



Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report Naming proposal – South Curl Curl boardwalk (Stage 1 of 1)

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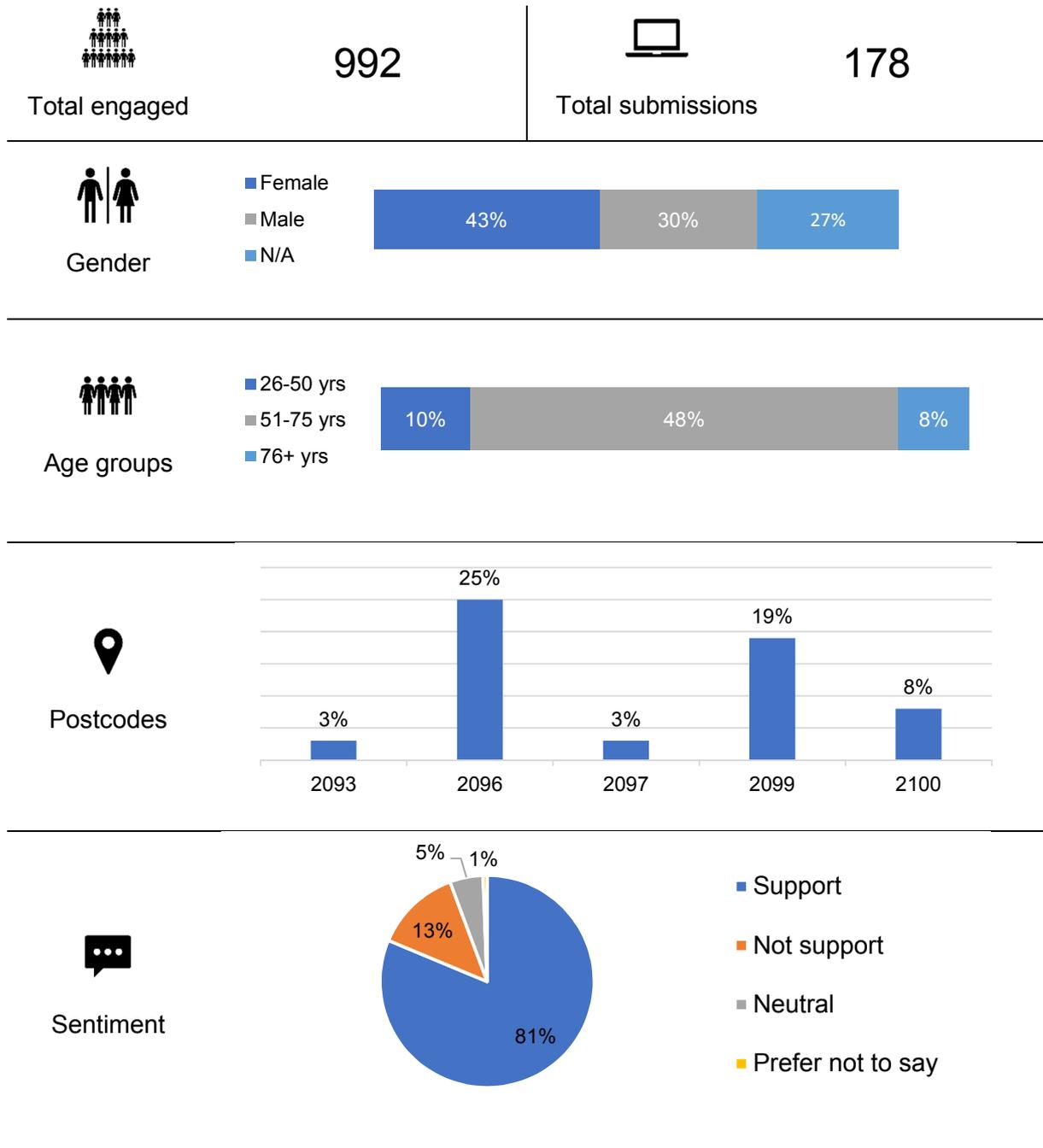
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1. Summary¹

This report outlines the community and stakeholder engagement conducted as part of the project proposed naming of the boardwalk at South Curl Curl. Overall, the majority of the feedback supported naming the boardwalk at South Curl Curl, Harry Elliffe Way.

