve, the importance of retaining the existing name for historical reasons (to recognise the reserve's links to the old Croydon Primary School), and the preference for shorter, more neutral, or inclusive reserve names (eg recognising Indigenous heritage).

Despite these limited, varying opinions, there is a consensus on the importance of acknowledging individuals like Eileen who have played significant roles in shaping and enriching community life.

# 7. NEXT STEPS

The Asset Management Committee will review the outcomes of community engagement on the request to rename Croydon Avenue Reserve, as detailed in this report, and consider the findings when deciding how to proceed with the matter. Following any decision/s of Council, all consultation contributors and Your Say Charles Sturt project followers will be informed of the final decision/s through direct notification, with an update made available publicly on the Your Say Charles Sturt project page.

# ATTACHMENT A – FEEDBACK COMMENTS ON THE REQUEST TO RENAME CORYDON AVENUE RESERVE

| Contribution ID | Feedback |
|---|---|
| 16698 | While I support honouring someone who has made a contribution to the community, I do not think that naming a playground after her is the best way to do this. Croydon Avenue Reserve is easy to remember and locates where the park is. Naming it Eileen Harris provides no meaning or identification. It would be very disappointing to see change its name |
| 16695 | Eileen has always welcomed new residents into our street. She has organised A street Christmas party every year for the 24 years we have been here. She was born and has lived in West Croydon all her life. She was instrumental in the park planning and liaised with The Lord Mayor to organise an opening event of the park always getting community involved. She also arranged a meeting with the local politician, Mick Atkinson when there were community concerns with the park use. She is no less a beautiful person and at age 93 still leads an active life dedicated to community. |
| 16694 | Eileen is very active in the community and welcomed us to the street after we purchased our house and has continued to engage with us in a friendly, neighbourly way organising Christmas parties and getting involved with community matters. |
| 16693 | Eileen is an absolute legend, encouraging, supporting and building our local community neighbourhood. |
| 16688 | 100% should be changing it to her name. |
| 16687 | Eileen Harris is my Auntie, I am her nephew. I grew up in Croydon Park. Eileen is a wonderful woman, she has always been caring of her neighbours in [redacted] Street, West Croydon. Her home is always open to visitors and Eileen knows what being a part of a community involves, she is generous, honest and interested in people. Eileen loves and cares deeply for her family and friends. Her smile and infectious laugh makes everyone feel good. I totally support the renaming of the park into her name. |
| 16684 | Eileen is such a inviting positive giver in every situation where ever she is<br>Never has a negative attitude ever<br>And she's made many others happy with her continued get up & go to make things happen & for her age to allow her to see this happen would be a proud event for her generosity<br>Thank You (I'm not related) but know many that agree to all that I've indicated above |
| 16680 | It's the right thing to do and makes sense. |
| 16678 | Saw a member of the community post in a local Port Elliot fb group. It seems Eileen Harris also spends time in the costal town and is as much a local superstar there in the height of summer as she is in the Croydon area. Women like this should really be celebrated and appreciated. |

# ATTACHMENT A – FEEDBACK COMMENTS ON THE REQUEST TO RENAME CORYDON AVENUE RESERVE

| Contribution ID | Feedback |
|---|---|
| 16677 | There's more to Eileen than what you all see. She is my stepfathers mother but I see her as more of a friend because she acts as more of a friend. She is always someone you can talk to, always has your back. She's modern, she learnt about autism because my son was diagnosed autistic and then I was, but even before that, she accepted us not just as family but as individuals. If this reserve, where she used to walk Sunshine (another legend according to Rundle mall, who sadly passed away) is not renamed after her, I will be extremely disappointed, after the decades of work and care she has given strangers in the area. All the local animals on her street used to come to her house and she would feed them out of her own pocket. All the local people are always welcome at her house. Eileen is sunshine and happiness, and love and care, all rolled into one topped with a rose moscato which is her favourite wine. Whenever she's even in my town hours away from hers, she has people stop by for a chat due to her incredibly lovely manner and hospitality regardless of where she is or what she's doing- she always has time to help someone, listen to someone, give advice, or even just have a coffee with them. She's getting very elderly now and it would be incredible to see her history landmarked before it's too late, because she never sees how remarkable she is even when others tell her. I believe this reserve should be renamed after her while she can still see it because it would mean the world to her and everyone she has helped or even just met. Nobody forgets Eileen because of the way she treats them with kindness and loyalty from the minute she says hello |
| 16673 | I support Eileen being honoured, however the proposed name change doesn't seem to roll off the tongue. Maybe shorten it to "Harris Reserve" or "Eileen Reserve". |
| 16672 | Eileen has such a great knowledge of all the history in the area. She is a great lady and always giving of her time |
| 16670 | Eileen is well deserving of the name change. We have known her for 30 years and met her when we first moved into Croydon. She is so well known it the area and such a lovely person. |
| 16669 | I know Eileen, she is a wonderful person who has been so generous to our community. |
| 16668 | Great Idea. I suggested this a couple of years ago when you we you requested feedback on the park upgrade works. |

