

11.7 OUTCOME OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ON NAMING OF BANKS RESERVE

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1. **Community Consultation on Naming of Banks Reserve - Summary of Submissions**
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RECOMMENDATION:

That subject to the endorsement of the Boordiya Reference Group Council APPROVES the submission of an application to Landgate to rename Banks Reserve to Warndoolier.

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

For Council to approve the submission of an application to Landgate to rename Banks Reserve as Warndoolier.

BACKGROUND:

The City is home to many significant sites and waterways that are spiritually intertwined with Aboriginal culture and we acknowledge that the relationship our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have with the land remains fundamental to their identity and way of life.

Banks Reserve is intrinsically connected to the Whadjuk people, speaking to their history and culture. Capturing and recording the original place name and the relationship of the Traditional Owners to a particular location is an important way that we can acknowledge the history of Aboriginal people and help to preserve Aboriginal culture and Noongar language.

Extensive consultation relating to the dual naming/renaming of Banks Reserve has been in progress since 2012, with Traditional Owners, Aboriginal Elders, the Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group (RAPWG) as well as relevant Aboriginal organisations involved as detailed in attachment 2.

At its [22 August 2023 Meeting](#), Council resolved to consult with the community on the renaming of Banks Reserve to Warndoolier as the final step in the consultation process.

In accordance with the City's [Community and Stakeholder Engagement Policy](#), community consultation was undertaken for a period of 22 days between 26 October 2023 and concluded on 16 November 2023.

DETAILS:

The community consultation was advertised on the City of Vincent website, social media and through public notices:

- Public notice in Perth Now Central on 26 October
- Public notice in Perth Voice on 28 October
- News item on the City's website on 26 November
- Six corflute signs located at Banks Reserve between 2 November and 16 November - 44 scans of the QR code linking to the Imagine Vincent survey page
- Social media post on 31 October - reach 5,936 people
- Social media post on 8 November reach 2,784 people
- 547 people viewed the Imagine Vincent page

Coverage of the matter was also published in Perth Voice on 30 August and Perth Now on 6 September.

Summary of community consultation outcome

- 258 surveys completed
- Five written submissions received
- 13 responses via social media

Preferred option	No of responses
Renaming as Warndoolier	154
Dual Naming of Warndoolier / Banks Reserve	62
No Change	55
Whichever the Traditional Owners prefer	1
Banks / Warndoolier	1
Walters Brook Banks Reserve	1
Warndoolier / Banks Reserve	1
Mandjar (meeting place)	1
TOTAL	276

Attachment 1 details the comments received during the consultation period.

Banks Family

City officers made direct contact with members of the Banks Family to inform them that community consultation was taking place, providing them with the opportunity to make a formal submission on the proposal.

The invitation to provide feedback was distributed by local family members to a number of other Banks family members across Australia and abroad.

During the consultation period, five family members provided written statements confirming their preference to dual name Banks Reserve for the contribution made by Ronald Frederick Banks to continue to be recognised.

Submission to Landgate

Landgate's [Aboriginal and Dual Naming Guidelines](#) sets out the process for Aboriginal naming and dual naming of geographical features and places in Western Australia.

Landgate will consider nominations to rename by a local government where the proposal has been endorsed by the relevant Traditional Owner group(s).

With the outcome of the consultation demonstrating community support, the next step in this process, subject to Council approval, is to obtain endorsement by the Boordiya Reference Group and with this, make a submission to Landgate requesting Banks Reserve be renamed Warndoolier. In the event that endorsement not be obtained the renaming proposal will be returned to Council for further consideration.

CONSULTATION/ADVERTISING:

No further consultation is required.

LEGAL/POLICY:

The *Land Administration Act 1997*, states that the Minister for Lands has the authority to officially approve all geographic features and place names in Western Australia. Through delegated authority, Landgate acts on the Minister's behalf to undertake the administrative responsibilities which include the development of policies and procedures for formal approval of submissions seeking to use Aboriginal and dual names.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Low: It is low risk for Council to approve an application to Landgate.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

This is in keeping with the City's *Strategic Community Plan 2022-2032*:

Connected and Healthy Community

We recognise, engage and partner with the Whadjuk Noongar people and culture.

Innovative and Accountable

We engage with our community so they are involved in what we are doing and how we are meeting our goals.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

This does not contribute to any environmental sustainability outcomes. This action/activity is environmentally neutral.

