
MM7/16 PROPOSED NAMING OF PARK - THE MARKET GARDENS - 45-61 WATERLOO ROAD - The Mayor, Councillor Jerome Laxale

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As Councillors are aware a planning proposal is currently on exhibition to facilitate the implementation of a new public park at 45-61 Waterloo Road, Macquarie Park.

This provides an opportunity to recognize a significant aspect of the City's heritage through the naming of the Park.

Park names need to be submitted to the Geographical Naming Board (GNB) for approval. Names are vetted at a meeting of the GNB and then proceed to public exhibition. Should no objections be received the name is then gazetted.

Before the development of Macquarie Park as a Business, Technology and Education hub, the area was predominantly Market Gardens and agricultural lands. Throughout the late 1800's and into the early 20th Century these Market Gardens were a thriving and diverse element of the local community, with Australian, Chinese, Italian and British born market gardeners all operating in the area.



Image: Market Gardens – c1920

In recognition of this unique part of our City's and the area's multi-cultural tradition and community, it is proposed that the name "The Market Gardens" be submitted to the GNB for approval.

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Should the GNB reject this name it is proposed that “Hamlin Park” and “Marie Byles Park” (in order of preference) be submitted for approval.

Dr. Catherine Hamlin (AC) co-founded the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital with husband Dr. Reginald Hamlin. Located in Ethiopia and dedicated to providing free surgery to women suffering childbirth injuries from throughout Africa. In 1983 Dr. Hamlin was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia, in 1995 she was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia, in 1999 she was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize and in 2001 Dr. Catherine Hamlin was awarded the Centenary Medal. Dr. Catherine Hamlin (nee Nicholson) was raised in the Hermitage, Denistone, which was the family home between 1923 and 1952 (Dr. Hamlin was born in 1924). While the GNB prefers not to name places after living persons, Dr. Catherine Hamlin’s achievements are extraordinary and present an exceptionally strong case for recognition.

Ms Marie Byles (8 April 1900 – 21 November 1979) was the first practicing female solicitor in New South Wales. She operated a law practice in Eastwood working mainly on conveyancing and probate matters, retiring in 1970.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council endorse “The Market Gardens” as the name for the park to be located at 45-61 Waterloo Road, Macquarie Park, and that it be submitted to the Geographical Naming Board for approval.
- (b) That the alternate names “Hamlin Park” and “Marie Byles Park” be submitted to the GNB (in order of preference) as contingency options should Council’s preferred name be rejected.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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