

# Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report

## Naming proposal – Lynne Czinner Park (Stage 1 of 1)

Impact level: Four

Consultation period: 29 January to 28 February 2021

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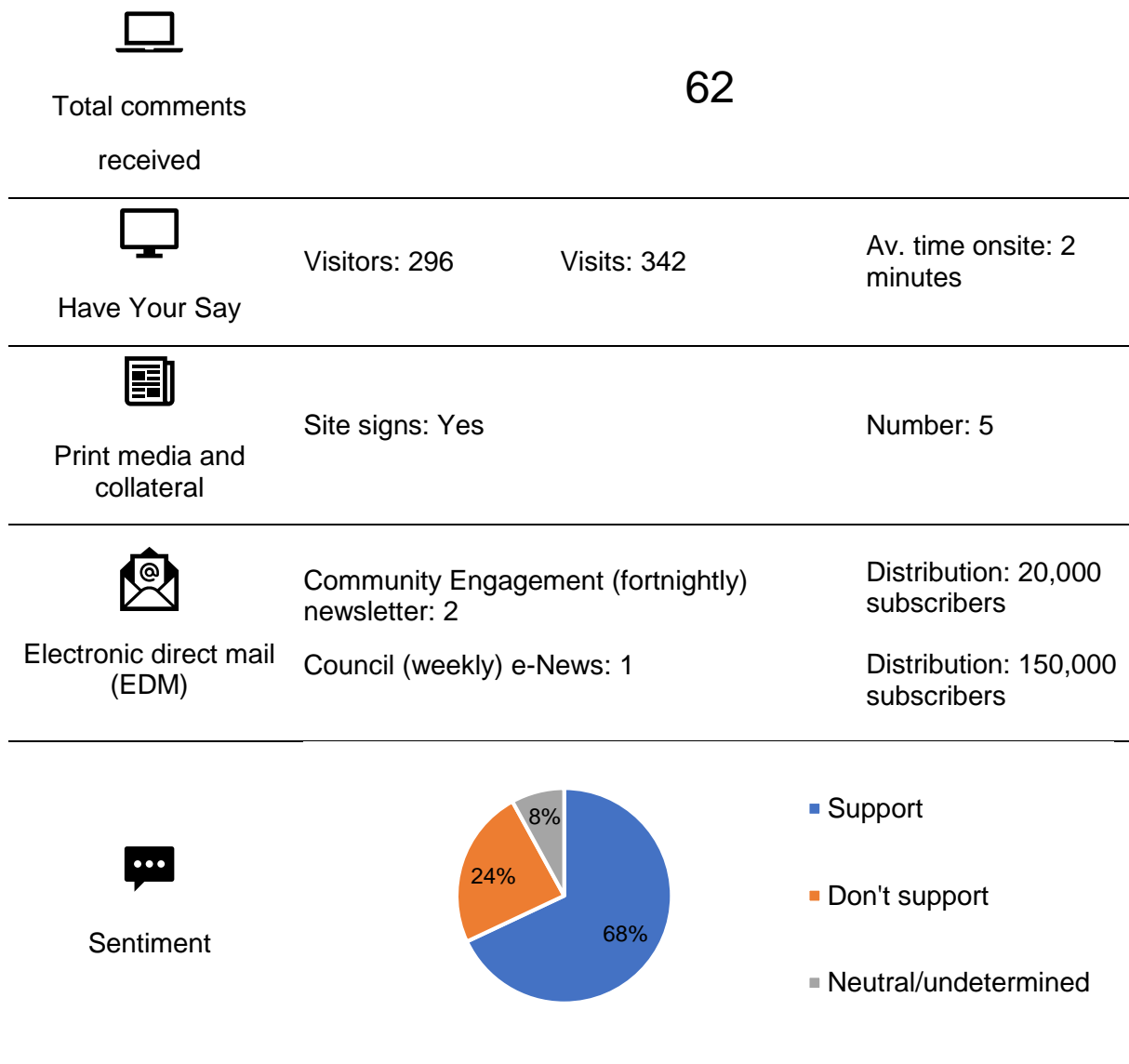
# 1. Summary<sup>1</sup>

This report outlines the community and stakeholder engagement conducted between 29 January and 28 February 2021 as part of the proposal to name the Fern Creek Reserves in Warriewood, Lynne Czinner Park.