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| 16667 | We have known Eileen in the street for over 44 years. She has always been a ray of sunshine in our community.<br>Eileen would organise the Christmas Street parties and when we were kids we were taught how to play the recorder at Croydon Primary school. When Eileen found out she had a few of us perform by playing the recorder at the Christmas party!<br>Only a special kind of person would willingly request kids to play the recorder, those things make cats cry! 🤣<br>But that is Eileen to a T. She just cared about people and community.<br>I was only a kid when we did that. I'm 48 now and Eileen is still the same joyful, friendly and bubbly person she has always been. Time has not changed her or dulled her enthusiasm one bit!<br>I really hope you change the name of the park to 'Eileen Harris Reserve'. What a lovely living tribute to give to a woman who has given so much to her community! |
| 16666 | Support the renaming request. The current name is not appealing. Naming the park after Eileen is testament to the work she has done and her long life in the area. West Croydians are also interested and passionate about the suburbs history. The renaming of the park will support local interest in the suburbs history. |
| 16664 | Deserves a better name than Croydon Avenue |
| 16662 | I walk through West Croydon every day. My family and friends and I grab coffees and go for walks, regularly stopping at the Croydon Reserve. Eileen is so gorgeous, she is always about saying hello and welcoming us. I fully support the renaming of the Reserve. What a wonderful way to support and honour such a beautiful local, who has dedicated her whole life to West Croydon. |
| 16660 | I have known Eileen my whole life and loved all of the Christmas gatherings at the corydon reserve she has hosted |
| 16658 | It sounds like a lovely idea that will show appreciation for the work of a local resident over many years. |
| 16657 | We have lived in this house for 51years, raised our children and sent them to the local schools. Our grandchildren now play in this reserve. Eileen has been a positive influence on our family and many others, telling us the stories of her own Childhood growing up in West Croydon, sharing the history of the area with the young families, giving them a sense of belonging and inclusion. We would fully endorse the renaming of the Croydon Avenue Reserve to Eileen Harris Reserve. |
| 16656 | The case made for change seems reasonable, logical and it's so much nicer to honour someone where they can enjoy the recognition, rather than wait to pay respect posthumously. I'm gathering she has been consulted and is appreciative/ in support of the change? |
| 16655 | Amazing initiative to recognise strong women in the community |
| 16654 | Eileen epitomises what community connection is all about. What a true legend. |
| 16653 | A great way to support a local who has done a lot for the area |

