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Subject: Submission to Community Recognition Programme
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Dear Officers,

Attached are two documents containing relevant documentation to present to the Council of the City of Wollongong relating to the late Mr Paul Mason Jones.

On behalf of the Paul Mason Jones Park Committee I would appreciate confirmation that this document has been received and forwarded to the appropriate officers .Ms Martha Tyndall has been the council officer supporting and dealing with our committee.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated,

David McAlister

Secretary-Paul Mason Jones Park Committee

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Executive Management Committee

Council Community Recognition Program

Application to Name a Park, Sportsground or Natural Area

Proposed Name: Paul Mason Jones Reserve

Brief of the Proposed Name and Why Council should consider the application, include Paul Mason Jones' contribution to the Wollongong Region

The Paul Mason Jones Reserve Committee has been active since 1979. The Committee first applied to the Geographical Names Board in September 2009 and has been waiting for the completion of the Plan of Management for Sandon Point and McCauley's Beach process by Wollongong City Council (as advised in Council's letter of 7 December 2009) prior to requesting to reactivate its application number GNB 5417 to the Geographical Names Board. Council's Plan of Management was adopted on 23 February 2015 and supports honouring Paul Mason Jones by installing a Paul Mason Jones Reserve sign within the PoM area subject to approval through the Council's Community Recognition Program and Geographical Names Board requirements for place naming.

The Community Recognition Program adopted by Council in May 2014 provides for naming Parks, Sportsgrounds and Natural Areas by submitting a written application to Council, obtaining approval by Council's Executive Management Committee to undertake community consultation on the naming proposal, after consultation a report is to be presented to Council and if supported unanimously, will require a formal Council resolution supporting the submission of the name to the Geographical Names Board in accordance to their guidelines.

The naming proposal fits well with Council's Community Recognition Program adopted in 13 October 2014. This naming proposal would give formal recognition to Paul Mason Jones.

Paul Mason Jones provided significant service to the Surfing community and to others generally by his personal demeanour, professional achievements and community mindedness. Paul Mason Jones only lived to the age of 27; however the community driven works undertaken to create the grassy Sandon Point Headland and Sandon Point Carpark of today were carried out to honour and thank him after his tragic death in 1979. The restoration of the headland took 4 years and was funded by the community, not Council (see attached Photos). These works included meeting with Wollongong City Council-Lord Mayor Mr Arkell, local aldermen, business leaders, surfers, local citizens to create a concept plan of the Park. All gave their full support. The design chosen was a totally new concept with the carpark being relocated away from the ocean. This concept was accepted by surfers in Paul's name - a plan which now is adopted around the nation. Fund raising commenced.

Local businesses and volunteers worked together to rehabilitate a greatly denuded site, used as a rubbish dump and dusty carpark, into the park we see today. The first photos show the original location of the car park that oscillated from a dust bowl to a mud skid pan. The restoration took volunteers over four years. Over 4000 tons of topsoil, mainly from car park construction at Thirroul Beach covered the existing dirt road and erosion holes. BHP Collieries provided the heavy haulage for 100's of tons of rock from the Tallowa Dam site to secure the eroded southern base of the headland. Funds from benefit nights paid for the turf to cover the park.

Local citizens and fellow surfers became volunteer Council Rangers to ensure the Park maintained its appeal. All major community groups in Northern Illawarra have given written support for the recognition of Paul Mason Jones Reserve.



Figure 1 Note the heavy tracks from dump trucks and dumped material



Figure 2. Note the unchanged power poles and trig station in all photos.

Since 1983 the Illawarra community and thousands of visitors have benefitted from the restored headland, a period well beyond thirty years. Today the Reserve welcomes tourists on the Grand Pacific Drive, It is popular with wedding celebrants, it hosts beachside fitness groups and, of course- welcomes surfers from around the nation.

During his short life, Paul was the youngest Electrical Engineer appointed by BHP Collieries, the Founding President of the Sandon Point Boardriders Club-and posthumous Life member- and a past President of Southern Pacific Boardriders. 36 years after his death, the proposal to name a reserve to honour his memory received no objections during the lengthy public exhibition process of the Sandon Point McCauley's Beach PoM and was supported by a petition with 700 signatures presented to Council on 23 June 2014. The adopted Plan of Management Sandon Point and McCauley's Beach acknowledges the contribution of Paul Mason Jones in appendix I to that document.