The majority of comments received were in support of the proposal as a fitting tribute to Lynne Czinner.

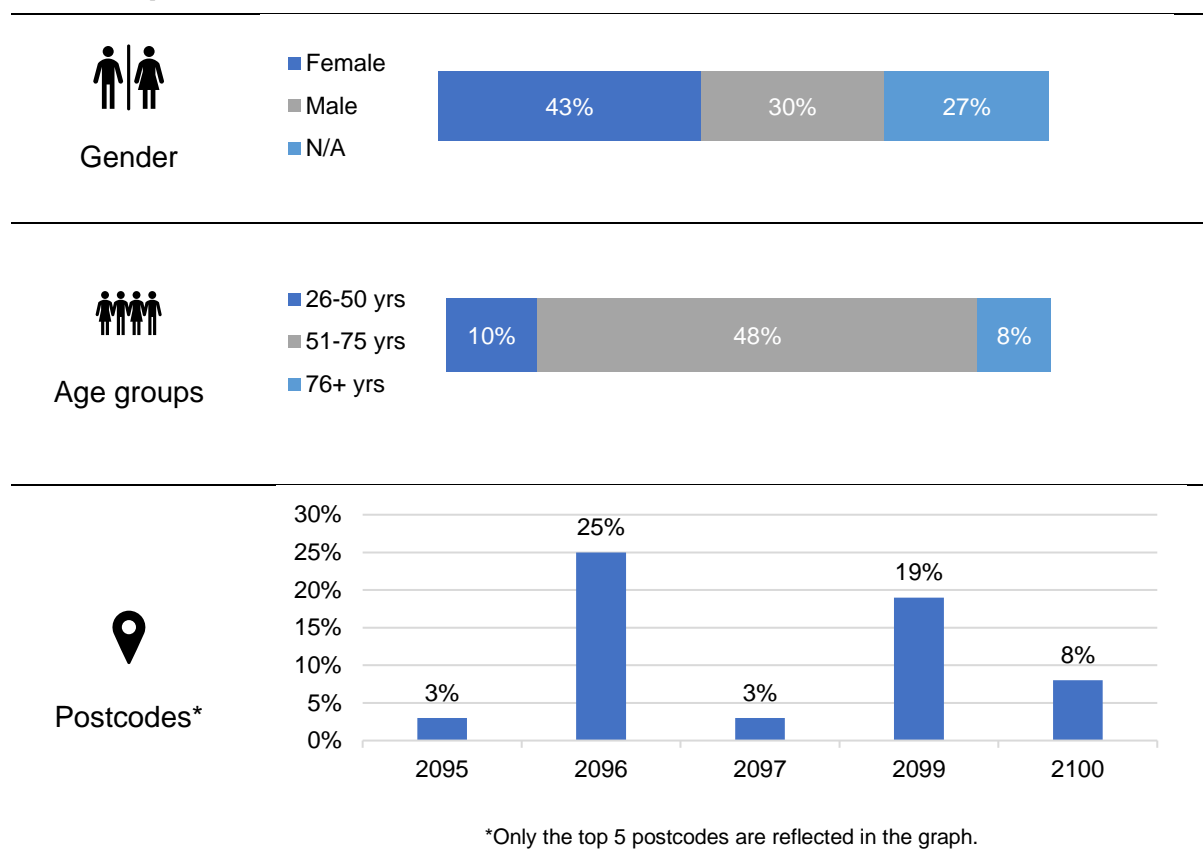
The main reasons described in the feedback against the proposed naming included a preference for an indigenous name and retaining the name Fern Creek. Some specified that the reserves should not be named after an individual.

## 1.1. Engagement snapshot



<sup>1</sup> Community and stakeholder views contained in this report do not necessarily reflect the views of the Northern Beaches Council or indicate a commitment to a particular course of action.

## 1.2. Who responded<sup>2</sup>



## 2. Background

Lynne Czinner was a Councillor and later Mayor of the former Pittwater Council. She was a passionate advocate for the protection of the natural environment and campaigned to protect the Warriewood wetlands and escarpment.

After her passing, Council resolved to find an "appropriate location for a memorial in [Lynne's] honour". In consultation with Ms Czinner's family, it was decided that naming the reserves at Fern Creek Warriewood after Lynne would be a fitting recognition of her contributions.