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| Contribution ID | Feedback |
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| 16652 | Great to honour a significant person to the Croydon Park area who has contributed to the development and betterment of the community over a long period of time. Added bonus she is female and a great role model to future generations. |
| 16651 | It is very important to give recognition to local people in the community who are actively involved in enriching & strengthening people's sense of belonging to their community, especially when that person is a woman! |
| 16650 | I think it is a lovely idea, I have met Eileen a couple of times and she is so full of history and knowledge of West Croydon area and surrounds. It would be lovely to honour her in this way. |
| 16648 | EILEEN deserves recognition for her life long commitment to West Croydon |
| 16647 | I know Eileen, and she's a great local character, and has a wealth of local knowledge about the local history. I should correct, she has lived in West Croydon, not just 80 years but all her life. Her parents house was in Cedar Avenue, and when she married she moved [redacted] down to [redacted] Street. She has a lively personality, a good sense of humour, and used to coach the local girls' Netball team, Barney's that was based in the middle of Port Road, Croydon. She also liked to sing, and had singing lessons and made a recording. |
| 16645 | As a family historian and if it was my family member, I think it's important to recognise special community members like this. |
| 16644 | It's lovely to see a local resident recognised this way. |
| 16642 | I'm sure she's a very nice lady but naming a park in perpetuity after someone simply because they lived nearby for a long time is a bit of a dated concept. |
| 16641 | I support this request because I lived across the road from Eileen Harris for the first 18 years of my life. She was a big part of my life and a huge part of the community. She is always around to help anyone with anything and she's great to just have a chat with. She is an integral part of the community and it would be such an honor to present her with such a beautiful commemoration . |
| 16640 | Eileen is a valued member of the community with much knowledge of local history. |
| 16639 | I don't know Eileen but have heard of her through community Facebook groups. I support the request because she seems like a worthy recipient of this honour. And also, there are far too few things named after women. Men dominate the history books, and the contribution of women has often been overlooked and therefore forgotten. |
| 16638 | This is a park I regularly cycle along one edge or another, but don't otherwise utilise. Thus it's important that near neighbours and regular users are consulted.<br>I support the name change as there are a lot of 'names' in a city (streets / reserves /suburbs) and few of the names clearly acknowledge a woman. |
| 16635 | Lovely lady that devoted many years as a volunteer at the Queen Elisabeth Hospital. |
| 16634 | Lovely idea. Totally supported by me as a long term resident of the area. |

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| Contribution ID | Feedback |
|---|---|
| 16633 | Current name is really clear to direct others to. What happens in the future if another request is made to change the name of the reserve. I have lived in the neighbourhood for a while and have not heard of Eileen and her impact on the community. Could a bench or something else tangible be named to commemorate her work and impact in her part of Croydon? |
| 16632 | I use to live there 22 years ago. Eileen was my neighbour, my friend and a massive support to myself and young family. What a privilege for such an amazing woman. |
| 16628 | Eileen Harris is a beautiful lady, I have many fond memories of time spent at her house, and the support she gave my late grandfather after the passing of my grandmother |
| 16627 | Eileen is my mother in law. I am constantly in awe of the history she knows. And shares often within the west Croydon community. Aside from this she has a strong history with port Elliot, where she has stayed ([redacted]) since she was a bay. And still stays in the [redacted] at age 93!!!! She is an amazing women and loves her local history at west Croydon. She deserves this and it is very well fitting. |
| 16626 | Eileen Harris is my stepdads Mum, she has been a great grandma to me over the years, “adopting” us as her grandchildren from a young age. I love her kindness and her friendly character and how she wants to talk to everyone. She deserves to be recognised with something like this |
| 16625 | I vote for the change because of how much Eileen is doing for the community and to connect people. |
| 16624 | Eileen is exactly what the West Croydon community is all about. |
| 16623 | I think it is important to recognise people in our community |
| 16622 | I am tired of money being spent on name changes. |
| 16621 | Absolutely wonderful idea, sounds like Eileen has had a lot to do with the park and if she supports the rename then so do I. |
| 16620 | She has done a lot for the community |
| 16619 | I support any name change in recognition of women who have contributed to society. There are a lot of white men who have been honoured this way. Thank you Eileen for being a great female role model. |
| 16617 | I co-founded a social connections program call Uniity. Eileen has been an active volunteer and participant with us since we started, almost 5 years ago. She is a natural connector, loved by everyone who meets her. She is ALWAYS welcoming, helpful and supportive. It would be very fitting to have a place where people connect named after her. She deserves to be immortalised in this way. At the age of 93, it would be fantastic if she also knew that this had been decided on |