Comments were open to the public between 14 September to 11 October 2020.

1.1. Who we engaged



¹ 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. How we engaged

 Your Say	Visitors: 992	Visits: 1,143
 Electronic Direct Mail (EDMs)	Community Engagement Newsletter: 2 Council E-News: 2	Distribution: 21,000 Distribution: 155,000
 Print media and collateral	Signs on-site: Yes	Number: 2

2. Background

A Notice of Motion was submitted by Councillor Heins at a meeting on 28 July 2020, requesting Council undertake community engagement on a proposal to name the boardwalk, from South Curl Curl beach to Lumsdaine Drive, Freshwater, Harry Elliffe Way, in acknowledgement of Harry Elliffe's efforts to restore the natural vegetation along the coastal foreshore and lagoon at Curl Curl.

Community engagement for the naming proposal for the South Curl Curl boardwalk project was planned, implemented and reported in accordance with Council's [Community Engagement Matrix](#) (2017).

2.1. 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).

3. Key findings

Overall, the majority of the feedback (81 percent) supported naming the boardwalk at South Curl Curl, Harry Elliffe Way. Most of the comments thought that the naming proposal was a fitting tribute to Harry's dedication and volunteering efforts to local bush regeneration projects.

Thirteen percent of the comments received (13 percent) did not support the proposal for various reasons. Some preferred to maintain the current name indicating the location (ie., South Curl Curl boardwalk) or an Aboriginal name to acknowledge the local indigenous

heritage. Other comments thought a commemorative plaque with a description of Harry's contribution would be more appropriate than naming a boardwalk.

4. Appendix - Verbatim responses received online²

No.	Comment
1	A completely proper warranted and commendable proposal. 100% for it!
2	A deserved recognition
3	A fitting tribute to a dedicated man
4	a fitting tribute to a worthy recipient.
5	A fitting tribute to the quiet, constant bush carer whose efforts live on to bring joy to the observant.
6	A neighbour for 40 years totally committed to the environment and well deserving of this recognition.
7	A nice idea
8	A suitable way to acknowledge volunteers that contribute to improving our local habitat
9	A very good choice of name.
10	A wonderful way to honour someone who spent so much time protecting and caring for our ever endangered environment.
11	A worthy name!
12	An excellent proposed name for the Walk. Harry is/was very well known for his bush care throughout this area over many years, and was a gentle kind well respected person. A great proposal! (please ensure that the boardwalk is not named "the bloody dog Walk" Just kidding)
13	Better to call it Harry's Boardwalk- much easier
14	Could it be a joint name ? Harry's as a modern day custodian and a traditional custodian's name as well?
15	Couldn't go to a more deserving person
16	CURL CURL BOARDWALK THEN PEOPLE KNOW EXACTLY WHAT AND WHERE IT IS
17	Excellent
18	Excellent idea. A fitting tribute to a man who tirelessly served his community.
19	Fantastic idea for a wonderful man. Very appropriate.
20	fantastic idea he was such a legend
21	Generations to come will benefit from the work of people such as Harry and we should recognise and appreciate their efforts
22	Good idea!
23	Good deeds recognised
24	Great citizen, a real commitment to the environment.
25	Great idea to recognise a community minded local for his efforts
26	Great idea. Wonderful man who spent lots of time working on the greenery around the walkway We saw him often
27	Great idea.
28	Great suggestion!
29	Great to name the boardwalk after a local who has done so much for the community

² Comments are published as verbatim and inclusive of spelling and grammatical errors. Clear spelling errors that may be misinterpreted are highlighted with (*sic*). Some minor formatting is corrected by Council staff. Personal details have been redacted.