## 3. Engagement objectives

- Provide accessible information so community and stakeholders can participate in a meaningful way (inform).
- Identify community and stakeholder concerns, local knowledge and values (consult).
- Build community and stakeholder awareness of the project and the opportunity to provide comments (consult).

<sup>2</sup> Demographic data was gathered by request only. The data represented only includes those respondents who provided this detail.

## 4. Engagement approach

Community and stakeholder engagement for the Naming Proposal – Lynne Czinner Park project was conducted over a four-week period, from 29 January and 28 February 2021.

The engagement was planned, implemented and reported in accordance with Council's [Community Engagement Matrix](#) (2017). The engagement approach is outlined in the Naming Proposal – Lynne Czinner Park Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan (November 2020).

A project page was established on our have your say platform with information provided in an accessible and easy to read format.

The project was primarily promoted through our regular email newsletter (EDM) channels.

Feedback was captured through an online comment form embedded onto the have your say project page. The form included a question that directly asked respondents for their level of support on the proposal.

An open-field comments box provided community members a space to explain or elaborate on their support, not support or neutral sentiment as well as any other feedback they wished to contribute.

Email and written comments were also invited.

## 5. Findings<sup>3</sup>

During the feedback period, 62 submissions were received. Of these, 68 percent supported the proposal, indicating that naming the reserves in Lynne Czinner's honour was a fitting tribute to a person who contributed a lot of her time to protecting the local environment.

Twenty four (24) percent of the comments received did not support the proposal for various reasons. Some indicated that they preferred to maintain the current name - Fern Creek or to choose an Aboriginal name to acknowledge the local indigenous heritage. Other commenters suggested a simple plaque with a description of Lynne's community contribution would be a suitable alternative.

A few respondents indicated that places in the northern beaches should not be named after single individual as there are many worthy recipients and the selection process to identify the worthiest is subjective.

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<sup>3</sup> This report represents what Council has heard as accurately and transparently as possible by using consistent quantitative and qualitative analysis techniques.

## Appendix 1 Verbatim community and stakeholder responses\*

No.	Comment
1	A perfect legacy for someone who cared so much about the environment and did everything possible to save it for future generations and the preservation of the planet.
2	Acknowledging the work that Lynne Czinner did by naming Fern Creek Reserves at Warriewood after her is a fitting tribute for her passion and determination to protect the wonderful natural environment of the Warriewood Wetlands.
3	An appropriate memorial to a wonderful friend and colleague and a tireless worker for Pittwater
4	Councillors are paid to do a job and should not be put on a pedestal by naming anything, streets, parks etc after them. Choose someone more deserving who volunteers their time to better the community. Im sure there are hundreds of such people. If thats too difficult to decide then leave the name as it is.
5	Fern Creek Reserves far better describes the area. The area does not need a verbose two name designation, ie first and second names.
6	Fully support.
7	Great idea.
8	I agree that it is a fitting and very nice gesture to name this reserve as Lynne Czinner Park. This area is part of the Narrabeen Lagoon catchment. Prior to the amalgamation of the three councils the Narrabeen Lagoon and it's catchment was overseen by shared Council's Committee with the long winded acronym and name, (NL JE & FMC) Narrabeen Lagoon Joint Estuary & Floodplain Management Committee. Lynne was a long time serving, and passionate member of that committee. During that period I was a member, in the capacity of a "Citizen Representative & an Anglers Action Group Inc representative". Lynne was not a fisherman, but was very interested in maintaining the Lagoon's marine habitat, including maintenance of Evolved Water Levels. I think that this will be a great tribute to Lynne.
9	I am very happy with the name Czinner Park but not Lynne Czinner Park. It seems that only in the last 50 years that first names have added to names of places. Adding the first name is cumbersome. By all means erect a plaque that gives Lynne due recognition but keep it simple. First names have been known to be dropped off other place names. Not that the first name I will use here is correct but I am glad our early citizens did not choose to give us Fred Hyde Park in Sydney's CBD.
10	I don't believe any park/reserve/whatever should be named after just one individual. I think Lynne did a great job and perhaps a plaque somewhere to commemorate that could be done but there are too many great people on the Northern Beaches who could, and should, be recognised in some way. Why should one take precedence over the other? Perhaps something like a 'walk of fame' might be more appropriate, that way many people's achievements can be recognised and there is no limit to the amount of people who can be added.
11	I don't know how you have the nerve to ask. I think Lynne would be horrified at the state of Fern Creek. If you think just a cosmetic job of the recent 'slash, burn, spray' on the visible bits (done in time for this proposal, I'd guess) exonerates the neglect of the area since the councils amalgamated - you're deluded. Get out there and have a look at Fern Creek, so choked with weeds it can't run. Shame on you, NB council. Pittwater council used to value and respect the creek and surrounds and this fostered the same respect by the locals. Now? Come and see the graffiti, dumping and weed growth. Disgusting!
12	I hadnt heard of Lynn Czinner before but certainly support recognising people of her stature in the community - we need more of them. Good initiative..
13	I heartedly agree with this suggestion. Lynne certainly made her name, over political, lifetime, in all sorts of ways, and, like Robert Dunn who died within a day of her, she needs to be remembered in any way we can.

