

No: C0714 Item 2

Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: CONSULTATION ON DESIGNATION OF RICHARDSON'S LOOKOUT AS A PEACE AND RECONCILIATION PARK

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From Councillor Jo Haylen, Mayor of Marrickville

MOTION:

THAT Council take a leadership role in facilitating a meeting/s with all relevant stakeholder groups (including external and internal committees) with the aim of producing a proposal considering the designation of Richardson's Lookout as a Peace and Reconciliation Park.

Background

The Gallipoli Centenary Peace Campaign have been working towards designating Richardson's Lookout as a "Peace Park" and/or "Peace and Reconciliation Park" for some time. Support has been growing in the community for the proposal which would honour the many uses and meanings of Richardson's lookout including its indigenous, military and local heritage.

This potential designation would be an addition to the Park's existing title; eg Richardson's Lookout – Peace and Reconciliation Park. This is not a 'renaming', but rather a co-naming that protects the original name of the park.

This potential project involves a large number of stakeholders and so to come up with a coherent and accepted proposal I recommend that Council facilitate a meeting/s comprising of representatives from all relevant external groups and internal committees with relevant Council staff. These groups include but are not limited to the Marrickville Peace Group, Marrickville Heritage Society, Marrickville Residents for Reconciliation, Cooks River Valley Association, Marrickville Cooks River Committee and Marrickville Aboriginal Consultative Committee. The proposal devised by this meeting/s would then form a report to Council that could include the potential costs involved for the installation of interpretive signage and/or public art work.

The Gallipoli Centenary Peace Campaign brought this initiative to the Cooks River Committee, where a recommendation to nominate Richardson's Lookout a Peace Park was adopted at the 24 May, 2014 meeting. The proposal was brought before the Gallipoli Centenary Committee, but this Committee has already been allocated funding for Marrickville's commemorative activities, and indicated they are not in a position to add this to the events program. It is not proposed that this designation be a part of the Centenary Commemorations in 2015.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.