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Renaming as Warndoolier (154 responses)	Comments
	I was part of the Vincent Reconciliation Group who organised the Reconciliation Place ceremony at Warndoolier, so am excited that this is progressing!
	It's the original name so I support recognising that. I would also be ok with Dual Naming.
	There is no question that the Traditional Owners name for the place should be used out of respect. It is unlikely to cause any grievance to the relatives of the person after whom the park is currently named for that to occur.
	I believe the name with the oldest association to the land should be used
	Warndoolier is a name that will be better understood by everyone. I always thought it was Banks reserve because it was on the riverbank. Naming features after council members is very old fashioned and inappropriate in this case where the area had significance long before settlement.
	I am happy for either dual naming or the full name change proposed, so long as the original Noongar name for the place is officially reinstated. I do not have Aboriginal heritage, but I believe that using the Noongar name for what is known currently as Banks Reserve, acknowledges and respects the history of the place and the connection of Noongar people to it. Also, I believe in dual naming/using Aboriginal names wherever possible. It is respectful to Aboriginal people and also will improve everybody's knowledge of the ancient languages spoken on the land within the Town of Vincent many thousands of years before colonisation. In the Town of Vincent, we should use Whadjuk Noongar naming wherever possible. We will all learn some of the Whadjuk Noongar language that way. Language is powerful, and use of Noongar in our area should have very positive effects in years to come in terms of acknowledging and respecting our First Nations peoples and their longstanding connection with the land.
	It is time we acknowledge the history of our spaces, and pay respects to this history PRE colonisation. My family has lived at the border of Banks reserve since 1946. We have experienced the changes in the parkland area over the years, I grew up swinging under those big trees, as did my own children. Change the name so as a community we can acknowledge the past and start learning more about the history of the area.
	It is the right name for the place. There is little connection to Banks as Perth councillor.
	It is appropriate
	The park has had a number of names changes, it's now the right thing to return to its original noongar name
	I think it's inclusive and respectful. I like the meaning of the Noongar name.
	History is clearly on the Noongar side vs naming it after a councillor.
	I'm equally ok with dual naming. Yes, we should use the original Aboriginal names for places. It is respectful and increases awareness about Aboriginal heritage.
	A rename encourages the public to use the aboriginal name
	Because it is respectful of First Nations people.
	It is important to acknowledge the first nation's people and their name of areas
	It's the name of the park, it doesn't matter to me one bit but I think we should take these types of opportunities to pay our respects to elders past and present. Small easy wins could help build more momentum to make bigger more meaningful change and help to heal out collective culture.
	Because the Noongar name has always been the name for the area
	First Nations people need to be recognised as First Nations peoples. This is an educational opportunity
	I feel that we should recognise the Traditional Owners names for natural locations. I might suggest a small info board at the location, adding the name change to historical details and points of interest.
	This is its original name, it had that name a lot longer than it has had the current name. Using the original name is an important part of acknowledging the history of this place not simply it's colonisation.
	Important cultural location
	Cooler more unique name and it has greater heritage significance
	Feel that single name will help embed the transition
	I think it's a nice gesture. And I have no idea who "banks" was.
	We should completely re-name all Aboriginal places of significance. I think it is really important that we embed their language and culture into our city.
	I think it's the least we can do
	A dual name will be tokenism and no one will use the aboriginal name. A complete name change recognises the long history of the location and it's importance to the Noongar peoples as well as its continuing importance.
	I'd rather fully honour Aboriginal history
	We should accept the invitation to walk hand in hand with the oldest peoples in the world
	For respect
	It acknowledges its original name
	Just do it! Why even ask? Always was, always will be Aboriginal land. Show you're better than your neighbouring Stirling council. Just do it and be better
	It's important for our history to reclaim Indigenous names. It's creating a sense of real identify for us as Australians. NZ has done this well but we're so far behind.
	It takes nothing and shows respect for a history longer than our colonial one
	Original name is more respectful.