No.	Comment
30	Great to recognise Harry Elliffe's contribution to the enhancement of this area where I now live!
31	Harry deserves to be recognised for this. I used to see him EVERY Thursday sitting down weeding alongside the boardwalk
32	Harry did more than care about the natural environment. He actively worked to maintain and improve it and in a gentle way persuaded others in the community to join him.
33	Harry Elliffe may have been a great guy and I respect that. However, calling it the South Curl Curl Boardwalk describes clearly where it is and what it is
34	Harry Elliffe was passionate about the environment and devoted many hours of voluntary work to the cause. He was an asset to the community and his significant contribution, including bush regeneration, has greatly improved our local environment. Harry is very deserving of having the boardwalk at South Curl Curl named after him.
35	Harry has been a neighbour of mine for over 20 years, I had the good fortune of working with him to improve our green spaces around our homes. He was an inspiration, with a focus on improving green spaces, close to home and for the whole world. I think it would be highly appropriate to name the board walk after him, to honour his Kiwi origin, I suggest "track" instead of way.
36	Harry has done quite a fair bit for the community up into his early 90s. He has deserved the recognition. RIP Harry
37	Harry has received recognition for his invaluable contribution to the fore shore. Now it's appropriate to recognise the contribution of the first custodians of the land. Allow them to choose a name for the walk.
38	Harry is amazing man with a great love for anything living. He was living proof that you dont really have to go out of your way for your community. There is really no man like him and im proud to call him "grandpa".
39	Harry was a great engineer looking after Warringah's road network. His legacy continues today with his work from the past.
40	Harry was a hard worker for the community and I often spoke to him when he was out gardening at curl curl lagoon, he deserves to be remembered by the community.
41	Harry was a local legend as a tireless crusader for preserving the local green spaces and bush. I wholeheartedly support the proposal to name the South Curly boardwalk after Harry.
42	Harry was a resident of Coastwatchers, at [REDACTED] where I also reside. He loved to see everyone enjoying the fruits of his labour along the boardwalk out the front of where he lived. Harry put his heart and soul into this community and now we are blessed to enjoy his legacy. During these harsh and restrictive COVID-19 times, we are still able to walk outdoors in the fresh sea air and enjoy the scenery - the vegetation, spring flowers both on the boardwalk and at Curl Curl Lagoon. Thank you Harry, I can't think of a more fitting name for the boardwalk. So deserved.
43	Harry was a true local hero!
44	Harry was an inspiring true gentleman whose outstanding commitment to the environment deserves to be recognised in this way .
45	Harry was central to the vision of this area and is central to its current ecological condition and beauty.
46	Have heard about Harry and his hard work via a friend in Curl Curl Lagoon Friends.
47	He seems like an excellent choice
48	He sounds a worthwhile chap to name the path after

No.	Comment
49	He was definitely an Environmental Warrior. He was a true Gentleman and helpful to so many people. I and many others truly miss him. Harry Elliffe Boardwalk is very fitting.
50	Hi. Naming of new community spaces like the boardwalk, provide a great opportunity to acknowledge the indigenous heritage of our land. So few areas on the Northern Beaches are known by their aboriginal names, any naming of new spaces provide the best chance to change this for the future. Harry has done amazing work and has been acknowledged by the community so maybe a space or a lookout along the boardwalk could bear his name and describe his and Bev's efforts? Thanks.
51	His efforts and work should be recognised in this manner
52	I 100% support this proposal. I used to be a neighbour of Harry's (at Coastwatchers) and can confirm he was a dedicated person who loved his local area and devoted his time to caring for it. He cared more for this strip of coastline, and spent more of his personal time improving it, than any other person I know. Best Regards
53	I absolutely support this naming. Harry was fundamental in making this whole stretch so beautiful. He planted a tree in honour of his wife here too which looks out to sea and it's lovely that his name will be intertwined with his dear wife's memory.
54	I am generally against naming things after people. If it does go ahead I think that it should say Environmental Warrior under his name on wayfinding signage. There should also be highly visible copy on plaques / signs / online etc as to why it is named after Harry to inspire and encourage kids and adults to care for local environment. Otherwise it is just yet another meaningless male, European name in Australia- honestly I think places should be named to have meaning reflective of place the way Aboriginal language does, with English translation. It is wonderful to honour good work, so long as we all understand quickly why it is named after a man called Harry. It needs to have palpable meaning to the whole community. It's a shame Harry isn't around to choose a name, perhaps his favourite plant life of the place etc. Perhaps Environmental Warrior Way in commemoration of Harry Elliffe.
55	I am not outright opposed to the name: but what we need is an Aboriginal name as an equivalent. Aboriginal people have songlines and names for these areas and the natural pathways (songlines) all across Sydney, including Curl Curl. Consult with the local Aboriginal groups and Elders (try Cammeraypul of Eora, and/or Guringai), to have at least a 'shared'/dual name for this.
56	I appreciate how much Harry contributed and his environmental work. However, naming walkways, parks etc after people is only relevant in the short term, in twenty years younger people won't have a clue who the person was, just like Beverley Job, Rueb Hudson etc. A plaque which describes Harry's contribution near the lagoon would be better. please consider a name which helps describe or locate the feature, or use an indigenous name.
57	I believe this would be a fitting gesture in recognizing Harry's community contribution. I worked with Harry in the late eighties/early nineties at Warringah Councils Engineering department. I always admired his strong work ethic and community sense. Well done Harry.
58	I do not support naming of places if the person to be celebrated is still alive. I can see this is in your policy now- thanks for attaching, but perhaps you can mention this in the template when you list these proposals. When a place is named I think it is interesting and important to provide a small plaque explaining who the person was and why his/her name has been given to this place and date of naming. (it's not necessary to say unveiled by Councillor X etc) Thank you