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| 16616 | I have met Eileen through her involvement with the Uniity community group and support the initiative to recognise her contributions to the local community. However I do not support renaming the reserve after Eileen. I grew up going to MJ McInerney Reserve and Carnarvon Reserve often and yet I have no idea who these parks were named after. I believe a plaque on a bench or similar recognition describing Eileen's contribution would be appropriate, but using parks and street names to honour people will not connect to future generations who use these spaces. In the West Croydon area there are not many places named in the Kaurna language, and I would support instead renaming parks in the Kaurna language to honour the traditional owners of the land. This would connect better to future users of these spaces and offer an opportunity for new residents from interstate and overseas to learn about the Kaurna culture and language. |
| 16615 | I love this idea, Eileen is indeed a local legend! |
| Ph 1 | Resounding Yes Yes Yes and a wonderful idea, has been her neighbour for many years and wonderful compliment to her efforts |
| Ph 2 | Happy for the name to change but feels that Eileen Harris Reserve is too long and should be either Eileen or Harris Reserve |
| Ph 3 | Worthy for all the parks community centre and welcoming new residents and the Christmas street party which started in her front garden and moved to the reserve - [redacted] |
| Ph 4 | Eileen is amazing has been our neighbour for years and years and deserves to be acknowledged for everything she has done for the community |
| Ph 5 | Very true what is in the letter well deserved |
| Ph 6 | Good lady is very kind and happy to have the name changed |
| Ph 7 | It's a great thing to do for her |
| Ph 8 | Great idea, met her many years ago and she is very lovely and kind and having the reserve named after her adds a homely feeling to the area |
| Ph 9 | Eileen worked with her mum in the school tuckshop and she thinks it is a wonderful idea - she is very lovely |
| 16718 | I have lived here for 35 years. My children attended Croydon Primary school. I know nothing about this person whose name has been proposed. She is likely a very good person - so many community minded people in this area who have made contributions. The whole process raised huge concerns for me and I would like information about how many non-white people have been honoured in our local community - are their any reserves in this area that reflect the First Nations people and heritage. It feels a little like another white land grab. |

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| 16717 | "I don’t believe that this is good process.<br>It has the potential of dividing the local community,<br>I believe a neutral place name, perhaps the indigenous name of the area would be more appropriate.<br>Too many streets, parks and buildings already reflect the Anglo colonial history of the place." |
| Email 1 | I disagree with the suggestion of renaming Croydon Avenue Reserve to Eileen Harris Reserve. I think this conduct is wrong for the following reasons;<br>1. The Croydon Avenue Reserve use to belong to Croydon Primary School. This history needs to be remembered. The Croydon Avenue Reserve former Croydon Primary School oval has its own story to its actualization. This history involves thousands of children who attended the Croydon Primary School site (situated corner of Ellen Street, Cedar Avenue and William Street). Its their contribution, the contribution of students, and their athleticism, the history of Croydon Primary School's team sport achievements and the juxtaposition that these sporting greats, and these premiership teams didn't even have an oval at the school to train on. The aspiration for at least two decades was for the Croydon Primary School to obtain an oval next to the school site, and it took many years of negotiations to purchases these properties that became the Croydon Primary School oval. It shouldn't be named after one person, it should remain to be a representation of the students of Croydon Primary School.<br>2. I caution you to be aware that the conduct right at the moment of the City of Charles Sturt in its consultation process not recognising the History of the Croydon Primary School and its oval now known as Croydon Avenue Reserve. This lack of recognition presents as cultural and historical erasure. While I don't know who made this suggestion to rename Croydon Avenue Reserve to Eileen Harris Reserve, and will look into this after, at the moment, I'm mindful that Cultural and Historical erasure happens when community members adopt customs from the more dominant cultural group, and I ask who's history are residents, and new residents meant to know? Cultural and historical erasure also happens when community members adopt the historical narrative from the more dominant cultural group. Cultural and historical erasure also happens when community members want to belong to a community and maintain historical narratives from the more dominant cultural group. Cultural and historical erasure also happens through cultural and historical appropriation, when community members want to belong to a community and through initiative propose mainiting historical narratives from the more dominant cultural group.<br>3. I return to Croydon Primary School, the 1980s aspiration for an oval next to the school, every day talked of as students ran around the school block as part of their morning fitness curriculum, to the late 80s, houses bought and demolished to a high border fence, grass struggling to catch and grow, a long jump pit to the better part of enjoyment for students in the 90s, and then to the demise with the decision to close Croydon Primary School. The student and parents' campaign to save Croydon Primary School in 1997 remains an outlier in political history which journalist Mike Smithson of the Advertiser has written on. He wrote, (to my |

