

The proposed North Coogee Name Change

History of the progress to change

A timeline of significant meetings and events

September 2019

A subcommittee of the two community groups, Port Coogee Community Group (PCCA) and South Beach (SBCG), met with the City of Cockburn (COC) to investigate how to pursue a name change. The first step was for a Petition of eligible residents supporting the change was required.

February – November 2020

2300 residents and a name change away from North Coogee. PCCA and SBCG jointly researched and prepared a detailed submission to the COC and consulted widely with business and surrounding community groups and businesses.

February – May 2021

The Petition and the case for change was presented to the COC. At the Ordinary Council Meeting (OCM) 13 May 2021 elected members of the COC unanimously voted to support the name change.

May – September 2021

The COC then presented the case via Landgate to the GNC. Landgate advised that while the proposed two suburbs were of sufficient size and population further information would be required to prove a compelling case and that the name "South Beach" could not be supported due to a duplication with the beach in South Fremantle widely known as South Beach.

June 2021 – August 2022.

Progress is slowed due to COVID. 15 August 2022, SBCG and PCCA make new deputation to the Ordinary Council Meeting of COC requesting further assistance from the COC officers. The COC agrees to set up a Working Group to progress the matter

September 2022

December 2022. Informal meetings are held with Landgate. Landgate clearly outlines the drivers for change and the evidence required to make a compelling case. SBCG investigates alternative names with the South Beach/Shoreline Estate areas. 8 December, COC endorses further support for the name change and agrees the required community consultation should take place subject to Landgate's preliminary approval of the compelling case.

January 2023

SBCG and PCCA submit a new document providing further detail on the compelling case for change and why the name South Beach should be accepted. Landgate informally agrees that that the new information provided suggests that there could be a compelling reason for change. However, Landgate again advise the South Beach name cannot be further considered. Of the two alternative names discussed, Landgate provisionally indicated that Catherine Point could be supported but Nara Beach would require extensive Aboriginal consultation and may not be appropriate.

April 2023

SBCG and PCCA hold joint information sessions for the community, at Rollinson Rd Park (north) and at Fraser's Sales Office grassed space at Port Coogee. Both community groups undertake a communications campaign to inform residents and canvass opinions including a dedicated website, local newspapers, social media and letterbox drops to all residents.

June 2023

A final meeting was held with Landgate, COC officers, our two community groups and Cr Corke in attendance. Landgate and COC advised that a full resubmission would be required. At their AGM in June SBCG changed its name to Catherine Point Community Group but advised this was a separate issue to the name change proposal.

August 2023

CPCG and PCCA provided the draft resubmission to the City of Cockburn for review and received input and feedback from officers.

September 2023

CPCG and PCCA formerly presented the resubmission to the City of Cockburn.

December 2023

After review by City of Cockburn officers the submission was put to the 14th December 14 Ordinary Council Meeting and it was supported. The item from the Minutes of the Meeting which included the community group's submission and the assessment by the City Officers was then sent to Landgate for consideration.

February 2024

Landgate advise that they were aiming to table an agenda item with the Geographic Names Committee at the next available meeting that being 13 June 2024.

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