\*Personal details have been redacted where possible. Spelling and grammatical errors have been amended only where misinterpretation or offence may be caused.

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14	I knew Lynne and understood her passion for the valley. She loved both the environment and kids and I can't think of a more fitting tribute to her
15	I think it is a great idea and a very appropriate location
16	I think it would be a lovely idea as she did so much for the era and the environment.
17	I think that Lynne does need recognition but I don't this park should be named after her. Practically also the last name is difficult to say and spell which logistically will cause issues when people want to organise to meet at the park. Prefer a name linked to the original owners of the land (aboriginal) or a name that reflect the future of Warriewood, a more transformation name. Can a competition to come up with a name be launched instead.
18	I think that would be a lovely idea.....she certainly deserves a lovely reserve named after her.
19	I worked with Lynne Czinner as a community supporter over 25 years, including on the Catchment Management Committee. Lynne was passionate about the environment and the community, and a fun person to be around. I think she deserves to be remembered
20	If the park is named in honour of Lynne I think the naming plaque should include reference to reason why it was named in her honour. In many years to come, as generations pass, people can lose sight of the origin of the naming, which I think is important. To support this, I make reference to Birdwood Park , North Narrabeen. I believe the park was named in honour of William Riddell Birdwood, 1st Baron Birdwood of Anzac and Totnes, GCB, GCSI, GCMG, GCVO, CIE, DSO . The reason why it was named as such seems to be lost to history, as will be Lynne's park in the fulness of time.
21	It is a good name for the park. She deserves the recognition
22	Lovely recognition for someone who contributed a lot to the community.
23	Lynne Czinner is a deserving recipient of such an honour
24	Lynne Czinner was an active councillor supportive of community and staff. I am sure she would appreciate a natural environment being named after her.
25	Lynne dedicated much of her life serving the Pittwater community, including 16 years on Council from 1992-2008. Prior to being elected to Council she was president of the Warriewood Valley Residents Association where she worked tirelessly to represent the community's views on the early planning for the Warriewood Valley. Lynne contributed so much to her local community, and I wholeheartedly support naming the Fern Creek Reserves – Lynne Czinner Park. Given her dedication to the protection of our environment, and her early and extensive involvement in the Warriewood Valley, the naming of this park will help us remember her tireless efforts.
26	Lynne was a councillor in Pittwater Council and a Committee member of the Warriewood Residents Association and was a passionate advocate of open space and in particular the park at the end of Fern Creek Road. Lynne also lived in Orchard Street close to the park. The naming of the park after Lynne would be a fitting tribute to the work she did for the Warriewood community.
27	Lynne was a friend of mine and a friend of Pittwater and this is a deserved way to remember her.
28	lynne was a great community representative who loved natural environment. this hasn't my total and complete support
29	Lynne was a tireless supporter of the voice of the people on many issues ranging from retention of the Mona Vale hospital to the limits of high rise development. Much of Warriewood Valley's amenities are there thanks to Lynne. Naming the park in her name is a fitting recognition for her many years of work.
30	Naming anything that is part of our environment after a person, e.g. forests, parks, reserves, wetlands etc., is a sign of disrespect and arrogance towards such part, and also provides a wrong state of ownership or entitlement. Already changing names of anything environmental, from the way our First Nations People called it, to English words/names after the English first set foot on Australian soil, e.g. Fern Creek, Spring Valley, Old Oak Forest etc.. was/is a shame and wrong! Changing again to a persons name, is very wrong. And again disrespectful, arrogant and provides a wrong state of ownership or entitlement!! All Australians, including our First Nations People are the owners of our environment, even when it's endangered as it is right now. Especially then, as we are all to blame for it. Actually, when it comes to the word ownership, humans don't really own any part of the environment: this planet