The Committee has unconditional letters of support from:

- The immediate family signed by Paul's mother, brother, son and daughter.
- Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council.
- Sandon Point Boardriders Club.
- Sandon Point Surf Life Saving Club.
- Neighbourhood Forum 3.
- Northern Illawarra Resident Action Group.

Please see attached material.

Outline the Strong Connection to the Site

Paul was born into a highly respected and well established family.

Paul attended Thirroul Public School and Bulli High School where he was recognised as a gifted sportsperson and natural leader. Paul served an Electrical Apprenticeship with BHP Collieries and went on to become the youngest person ever to qualify as a BHP Mining Electrical Engineer. These achievements in the 1970's by a surfer were a credit to Paul.

All these educational venues are considered local to Sandon Point. Paul's great grandfather Mr George Mason, came to Sandon Point to shepherd livestock in the early 1800's. Two streets in Thirroul acknowledges him- Mason Street and George Street. Paul's father also had a boatshed on the Point and introduced Paul to the ocean.

Paul loved surfing Sandon Point where his prowess was awesome when the swell was big. Sandon Point is recognised internationally as a big wave location and it is certainly appropriate that, as founding President of the Sandon Point Boardriders Club, such a highly revered surfer and gentleman be honoured for his service to the surfing community.

Paul's untimely death motivated the surfing community and citizens of Sandon Point to honour him and recognise the dream he had of creating a park on the headland of Sandon Point. Paul's natural enthusiasm and keenly focussed energy to create this park was a significant facet of his dynamic personality.

Paul managed and used this well earned respect to convince fellow local surfers of the need to unite for the benefit of the sport of Surfing. Through his extensive efforts he successfully achieved his goal of where young surfers can now aspire to a credible career in industry - due in no small part to the lived example of Mr Paul Mason Jones.

Identify the proposed Council park, sportsground or natural area to which the proposed name applies

The proposed Paul Mason Jones Reserve is shown below in yellow hatch outlined in black. It is east of the Sandon Point Carpark, does not include the Sandon Point Headland or the Sandon Point Aboriginal Place (pink hatched area). This area does not have an existing title.



Outline how the proposal meets the Geographical Names Board criteria for Commemorative Naming (www.gnb.nsw.gov.au/place naming)

Geographical Names Board Criteria	How the proposal meets the Criteria
✓Preference – Name easily pronounced	The name Paul Mason Jones Reserve is easy to pronounce. It is a name of more than two words, (which the GNB would like to avoid – but does not outright prohibit). In this instance, the family members of Paul Mason Jones support the longer name as an appropriate honour to his memory. The qualification is necessary for appropriate acknowledgement and while 3 words, they are easy to pronounce and comprise only 4 syllables.
✓Preference – Names	Paul Mason Jones is related to the relatively recent history

Geographical Names Board Criteria	How the proposal meets the Criteria
relating to Aboriginal Origin or Historical background or Multicultural Nature of our society	(1950s and 1980s) of the area. A family connection to the earliest white settlement in Northern Illawarra and on Sandon Point is Mr George Mason-Paul's middle name.
✓Preference – Not to change name of long standing	The Paul Mason Jones Reserve does not include the Sandon Point headland or the Sandon Point Aboriginal Place even though rehabilitation included such areas.
✓Use of a first or given name as part of a geographical name only when it is necessary to appropriately honour the person referred to or where it is necessary to avoid ambiguity	Use of both the first and middle names are necessary to appropriately honour Paul Mason Jones as there are existing Paul Jones's active in the Sandon Point community. It is also required to avoid ambiguity and duplication as Jones is a common street name in Wollongong where there are unnamed reserves and the community may refer to an area as the Jones Street reserve. Also there is a Jones reserve in Shellharbour.
✓Names considered offensive or likely to give offence will not be adopted	The Paul Mason Jones Reserve proposal is supported by many community groups as evidenced by a 700 person petition. Paul's family also approves this naming.
✓Cannot be named after a living person	Paul Mason Jones died in 1979 in a tragic car crash.

The Paul Mason Jones Committee hopes this matter can go out on public exhibition from 20 April to 18 May with a report to Council to support the application to the Geographical Names Board at its 22 June meeting. The GNB will have its own community consultation process to undertake during July before it determines the matter.

