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REPORT NO:	GE623
REPORT TITLE:	Naming Proposal - Allan Walters Pavilion
SOURCE:	Megan Kruger, Manager Governance Peter Faull, Coordinator Governance
DIVISION:	Chief Financial Officer
FILE NO:	HCC18/447
POLICY:	Place Names Policy
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	Strategic Objective 3.1: Empower and engage our community through advocacy and community engagement
ATTACHMENTS:	1. <i>Request from Mr Josh Bull MP</i> 2. <i>Eric Boardman Reserve Aerial Image</i> 3. <i>Pavillion Aerial Image</i>

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**1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

- 1.1 Council has received a request from Mr Josh Bull MP, Member for Sunbury, proposing that the newly upgraded pavilion and social rooms at Eric Boardman Reserve be named after the late Mr Allan Walters. This request is provided as Attachment 1 of this report.
- 1.2 At its meeting held on 9 August 2021, Council also resolved general business item number MED300, being:  
*That Council look at the new pavilion to be built at Boardman Oval for the Sunbury Kangaroos that it be named the Allan Walters Pavilion in recognition of the work that he did for the club.*
- 1.3 This report provides further information on this naming proposal and recommends that it progresses to the community consultation stage.

**2. RECOMMENDATION:**

- 2.1 **THAT Council approves the commencement of a community consultation process to ask for the community's feedback on a proposal to name the pavilion at Eric Boardman Reserve Oval Number 3 the Allan Walters Pavilion.**

**3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:**

- 3.1 *Geographic Place Names Act 1998 (the Act);*
- 3.2 *Naming Rules for Places in Victoria – Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities 2016 (the Naming Rules).*

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Initial costs associated with this naming proposal will be associated with public consultation, such as placing a notice in local papers. Future costs, should this proposal be approved, would be the cost of signage at the pavilion at Boardman Reserve. All costs would be funded through Council's operational budget.

**5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:**

There are no environmental sustainability implications in respect to this report.

**6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:**

There are no climate change adaptation implications in respect to this report.

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**7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:**

The rights protected in *The Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* were considered and it was determined that no rights are engaged in this naming proposal.

**8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:**

**8.1 External Consultation**

8.1.1 In accordance with Council's Place Names Policy and the Naming Rules, Council is required to consult with the community for naming proposals that it is considering. The method and extent of consultation is dependent upon the significance of the proposal.

8.1.2 It is proposed that Council consults with user groups, clubs and/or Committees of Management that are users of or have an interest in this location by placing public notices in local papers and on Council's website, and by writing to parties and groups that use the pavilion.

8.1.3 The period of public consultation would be at a minimum 30 days.

8.1.4 When Council has made a final decision on whether to endorse this naming proposal, the Naming Rules require that it informs the community of its decision, in the same manner in which the proposal was advertised.

**8.2 Internal Consultation**

8.2.1 Internal consultation was undertaken to seek advice from relevant Council officers and there were no issues raised that would prevent the progression of this naming proposal to the community consultation stage.

**9. DISCUSSION:**

9.1 Council received a proposal from Mr Josh Bull, Member for Sunbury requesting that Council name the upgraded pavilion at Eric Boardman Reserve after the late Allan Walters. This pavilion is located at oval number 3 at the reserve. An aerial image of the reserve and oval is provided as Attachment 2 of this report.

9.2 At its meeting held on 9 August 2021, Council also resolved general business item number MED300 which proposed the same name for the pavilion.

9.3 The application from Mr Josh Bull MP highlights the contributions made by Mr Walters and his volunteer community service, which included:

9.3.1 being the President of the Sunbury Kangaroos Football Netball Club for more than 10 years;

9.3.2 being a premiership coach and committee member;

9.3.3 playing a vital role in the upgrade of the pavilion and social rooms at Boardman Reserve.

9.4 The pavilion that is proposed to be named after Mr Walters consists of social rooms and change rooms that are two separate buildings which share a walkway and a veranda, as per the image in attachment 2. Advice was sought from Geographic Names Victoria who confirmed that it is appropriate to consider naming the structure in its entirety, rather than considering different names for each different building.