No.	Comment
	<p>does, or Mother Nature, if one wants to be poetic. We are only temporarily borrowing it, and we're doing a very bad job of it. So we shouldn't even be using the word ownership in regards to the environment. We are, however, all paying through taxes, for maintenance and upkeep and protection. Not just one person. We're also doing a bad job of that as well!</p> <p>I understand the role the former Mayor has played in "protection of the natural environment and campaigned to protect the Warriewood wetlands and escarpment. She was instrumental in ensuring there was an interconnected network of open spaces as part of the development of the Warriewood Valley land release". But we all play a role in protection, in campaigning for or against plans/decisions, it wasn't just the Mayor!</p> <p>If she, or anyone else, needs to be honoured for such roles, then place a statue or a plaque with explanative information, at entrances. Or place a bench with a name plaque, in honour of such person. That benefits even two ways!</p> <p>I, and I'm sure many others, also do not understand why the changing of the names was already discussed and decided, before putting it towards the public. This shows the wrong order in a democratic process, because it seems now as if the decision cannot be made undone. What is, in that case, the point of putting it forward to the public? A false sense of democracy is what it is, and I'm sure that's not in Northern Beaches Councils' best interest, nor in that of it's citizens and voters. I'm sure that it's also not the message you want to send out to us, seeing as Council wants to be known for it's transparency, respect of citizens and the honouring of a fair and democratic process. Please find another way of honouring the former Mayor.</p>
31	Nice idea to have Lynne honoured by naming the reserve after her.
32	Not in line with current community standards to name a place after a person. Need to avoid potential future reputational embarrassment to community in the event a person is cancelled.
33	Preference is for all place names on the Northern Beaches to be given indigenous names with English translation.
34	She deserves this (I lived in Warriewood 29 years and she was my councillor).
35	She gave the community so much of her time.
36	Strongly support the naming after Lynne. As GM of Pittwater Council I was very aware of Lynne's dedication to Warriewood.
37	<p>Thank you for this memorial. Mum was protecting Warriewood before she was on council. She was a principal activist in the creation of Pittwater Council, to give residents the representation they were not receiving as part of Warringah Council. Then she spent years as a councillor, devoting her life to making theirs better: providing service to the people and protection to the environment. She would be honoured to be remembered this way, and represented by a reserve she probably fought for... right in her front yard. YES!</p>
38	Unfortunately it's a harsh name. Fern Creek Reserve is a more beautiful name for the beautiful reserve. I think a bench engraved for her, in the reserve would be better
39	Warriewood needs recognition of its history more than posterity for a former long serving councillor. Where are the names of the many, many Serbo/Croatian families who made the valley. This is your opportunity to start correcting this glaring omission. History is important. Embrace it.
40	We got to know Lynne when we first came to live in Warriewood 15 years ago, when the development in Warriewood was underway. She was very enthusiastic regarding keeping the greenery, protecting the environment against over development. I fully support naming the reserves in her honour.
41	We knew Lynne when we were living in Warriewood. She shared the same interest as my husband and I regarding the greening of Warriewood, opposing over development and maintaining the wetlands.
42	<p>What's in a name? Fern Creek Park sounds a whole lot prettier than Lynne Czinzer Park. She was a paid councillor doing her job. We can't rename everything to honour all the people who perform their jobs above and beyond! Nurses, doctors, police, business owners and many more have done more than their fair share. If Council really feels the need to honour one of their own, put some nice seating in Fern Creek Park and add a plaque; The Lynne Czinzer rest spot. But no, don't change the name of the park.</p>
43	Whilst not denying lynne's passion and contribution to the area, she lived in a caravan up the end of warriewood valley for a number of years. is it appropriate to give recognition to a person who was prepared to flout the law and live in a fashion that provided home occupation which was not of a legal nature? i think that nullifies the proposal.

No.	Comment
44	Yes I wholly support this proposal in recognition of the years of service Lynn Czinner gave to the community
45	The current name is sufficient



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