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It has more meaning to me as a resident. It makes me want to learn even more about the history of the area and enjoy my local area more. It makes me feel prouder of the local area.
Support dual naming too but prefer renaming
It would be such a celebration and respectful thing to do to acknowledge and use more traditional/original names of our beautiful places
We need to respect that this land had purpose for the Noongar people prior to colonisation. It feels respectful to rename it.
Good to recognise Indigenous place name. Will not ever be called that though if dual named.
I like it when places are returned to their original names, like Uluru
Because that is it's original name. Why do we care of what white person discovered it when it was already a known Aboriginal location. Let's embrace the new name and celebrate it.
The name better represents the uniqueness of WA and its nature and heritage
It's the right thing to do.
Warndoolier has a connection to the location. From the description Banks has no link to the area
Always was, always will be! I believe the indigenous place names are culturally appropriate. I also believe it's time for all Australians to acknowledge the history of this land, not just white history.
It is the original place name. No permission was sought to change it to banks reserve.
It should be one name and the Noongar name is the correct choice
The noongar name I believe holds more significance and we should welcome and respect our country's true heritage
It's been known under that name for thousands of years and we should honour that legacy.
To acknowledge Aboriginal culture and bring awareness of the site as being significant to Noongar people.
Because we owe our respect to the original occupants of this land
Great to support and display Noongar cultural significance and language everywhere it can be.
It should be called the original name which is beautiful. It was documented on early maps as Warndoolier and has real meaning
This is a positive step towards reconciliation
It's time our community educated itself about the true history of our country. Returning to the first names of country is a small but important step in the process of reconciliation. Please make this change.
It is its original name and we should honour our First Nations people.
Important place for aboriginal people
It's the best option
Dual naming is confusing and discourages people from using the new (or original, in this case) name.
Respect for indigenous culture, language and history.
Respect for aboriginal owners.
I would prefer for the name of the reserve to reflect its Aboriginal cultural significance.
I'm sure Mr Banks was a nice fellow and a very competent financial controller. However, now that this urban fringe waste has been re-developed into a beautiful place to be, I think the ancient name should return to celebrate the tens of thousands of years of human culture here. In the spirit of reconciliation, I am keen to become a part of a shared future.
The original name should be restored
Should be the original Noongar name
Happy to have dual name as well
It's a beautiful name, the old name is boring. I would also support the dual name but I don't think it's necessary.
It's name was always Warndoolier. We should respect the original and rightful names of places. It's a small, easy way to respect and recognise the Traditional Owners of this place.
Renaming with traditional Aboriginal names demonstrates respect and is much more appropriate than a name (in honour of a 1960s person who is hardly recognised).
Culturally respective naming

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<p>It is a place of such significance for Noongar people. If Banks needs to be recognised in some way, this doesn't feel like the right way - his accomplishments seem to be irrelevant to this particular natural landmark.</p>
<p>I'm from Wollongong and almost all of the place names use the Koori language. When moving to Perth I was surprised how many places were named after mere civil servants rather than great Australians or the traditional names.</p>
<p>that is the correct original name</p>
<p>Noongar name has more significance/relevance</p>
<p>Place names are important for reconciliation with First Nations people</p>
<p>About time, thanks for the awareness! :)</p>
<p>Clearer and simpler to use a single name. And more respectful.</p>
<p>Passionate about using more original Noongar names and cultivating connection to this land</p>
<p>This is a respectful gesture and acknowledges the name that non-Aboriginal people also initially recognised). Councillor Banks should be remembered for something more contemporary such as the construction of Council House.</p>
<p>Reflects the Aboriginal name for the area and keeps it streamlined with one name</p>
<p>Its unique and interesting</p>
<p>I'm in favour of the renaming and its motivations, I just think it's more practical to retain the reference to the site's nature and usage.</p>
<p>It is the original name of the reserve.</p>
<p>let's be wholehearted about this, in acknowledging the history of the place</p>
<p>We need to be incorporating more Noongar language into the Australian language as a sign of respect. Two names will cause confusion.</p>
<p>I think it is a significant way to acknowledge Aboriginal lands</p>
<p>To better reflect the cultural significance of this space</p>
<p>It should go back to its rightful name of Warndoolier. However maybe a temporary arrangement where there is reference to Banks Reserve so people can still find it.</p>
<p>Respect for the long heritage of the name. Banks has no relevance to this beautiful and spiritual place.</p>
<p>I think it's important for reconciliation to make symbolic and visible changes like these which recognise the Noongar people as the traditional custodians of this land.</p>
<p>Named Warndoolier for likely many 1000s of years. A spate of western name changes in the last century or so (ie those names are clearly not of sustained importance). Name a building after Banks as that is far more relevant to his contribution, not boodja. Why should it be that something so significant is named after a councillor- the naming of things after councillors needs to be done with great humility and caution. Bank's family needs to be consulted specifically.</p>
<p>It is time to honour the Traditional Owners and place names.</p>
<p>Returning the name of this place to Warndoolier acknowledges the enduring history and culture of the First Peoples of this place.</p>
<p>This is the original name. It's time to properly recognise our indigenous heritage in a meaningful way.</p>
<p>I would like everywhere to have the original indigenous name! This is a great initiative by Vincent.</p>
<p>Because we are on Indigenous land and at a very minimum that should be acknowledged.</p>
<p>Respect to Noongar people and culture. It's the right thing to do - Vincent should also consider changing their name</p>
<p>Because the name change of name acknowledges the cultural significance of the area for Noongar people. It also provides an opportunity for non- aboriginal Western Australia to learn more about the culture of aboriginal people.</p>
<p>The proposed change is restoration of the site's traditional name, which it has had forever, long before its re-naming after a generally forgotten councillor. It is an appropriate acknowledgement of the place's indigenous history. The reserve seems to have had many names over the years, but this one should be permanent.</p>
<p>It has several name changes all for the wrong reasons so back to the original name with a proviso - Never to be changed again !!</p>
<p>I'd like to know what Noongar elders think about Noongar only or dual naming of this place and be led by them. At this point I'd fully support Noongar only naming to acknowledge and pay overdue full respect to Noongar First Nations, they been here 65,000 years!</p>
<p>Recognition of the site as an Aboriginal site of significance is worthy.</p>

