

Community Consultation Survey Regarding Proposed Name Change of Duncan Street Reserve:

Comments added by those who chose:

“No change to park name”

“We have lived in Duncan Street since 1986; our children grew up here, spending many happy hours at Duncan Street Reserve, as it’s always been known. The Shire helped me plant a tree on Duncan Street Reserve in memory of my mother when she died. The reserve has a valued place in our lives.

In contrast, the school tends to overshadow the area already, e.g. it encroaches on residential areas by demolishing adjoining homes and leaving bare blocks. School drop off and pick up times are a further intrusion, as is the ongoing pressure on parking, including on peoples’ verges. I really feel we don’t need further reminders of its presence by renaming our reserve after one of its teachers.”

“Retaining name in reference to nearby street best outcome for way finding, and catholic namesake implies precinct and park belongs to near by catholic school, doesn’t sound like shared, public open space or inclusive of the non catholic community in area.”

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"Sister Kelly has received her accolades, I am against religiously named playspaces for kids"

"We don't need a name change."

"I oppose the change of name to Sister Kelly or any other of the suggestions above. I acknowledge that the Town seeks to improve recognition of women, however an indigenous name would be more appropriate in this circumstance. Sister Kelly has already been recognised by her MBE and she could be further recognised by the catholic church or Ursula Frayne school, which is also proximate to her childhood residence on Sunbury Road.

Our indigenous community members are significantly under represented and our recognition of country should extend to changing place names as occurred on the old bowling club site in Laithlain."

"Before voting on a name change I would like to know how the Reserve was named Duncan Street Reserve Who is it named after and why?"

"Do not change the name of reserve. Suggest you can change the name of the street she lived on."

"If you really need to change the name then it should be an indigenous name acknowledging the First Nations people of the area."

"I think Vic Park council needs to seriously think before they rename the Duncan Street reserve. The park is used by the whole community which reflects a range of cultures and religions and should reflect this. Naming the reserve after one religish culture is an insult to all others. I'm sure the Sister was a 'good and worthy' person but with what as come to light in recent years of the Catholic church I feel this is dangerous choice"
