



CITY OF
MONASH

ATTACHMENT 1

Monash City Council
Guidelines for Community
Request for the Naming of
Council Facilities
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INTRODUCTION

Clubs, organisations and community groups from time to time seek to recognise persons who have supported them and the community through distinguished effort and commitment by naming facilities in their honour. While the requests are infrequent, Council recognises the importance of this practice and has developed guidelines to provide a consistent and standard procedure for naming Council facilities.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to define the criteria and procedures for the naming of Council facilities.

“Facilities” can include but are not limited to:

- buildings or parts of buildings
- outdoor areas, reserves, ovals, playing fields
- other facilities recommended for naming by the Council that are facilities owned, operated or controlled by the Monash City Council.

“Facilities” will not generally include:

- services themselves, or facilities from which services are provided directly by the Council or on behalf of the Council.

AUTHORITY

The authority for approval for naming facilities lies with the Monash City Council and is subject to this criteria and procedures document, together with any other policies of the Council that may be approved from time to time. There will be occasions when Council will be required to submit a proposal to the Registrar of Geographic Place Names. The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) audit the application against the Guidelines for Geographic Names Victoria and pending any objections would register the name in the official Victorian Registry of Places. Council would then be in a position to approve the naming of a facility.

It is important to acknowledge that Council’s preference is to retain the existing name. It will only support a community request to name a Council facility under extraordinary circumstances.

CRITERIA

The person will:

- have made an outstanding contribution to the activity/sport/cultural/community organisation for which the facility has been built/constructed/provided;
- have been nominated unanimously by the committee of the relevant activity/sport/cultural/community organisation which is the major user (historically and currently) of the facility;
- given the person's contribution it is obvious that they are the most appropriate person to have the facility named after; and
- be a resident of Monash or surrounding district, or, if deceased, have been a resident of the Monash or surrounding district.

Other considerations include:

- the financial contribution of the individual to the development of the facility;
- broad community respect for the individual;
- support from other users and tenants of the nominated Council facility;
- community acceptance of the proposal generally; and
- possible alternative naming which may be more appropriate for the facility taking into account such things as geographic location, proximity to natural and built features and traditional indigenous names pertaining to the local area where the facility is situated.

GUIDELINES

Generally, the association or links to the City will be in recognition of past contributions, where that association or link, formal or voluntary has ceased or is completed.

Where practicable, the use of a deceased person's name is contingent on the agreement of that person's next of kin or appropriate relative/s.

Facilities shall not be named for members of the Council staff, Councillors, appointees to Committees of the Council or those formally associated with the Council, as long as that formal relationship exists.

The names of existing facilities should only be changed in exceptional circumstances. Generally, a named facility will retain that name as long as it exists unless exceptional circumstances arise that warrant the name being changed.

Selection of names should as far as possible, take into account and not be in conflict with any relevant policies, plans or strategies adopted or being considered by the Council.

Names should be appropriate to the physical, historical and cultural character of the facility.

IMPLEMENTATION

Requests for the naming of facilities may come from a variety of sources including individuals, groups, clubs, committees and societies etc.

Initial review of the request will be made by Council Officers and a subsequent report will be referred to Council for consideration.

Ray Carr – brief Outline of Community attribute.

As a very brief outline, Ray came from the Oakleigh Football Club, (VFA) to the Oakleigh District Football Club in 1974, and played at the Club for 10 years, where he exercised his prodigious ability, and duly topped the goal-kicking every Season. Briefly some of his extraordinary achievements were:-

1. He topped the League goal-kicking every Season, (in the widely recognized powerful Federal Football League Competition)
2. He kicked more than 800 goals in 10 years of service.
3. He won 3 Club B&F's, and was Runner-Up twice.
4. Usually during a Season would kick more than 10 goals in one of the games, and once kicked 23 goals.
5. He won the Federal League B&F.
6. He won numerous Media awards.
7. The only player ever, to poll in the Brownlow Medal, (Melbourne Snrs - VFL) the Gardiner Medal (Melbourne Res - VFL) and the J.J. Liston medals (Oakleigh-VFA) in the same Season.
8. Was an annual automatic Federal League representative player.
9. Was the regular weekly back page photographic 'pin-up player' of the local newspaper regularly taking prodigious marks. (people changed ends to watch him play.)
10. The Southern Football Netball League 2018 'Hall of Fame' recipient.

Ray Carr was not only an extraordinary player for the Oakleigh District Football Club, but he was also an attraction for the League. His ability attracted people to particular games, who would not usually attend. He was the catalyst for regular local media coverage of community-based Australian Rules football. He provided a local connection and link to an exceptionally gifted, and principled person.

Ray was also the epitome of “ you only get out what you put in” and was always a hard worker, improving his fitness during the family Xmas holidays, always attending early Pre-Season sessions, on-field meetings, and rarely missing Training sessions.

On the field he was scrupulously fair, and totally respected by all, including the opposition. In the current media age where every player is a 'champion', Ray Carr was genuinely so, not only because his incredible playing ability consistently exceeded all others, but also due to the principled and ethical person he was, (and is) away from the field.

Ray was also a genuine and honest family person, and involved his wife Judy and both children Jodie and Craig within the Club. They attended every game. He was basically a 'teetotaler' and never a social animal, but he knew that team-spirit and camaraderie were vital if a team were to succeed, and he and his family always attended Club functions. He was not afraid to sell a Raffle, or help out where he could, and after he finished playing he coached some of the Club's Junior teams for 4 years.

It really is an obvious a most fitting act, to finally and appropriately recognize this truly exceptional person, extraordinary player, and community contributor, the great Ray Carr, by naming the new electronic Scoreboard, “ The Ray Carr Scoreboard”.