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	<p>The name should never have been changed. This takes appropriate steps in addressing cultural recognition and true connection to country for all Australians</p> <p>I think it is important to recognise the original name of the place.</p> <p>Out of respect</p> <p>The name banks reserve has no significant meaning other than a nowadays routine construction project. It may have in the past been the way to take things from people by making a improvement or claim thus rebranding it to hide the history. In this particular case it was already done before. While an easier to use name may be better, we cannot choose history and 2 names would be confusing and is literally insulting to the history significance as it would literally show the area was taken by the rebrand of showing the original name and rebranded name. It would be the equivalent of having a sign with the word "Warndoolier" crossed out and "banks" graffitied over.</p> <p>Seems the right thing to do.</p> <p>That's it's real name. It's about respect for our First Peoples.</p> <p>I think this history has more relevance and is more worthy of celebration today than what is represented by the current name.</p> <p>One name only and it should be Warndoolier</p> <p>If First Nations people support that, it would be a privilege to use its Noongar name.</p> <p>I love the original name and wish I knew it 40 years ago. This place is spiritual and special.</p> <p>I'm not Noongar but am delighted to use its traditional name of Warndoolier</p> <p>I have already begun to think of it as Warndoolier. It's beautiful</p> <p>My understanding is that since colonisation the site has had a t least 3 settler names - meaning there hasn't been a huge attachment to the 3 most recent names. I have no idea why the Perth Councillor was thought to need a space named after them, but Len Collard has provided the cultural significance of the place and so all the more reason to re-instate the Noongar name.</p> <p>I support the renaming of Banks Reserve to Warndoolier, with no dual name, although dual name is preferred over retention of the name Banks Reserve alone. I have lived on Joel Terrace and Zebina Street in the past and used this park frequently. Thank you for being proactive and providing the opportunity for this progressive change.</p>
<p>Dual naming Warndoolier / Banks Reserve</p> <p>(61 responses)</p>	<p>Comments</p> <p>I support any program that acknowledges First Nation connection to the land. I have also lived in the area for 56 years and Banks Reserve has deep meaning for me. For this reason I strongly support DUAL naming.</p> <p>We are well aware of the move across Australia in the renaming of areas in recognition of our Aboriginal heritage, paying credit to the history of our land through the oldest race of people in the world. We as all Australians are most proud of Australia and its acceptance of people from the world over. History is made of ancient records and modern records from more modern times all are important to a nation. The recording of history in this manner must carry a worth. In this instance the naming of Banks Reserve was given by the Perth City Council not because of a name but in recognition of outstanding effort and work by Ronald Banks to the state of Western Australia.</p> <p>It is important that we equally respect our proud indigenous history with recent figures who have helped to shape our City.</p> <p>It is our belief that the combination of both names would recognise both our old and new history. My surname is Banks so it is sad to lose the name but I support recognition of Aboriginal heritage</p> <p>The Historical journey aims to provide a comprehensive representation of its entirety, avoiding the omission of critical parts in the greater story by isolating it to only one segment. Therefore, adopting a joint name is the most practical and common sense way forward.</p> <p>I totally appreciate the original origin of the name but would like to see a dual naming. Whilst our (Banks) family history here is short it is still a part of our history, so would like it to be kept.</p> <p>I support the dual naming of Banks Reserve as Warndoolier/ Banks Reserve as it acknowledges both the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal histories of this area. It also shows a continued partnership between Aboriginal Australians and non-Aboriginal Australians in showing each are prepared to acknowledge and recognize each other's historical stories. Ideally, the City of Vincent also wants to include all members of the community along on this journey of inclusion.</p> <p>I would like to suggest, The City's Boordiya (Elders) Reference Group provide an explanation of Warndoolier on the naming plaque. In my opinion, it will assist non-Aboriginal people in understanding the meaning and significance of the traditional dual naming of Banks Reserve. Otherwise, the traditional name will only be an Aboriginal word which would be meaningless to non-Aboriginal people.</p> <p>As Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world."</p> <p>I think it preserves both histories which is important.</p>