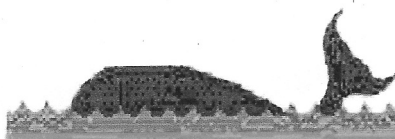
Our community has been pursuing this a extensive period and are eager for our efforts to honour Paul Mason Jones to finally bear fruit.

For further details or site visits kindly contact;

Mr David McAlister

Secretary, Paul Mason Jones Park Committee

Ph 42671333



Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council

3 Ellen Street WOLLONGONG NSW 2500

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18 June 2009

David McAlister
17 Tasman Parade
THIRROUL NSW 2515

Dear David

Thankyou for your letter dated 19 May 2009 in regards to the park and information booth at Sandon Point. After discussions with Roy Kennedy, Chairperson for the Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council approval is granted for the park to be named Paul Mason Jones Park.

Roy (Dootch) has read through the information you forwarded and has identified the following amendment, the correct spelling for A Kuradji Man. If you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me on the number listed below.

Yours in Unity

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RE:Paul Mason Jones Reserve

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To: heyca rt@tpg.com.au

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Hi Alice,

Thank you for your letter of support to Mr Farmer, Really is appreciated.

Cheers,

David McAlister

From: heyca rt <heyca rt@tpg.com.au>

To: 'David Farmer' <d farmer@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>;

CC: 'Jodie Healy' <JHealy@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>; pcoyte@wollongong.nsw.gov.au;

Subject: SANDON POINT RESERVE

Dear Mr Farmer,

David McAlister, the secretary of the Paul Mason Jones Reserve Committee

gave a presentation to

the April meeting of Neighbourhood Forum Area 3. He gave the history of the

reserve at Sandon

Point, including the huge amount of work done by the local community to

establish the reserve and

car park.

Mr McAlister informed us the naming of the reserve after Paul Mason Jones

has been looked

upon favourably by the Aboriginal Lands Council, Mr Mason Jones' family and

the Geographical

Names Board.

Our April meeting voted unanimously to support the naming of the reserve the

Paul (Jinxy) Mason

Jones Reserve.

I have been asked to advise Wollongong City Council of this support and to

ask that council provide

a plaque to commemorate the site.

regards,

Alice Cartan

Neighbourhood Forum Area 3 Chair.

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NORTHERN ILLAWARRA RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP
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5th June 2010

Endorsement of Paul Mason Jones Reserve at Sandon Point.

In April 2010 the Northern Illawarra Residents Action Group (NIRAG) met and unanimously endorsed the re-naming of part of the Sandon Point Reserve as the Paul Mason Jones Reserve, in memory of this remarkable young man.

John Croker

John Croker (Hon. Sec. NIRAG) - for

Alex Peterson (President NIRAG)

Tuesday April 7 2015

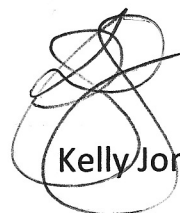
Mr Farmer
General Manager
Wollongong City Council
Locked Bag 8821
Wollongong 2500.

Dear Mr. Farmer,

Please accept this letter as authority from the family of Paul Mason Jones to proceed with the naming of the reserve on or adjacent to Sandon Point in Pauls Memory. Our understanding is that the reserve will be named "Paul Mason Jones Reserve". The signatories below are from the Mother, Brother, Son and Daughter of Paul Mason Jones.

Yours Sincerely,


Sylvia Jones


Kelly Jones


Murray Jones


Masson Jones



Sandon Point Surf Life Saving Club Inc.

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ABN 82 856 599 137

18 March 2010

To whom it may concern:

RE: NAMING OF THE SANDON POINT RESERVE

Sandon Point Surf Life Saving Club has admired the efforts of the Paul Mason Jones committee in restoring the reserve adjacent to the club to its current condition, which is one of the most beautiful and spectacular areas of the Illawarra.

The surf club supports the naming of the reserve as the "Paul Mason Jones Reserve", to the east of the car park including the Dharawal land over which the Paul Mason Jones Reserve committee have gained the written consent of representative elders. We would be happy to also include from the southern end of the car park to the Hill Street land including the Stocklands land at the northern end of Hill Street, which has been designated as public reserve but not yet gifted to Council.

Please contact Dr Owen Davies, Secretary, Sandon Point Surf Club, if more information is needed in relation to this matter (ph: 02-4268-1649 or email: secretary@sandonpointsurfclub.org.au).

Yours sincerely

Dr Owen Davies
Hon. Secretary

Scott Baines
President

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