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| Email 1 continued… | recollection, and I ask you follow up with the accuracy of the percentage swing and track his 2010 State Government election result critique), the save Croydon Primary School campaign contributed to the 15/16%% swing against the incumbent government at the 1997 State Government elections and still holds this record. He wrote this because at the 2010 State Government elections the Save St. Clair campaign among other groups directly campaigned against the western suburbs Labor heartland and the result was a 12% swing. .. After I read Mike Smithson's opinion, it gave me chills to realise how close (what I now deduct as the hidden hand) of the St. Clair campaign got to historically erasing Croydon Primary School's political history, its record to the highest state election swing result in the history of South Australia's political election history.<br>3.1. Thankfully the students and parents of the Save Croydon Primary School campaign hold this political and state election result swing record. In my view, the strategic strength of their campaign was that it was driven by the innocence of children who with all their heart and soul wanted to save their school because of their sense of belonging. May this essence remain the core of genuineness, rightfulness, the truth and true victory. And may they be recognised for their hard fought campaign, that included a huge shock to them of the disregard governments have to the good fight. The end result of their campaign to save the school was nothing like the movies where the powerful have a change of heart and side with the people involved in the good fight, children, and the good fight wins and the powerful keep their school open. This was their introduction to the State Government; heartless disregard to their essence, their goodness, their aspiration. Mike Smithson's 2010 election result critique shows how close their erasure in political history got. If the City of Charles Sturt changes the name of this park to Eileen Harris Reserve, all that's left of Croydon Primary School is a percentage swing in the State Government's election result history. I think the City of Charles Sturt is walking a tight rope with it's appeasement to an ingroup that wants the narrative of one to be recognised. After the closure of Croydon Primary School, the local government at the time City of Charles Sturt negotiated for the Croydon Primary School oval to become part of its ownership, while we, former campaigners tried to negotiate the purchase of the school property to remain a school. I raise this because there were many who went in there to try to restore dignity and hope for the future who this park could be named after, including councillors who were involved in the process for the oval to become part of the City of Charles Sturt.<br>4. Instead, I to Croydon Primary School's sporting greats. Croydon Primary School has a long history of premiership winning teams. Some of these teams got to train on the Croydon Primary School oval before their championship wins. I'll give you a hint of what makes a premiership team. Premiership and winning teams are made of people that come from all social classes, religious, and ethnic backgrounds. Children from single parent families, children from multiplying Muslim and Catholic families, children from families on government handouts, children who live in rental accommodation, children from non English speaking families, children from countries that were of opposing sides of war, children who have much, children who have little. On the field while all the social, ethnic, religious, war history demarcations are known, while all the social stigmas are known, they're sidelined and instead the basis on the field is based on; you're on the team, what you can bring to the game, and how your team mates will back you up. |

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| Email 1 continued… | Its a journey of personal exploration, relationship building, questioning social biases, stereotypes and judgments about peoples, encouraging strengths, acceptance and then you win. Hundreds to thousands of Croydon Primary School students have gone through this and they see themselves as part of a team, Croydon.<br>5. I return to what I see the City of Charles Sturt is currently engaged in, in-group appeasement leading to the risk of cultural and historical erasure with suggesting to rename the Croydon Avenue Reserve after one person. |
| Letter submission | Refer **Attachment B.** |

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RECEIVED
19 FEB 2024
BY: [redacted] 10:06am

West Croydon SA 5008
18 February 2026.

Dear Caitlin Tierney.

My name is [redacted]
resident of Croydon since 1963.

I am writing in response to your letter in which you ask the community of Croydon, to approve changing the name of Croydon Avenue Reserve.

Well, my response to this is No
The Reserve should remain with the original name, and the reason of my decision is this.

Years ago, I, together with a group of parents from Croydon Primary School fought very intensely against

The government to close down and sell our local Croydon Primary School.

Also, I together with the local community fought against the Charles Sturt Council to stop The sale of West Croydon Community Centre. Also, I together with the community ~~fough~~ fought against the Charles Sturt Council to stop houses being built on Carnavar Reserve.

In conclusion, while I together with a group of the community were at the frontline defending our community assets, This lady was never there. Therefore, she does not deserve to be honored. The Reserve should stay as it is.

God Bless you.

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