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I prefer history to be 'explained' rather than a cancel culture approach which denies history. It makes sense to include the Aboriginal name and acknowledge both the indigenous and the post-colonial history.
I believe that recognition of indigenous land names is important but as a family member of the Banks family I would also like to see the current name maintained as well.
An interpretive sign near to the Walters Brook bridge has been in Banks Reserve for several years explaining the story of that location. The name Banks Reserve is well known, and many people are familiar with it. Local residents know of the indigenous name Warndoolier and of a reconciliation ceremony conducted a few years ago. To avoid confusion both names should be used together.
I think it is easier for people to find if dual named
It recognises the Indigenous history of the area whilst also not confusing people about the location they are familiar with. In time as people are familiar with the Indigenous name it may become possible to have the Indigenous name only
Dual so there is no cause for confusion as to the location.
It achieves two objectives - keeping a known placename and recognising aboriginal interest.
Respect for Traditional Owners
Warndoolier Banks - two words one name - sounds best. Walking together
I think both names are significant to the history of Perth we know today.
Because both histories are valid
Recognising the past and acknowledging the present
Banks is easier to say and remember. Still would like to respect the traditional name of the area though.
It's always had ancient naming and so we should arc back to this. European naming is new and doesn't actually understand or communicate the significance of this place.
continuity with a familiar name while still giving acknowledgement to the indigenous name
Would be confusing to completely rename banks reserve. As someone who lives downtown road to banks reserve, it would be funny to refer it as warndoolier. In saying that, naming the reserve to warndoolier will be able to acknowledge our culture which would be nice without making a wholesale change
It's important to use the original name, and I think people will continue to use the old name for some time, so dual names is a good solution
Dual naming reflects the coexistence of the two cultures harmoniously. I think that is a good thing. changing the name suddenly might be confusing for people. Banks made a significant contribution to Perth and it is right that there be some tribute paid to him. As far as I am aware, there are no negative parts to his story that would mean it is inappropriate for his name to be celebrated or to sit alongside a place of indigenous significance.
Both names reflect our history.
It's the only reasonable option. Our history embodies European and Aboriginal cultures and both should be remembered & acknowledged in the appropriate circumstances.
the joint name refers to both sides of the "equation"
The significant contribution of Ronald Banks should not be erased from history. It is important that the contribution of all citizens of the City of Vincent are acknowledged, regardless of their cultural background.
The name is going to change despite what the survey says. Need a history nod to the original naming.
One place can share multiple histories. Respecting both is a good way forward
Adding original name respectful, maintaining Banks Reserve avoids confusion. Could transition to Noongar name with time.
People are able to use either of the two options
More inclusive
To recognise both our indigenous heritage and key figures in recent times. Enables a union of historical significance
Most residents will know it as bank reserve and I like the new name.
Banks Reserve is well known locally and for visitors. Retaining current name preserves the historical local link to the Banks name. Adding Warndoolier to allow dual naming would seem a good inclusive option to address earlier usage than the Banks naming time. Note. Have accessed Banks Reserve as a local resident for over 30 years.
It would be good to acknowledge the place's ancient heritage and preserve the Noongar name.
I live in the area of Warndoolier of Banks Reserve at 3 Leslie Street. I was active in the Banks Precinct Action Group when it was active. In my opinion, the adoption of a Joint name has a much greater chance of acceptance than a change from Banks Reserve to Warndoolier. Over time the Aboriginal name may take precedence over the present name of Banks Reserve.
All our histories need to be reserved. Erasing one heritage to promote another is not the way of a multicultural society.
Would cause too much confusion if just the new name was used. It's been Banks reserve for a very long time.
Love the idea and incentive well done.
Absolutely love the name. The council has done a wonderful job so far of the redevelopment. I love seeing so many people of all different ages and backgrounds using our park.