9.5 The Naming Rules state that naming authorities should make every effort to gain consent from family members of the person being commemorated, or for this proposal, for a person that is being proposed to be commemorated. Council officers have contacted the family of Mr Walters and they expressed their support for Council's consideration of this naming proposal.

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9.6 Assessment Against the General Principles Contained in the Naming Rules

9.6.1 An analysis of the naming proposal was conducted by Council officers against the General Principles contained in the Naming Rules.

9.6.2 In particular, Council officers assessed the naming proposal against the following key general principles:

<b>Principle (A)</b> <b>Ensuring public safety</b>	<b>Comment</b> The proposed name does not pose any risk to public safety. It is not anticipated that officially naming the pavilion would cause any concerns in the community.
<b>Principle (B)</b> <b>Recognising the public interest</b>	<b>Comment</b> The pavilion does not currently have an official name, however officially naming the pavilion after Allan Walters will not negatively impact the community. The name is being considered because of the long-term benefit that this would provide, which would be to recognise an individual with strong links to place that would be named, and who has a significant history of volunteer community service to the local community. The proposal does not affect any locality boundaries.
<b>Principle (C)</b> <b>Linking the name to place</b>	<b>Comment</b> Allan Walters was President of the Sunbury Kangaroos Football Netball Club for more than 10 years, a premierships coach and committee member, and played a vital role in the upgrade of the pavilion and social rooms at Boardman Reserve.
<b>Principle (D)</b> <b>Ensuring names are not duplicated</b>	<b>Comment</b> There are no duplications of this name within the municipality of Hume. There are no other places with the name Allan Walters included in them.
<b>Principle (E)</b> <b>Names must not be discriminatory</b>	<b>Comment</b> The proposed name is not considered to be discriminatory in any way.
<b>Principle (H)</b> <b>Using commemorative names</b>	<b>Comment</b> The proposed name meets all the criteria of a proposed commemorative name. A first name and surname are the preferred option. The family of Mr Walters have expressed their support for Council's consideration of this naming proposal.

9.7 As this naming proposal is considered to be compliant with the general principles contained in the Naming Rules, it is recommended that Council approves the progression of this naming proposal to the community consultation stage.

**10. CONCLUSION:**

10.1 It is recommended that Council approves the commencement of a community consultation process for the proposal to name the pavilion at Eric Boardman Reserve Oval Number 3 the Allan Walters Pavilion.

10.2 If approved, a second report will be presented to Council following the community consultation period.

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# Josh Bull MP

STATE MEMBER FOR SUNBURY



3 August 2021

Cr Joseph Haweil  
Mayor  
Hume City Council  
PO BOX 119  
Dallas VIC 3047

Dear Mayor,

I am writing to you following the recent passing of Mr Allan Walters, beloved community member and President of the Sunbury Kangaroos Football Netball Club.

As you are well aware, our community thrives because wonderful people dedicate their time and energy to helping and supporting others.

Allan was one of these wonderful people.

He was the heart and soul of the Sunbury Kangaroos Football Netball Club, a club president for more than 10 years, a premiership coach and committee member and a person larger than life.

Allan played a vital role in the upgrade of the pavilion and social rooms at Boardman Reserve, Sunbury. Allan pushed hard for the upgrades and I was thrilled that the State Government and Hume City Council came on board to help make his dream a reality.

Without Allan's advocacy, these upgrades would not be happening.

It is clear that he has had a profound impact on the club and the wonderful people in it.

That is why it is my firm belief that the soon to be newly upgraded pavilion and social rooms be named in his honour.

I would be grateful if you would please consider my request.

I trust my suggestion will be looked upon favourably and look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'JB'.

Josh Bull MP  
Member for Sunbury  
Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs  
Parliamentary Secretary for Youth

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Attachment 2 – Aerial View



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ATTACHMENT 3

Aerial view of Pavilion



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