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	Just do it.
	Both names is the most appropriate way to go in my opinion
	Both names. Everybody except the Noongar people will continue to call it Banks Reserve
	I am a tad tired of all the renaming of places. They are what they are, and people know that by where you are referring to. By all means add the second name.
	Both names. It's a bit mean to take away a place named after someone. So do the right thing by all and add the traditional name but still honour his.
	I think Banks Reserve should have the Dual name Warndoolier/ Banks.
No Change (55 responses)	Comments
	Changing the name of a park to a traditional name is pure tokenism and doesn't help anyone. Instead allocate more funding to actually help the local indigenous community.
	This is a needless change and tone deaf in light of the referendum result. People are not interested in this pandering and your time, money and attention are better spent elsewhere.
	What does the name change benefit? Leave it as is 1 it's easier to say and pronounce 2 kids know how to say it
	Take note of the voice referendum results.
	This place is beloved and sacred to all already as is as Banks Reserve. I do not support the changing of existing names to indigenous names.
	Waste of council resources.
	The name is fine as it is
	Waste of money.
	There is absolutely no need to change the name of this reserve. Council's efforts would be better vested in making services available for First Nations residents in City's boundaries rather than change the name of a park.
	For what reason given nobody seems to be concerned in the first place? It's insulting to think someone was honoured with the naming of a park only to have it taken away from them. Ridiculous. Just leave it in memory of someone's contribution to this city
	Renaming just causes confusion when you want to organise where to meet etc
	I see cultural value for current residents of Vincent in retaining this familiar & accepted name of Banks Reserve. It has meaning for many people in Perth and also the advantage of ease of recognition for all Perth residents. I see little point in the expense of an unnecessary name change. Banks Reserve is a name that is easily remembered and spelt, the proposed alternative name is not easy to recognise or to identify with and could be mistaken for other similar names. I would feel unhappy if this name was changed, as if my cultural heritage was being denied.
	Waste of rates
	I don't see a good enough reason to change as it's on the banks of the river so this is more appropriate
	Banks Reserve is a perfectly good name. In the 1930's the area in front of the East Perth Power Station (where my grandfather was Head) was a popular swimming and canoe area, especially for school children after school in summer. The children called Banks Reserve (500m to the north) "The Mucks" for obvious reasons. It was horrible - dirty, smelly, muddy and choked with tangled vegetation. It is most unlikely that the Aboriginal people held it in high esteem. It would be dishonest/fraudulent to pretend it has any aboriginal value. Banks Reserve is a good name. Aboriginal activism is not appropriate here. Please don't insult the wishes of the silent majority.
	Changing the names of places does not help anyone including Aboriginal people. People don't pay council rates for you do endlessly spend time advocating for social justice causes. Stay in your lane.
	I wish council would focus on what they are there for. You take lots of money from ratepayers every year and waste it on anything and everything except what you are meant to do. The kerbing and footpaths are in dire need of repair, but you don't seem to be very interested. You seem to have forgotten why you are here. And there is absolutely nothing wrong with the name of the park now. Leave it alone.
	If you want to genuinely help the aboriginal people in our community then do something positive with those who need it most in the community such as aboriginal homelessness or disengaged aboriginal young people. Maybe even commit some money to support a program in a remote community where people are still dying of third world diseases. Changing a name does nothing. It is pure tokenism and cheap politics. I have spent time working with aboriginal people and I have seen firsthand that inner city wokeness has done nothing to help them in areas where there is genuine need. People are getting really tired of this type of empty virtue signalling.
	Dual naming will cause confusion and the Banks name should continue to be honoured.
	The name doesn't need to be changed in order to recognise the Indigenous association with Banks reserve. There are various installations already in existence at Banks reserve detailing the Indigenous association with the area.
	No means no. 61% of the Australian people have spoken
	It isn't broken so why change...didn't the referendum make this obvious. And I would like to know how you have put my photo and husband's on display boards without our permission. we are fed up being asked why we condone the name change

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<p>These obscure references to an Aboriginal meeting place and a place of cultural significance are often fanciful. They could be attributed to almost any place in Australia if all the "stories" are to be believed. Kings Square, for example, in Fremantle, which has recently been renamed to an Aboriginal name, when researched, was found to be a swamp in pre- colonial times and therefore would not have been a meeting place at all. Renaming all of our existing place names with Aboriginal names will do nothing for reconciliation. It will, however, increase resentment in our community. The outcome of the recent referendum has shown that most Australians are sick and tired of the wokeism and virtue signalling that had started to permeate through our society. There are plenty of place names in WA that are Aboriginal in origin. Let's keep a balance here. Aboriginals make up only 3.5% of our population. We need to retain a pride in our Anglo heritage as well as our Aboriginal heritage. Some people seem hellbent on getting rid of the former. A heritage that has helped make us the great nation we are today, and I am proud of that heritage.</p> <p>We live close to Banks Reserve and would much prefer it remain as is. It has a history other than Aboriginal and the proposed name simply doesn't roll of the tongue.</p>
<p>Renaming excludes anyone who isn't aboriginal, and are too hard to pronounce especially for immigrants or people who have English as a 2nd language</p>
<p>I feel that it is not necessary</p>
<p>We all know what the outcome will be. You're just ticking a box to show you did this part of the show.</p>
<p>Anything newly constructed I would agree to a suitable indigenous name, but totally against renaming existing infrastructure and landmarks that forms part of our history</p>
<p>Too many changes</p>
<p>There is no need to start changing names of places. We are all Australian and places should not be changed to racially alienate the Australians based on race. This is racial virtue signalling and the council is better served in proving better outcomes for residents rather than focusing on issues to make you feel better. Names do not need to be changed for any reason.</p>
<p>I have lived at this location since 1995 and see no reason that the name should change.</p>
<p>I do not support the renaming or double naming of Banks Reserve as "Warndoolier". The assertion that "Warndoolier"/"Warndoolier" is the Noongar name for Banks Reserve is unsupported and appears to be incorrect.</p> <p>As per the Museum of Perth, "Warndoolier" was the name for a stretch of the Swan River around the Burswood Peninsula (https://www.museumofperth.com.au/warndoolier). I note that Warndoolier Boulevard has already been adopted as the name of a street in Burswood near Perth Stadium. Rather than recognising an existing name, this appears to be a case of a local government adopting the name of a different geographical feature for the sake of having an Indigenous name. I note that the Indigenous consultant engaged for the City of Vincent's own "Banks Reserve Masterplan Design Report" dated 7 February 2019 did not endorse "Warndoolier" as the name of Banks Reserve, and in fact provided five other proposed Noongar names for the park. As such the notion that this would be a "revival" of a traditional name in line with the City's Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan is false; there is no "traditional name" for Banks Reserve as it is a post-settlement creation with arbitrary borders that have nothing to do with pre-settlement geographical features. I further note that the webpage associated with this feedback request also makes an unsupported assertion that "Historic maps from the 1900s to 1940s show the reserve's Noongar name was Warndoolier".</p> <p>I am happy to be corrected, but I believe this to be false - again, the council's own Masterplan Design Report does not say anything of the sort, there are no historic records of this name being used and it makes no sense for official maps to use a different name to the officially gazetted name of Swan Street Reserve.</p> <p>I would suggest that future community feedback requests that make reference to historical information or data clearly reference the sources they reply upon, rather than making unsupported assertions that may be misleading. In sum, I do not support the renaming or double naming Banks Reserve with any Noongar name. The reserve is a post-settlement creation and the Masterplan Design Report did not identify any specific Noongar recognition of the site of the reserve as a separate geographical feature with a separate name. Local governments should not adopt Indigenous names simply for branding purposes, this is just window dressing.</p> <p>The Noongar people may have used this area at some point for a camp but they also were known to be nomadic so just walking through the area would be enough to claim a connection. We have lived in close proximity to this reserve for a number of years and the only people we see camping here overnight are the homeless, rough sleepers. Never ever have we seen any aboriginals meeting here or camping in the vicinity. So, we would say any connection they may have once had is now long gone, it seems. This seems like a guilt trip to appease what was done many generations ago. Nothing can change what was done and changing a name won't do anything to rectify the damage that was done by others. You cannot rewrite history.</p>
<p>Your woke behaviour fuels division. There is no need to change the name of existing places.</p>
<p>Not necessary, I'm sure there must be more important issues with which to deal. What's the next name change on the agenda.</p>
<p>No reason/ need to change it. All locals know it by its current name and so far as I'm aware nobody asked for a change. Any change will involve unnecessary expense.</p>

Community Consultation on Naming of Banks Reserve - Summary of Submissions

	<p>No need for change. The proposed name means "digging stick spirit/mist big leaves". This statement below suggests Vincent has a predetermined outcome regardless of community feedback "Following the consultation period, a report will be prepared for Council outlining the community's feedback and seeking endorsement to apply to Landgate for the name change."</p> <p>Because there are already enough places and towns in Western Australia with Aboriginal names. We DO NOT need more. Embrace our heritage!</p> <p>Names are history and should be left as is</p> <p>As a living member of The Banks Family, ultimately it is my first choice to leave the current name of Banks Reserve as it stands, reflecting the dedication and hard-working efforts my uncle had committed his life to providing the people of East Perth during his time employed by the City of Perth in his numerous roles over many years.</p> <p>I feel that it is just to his honourable service to leave Banks Reserve named as it is currently. However, I am also aware of the significance of the indigenous culture and its heritage's significance to the Swan River and vicinities around it and offer my second choice of a dual name of Banks Reserve / Warndoolier Reserve as an amicable offering of collaboration between the two considerations to be a possible solution when considering further with all parties of the community involved.</p>
<p>Whichever the Traditional Owners prefer (1 response)</p>	<p>Comments</p>
	<p>I thought the final decision on renaming vs dual naming was up to Landgate based on the wishes of Traditional Owners?</p>
<p>Banks / Warndoolier (1 response)</p>	<p>Comments</p>
	<p>Generations know and love banks</p>
<p>Walters Brook Banks Reserve (1 response)</p>	<p>Comments</p>
	<p>I would have thought the recent referendum would have given the council some direction to move on with things that matter rather than wasting time on a name change for a park. Either keep it the same or bring back in part its origin name of Walters Brook, or combine.</p>
<p>Warndoolier/Banks Reserve (1 response)</p>	<p>Comments</p>
	<p>This is the original aboriginal name and just as easy to pronounce as Warndoolier, which might not be the original name for this section of the Swan River.</p>
<p>Mandjar (1 response)</p>	<p>Comments</p>
	<p>Whilst I do not object to the proposed name I feel that a more appropriate name would be the Noongar word for "meeting place". My brief search of the internet found that a Noongar word originally used for "meeting place" was "mandjar". Whilst this might be the only word for "meeting place" any word that covers that description could be used. it has been a meeting place for many and varied people, including a local sea scouts group, a community kindergarten, a ballet school (all happening in the now demolished community hall), family picnics, children's birthday parties, social cricket and soccer matches (when the reserve had soccer goals), community film nights, concerts and so much more. It would be wonderful to see the reserve used as a means to educate non-indigenous Australians about the cultural heritage and practices of those who came before us as well as continuing all that currently happens in and around Banks Reserve.</p> <p>it has been a meeting place for many and varied people, including a local sea scouts group, a community kindergarten, a ballet school (all happening in the now demolished community hall), family picnics, children's birthday parties, social cricket and soccer matches (when the reserve had soccer goals), community film nights, concerts and so much more. It would be wonderful to see the reserve used as a means to educate non-indigenous Australians about the cultural heritage and practices of those who came before us as well as continuing all that currently happens in and around Banks Reserve.</p>

BANKS RESERVE RENAMING TIMELINE

May 2012	Installation of reconciliation plaque at Banks Reserve endorsed by past elders: <i>"Banks Reserve, which rests of land originally known and Warndoolier, was recognised by the City of Vincent and by Nyungah Elders as a Place of Reconciliation."</i>
September 2018	Sense of Place Study undertaken by Len Collard that informed the masterplan and reaffirmed that the area is known as Warndoolier
October 2018	RAPWG consulted on the renaming of Banks Reserve to Warndoolier. The project team presented the draft Banks Reserve Master Plan concept and informed them the City engaged with Elder, Uncle Noel Nannup, Professor Len Collard, the Whadjuk Working Party and the River Journeys Project Team to ensure that Noongar culture and tradition were recognised and respected. Professor Len Collard proposed a number of Noongar names that may be suitable for dual or renaming of the reserve.
October 2018	Council Workshop Report on Len Collard's literature review including the naming of Warndoolier
November 2018	Draft Banks Reserve Master Plan presented to Whadjuk Working Party. The key outcome was a desire to share stories and experiences of their time in the East Perth area. These stories will add significant value to the interpretive features and design elements at Banks Reserve and Administration committed to liaising with the Whadjuk Working Party to ensure this occurs.
December 2018	Report to Council on 11 December 2018 for the endorsement of the Banks Reserve Master Plan. Recommendation that: <i>Council Authorises Administration to consult with the Whadjuk Working Party and other relevant stakeholders regarding the potential renaming of Banks Reserve in accordance with the Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia.</i> Motion deferred to Council Meeting on 5 February 2019.
February 2019	Banks Reserve Master Plan Design Report citing Warndoolier but noting that other place names associated with its significance might be more suitable to give it more meaning for a "sense of place"
March 2019	Council Report – Endorsement of Banks Reserve Masterplan.
February 2022	Len Collard commissioned to undertake a Noongar Naming Project for a series of places (including Banks Reserve). Agreed to Warndoolier for Banks Reserve. <i>warn/wana = digging stick dool = spirit or misty fog doolya = big leaves</i> Possibly a place related to women's spirit. It could also be a place where the spirit mist dwells.
May 2022	Boordiya Reference Group were taken on a site visit to several key Registered Aboriginal sites in Vincent and were consulted on the Banks Reserve Interpretation Node. Consensus that Warndoolier was the appropriate name for Banks Reserve.

BANKS RESERVE RENAMING TIMELINE

February 2023	Presentation to the Boordiya with discussion about past consultation with Elders who confirmed that the traditional name of this site was 'Warndulier/Warndoolier'. The group agreed that name could have many possible meanings and that the preferred spelling was 'Warndoolier', this was based on pronunciation by non-indigenous people.
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