No.	Comment
59	I entirely support this motion. I knew Harry for 30 years & worked with him on the reserve near the lagoon & later often spoke with him when I was walking along The boardwalk & he was working. A lovely person & terrific worker.
60	I have known Harry since the 1980's putting in hours and hours of time into our beautiful coastal gardens. He always had time to talk and was very proud of being part of our coastal area.
61	I have never heard of Harry.
62	I have walked along the South Curl Curl boardwalk many times and have seen Harry in with the volunteers preparing and planting the flora along the boardwalk. I would support the South Curl Curl boardwalk being named the Harry Elliffe Boardwalk,
63	I heartily support the proposal to name the South Curl Curl boardwalk Harry Elliffe Boardwalk. Harry worked tirelessly for many years to regenerate and maintain the area making it what it is today. I had the pleasure of working with Harry and seeing firsthand his achievements. He deserves to be remembered this way.
64	I think a more generic name is more informative and helpful, eg South Curl Curl Boardwalk, or Curl Curl Cliff Boardwalk. Its not a criticism of the worthy citizen, Harry Eicliffe, at all.
65	I think that is a great idea and a fitting tribute to someone local who spent so much time & energy on a wonderful project. Love the walk along the foreshore. It's enjoyed by everyone in the community and visitors to the area.
66	I think this is fitting given how dedicated Harry was to regenerating this area of bushland for all to enjoy.
67	I used to visit with Harry fortnightly and he always spoke of the walkway and how much he enjoyed looking after it. It was a passion of his.
68	I very strongly support this proposal. We can thank Harry for much of the vegetation along the walkway. It is Harey's legacy and in that sense, it IS Harry's way. His work over the years has been the inspiration for me and other members of the Carrington Bush Care team to keep the project going.
69	I would like to suggest Elliffe Boardwalk in recognition of his wife Bev as well. I would like to see more women recognised for their achievements in the naming of things in the area.
70	I would rather a name from the natural environment or aboriginal history, ie Saltwater boardwalk
71	Ideal choice
72	In 10 years time people will say " who was Harry and where is it". Curly board walk - at least you know where it is. He did a great job in Curly, but a seat with a memorial plaque on it would be nice.
73	It is a great idea to name the walkway after Harry. It will highlight to the community that these areas need dedicated people like Harry to work on our behalf to save and improve the little open space we have left.
74	It is a suitable recognition to the lasting impact Henry has made to the area out of dedication to the area which had benefitted the whole community and will continue to do so. It's a great legacy.
75	It is with the great respect - and most deservedly - I support the naming of the boardwalk at South Curl Curl as the " Harry Elliffe Boardwalk ". Befriended by many walkers, Harry's dedication and efforts to plant, protect and conserve native vegetation along this rugged coastline - over decades - is a worthy model of the " Power, of One ".. Harry, and with his extensive environmental commitment is sadly missed.
76	It is wonderful to see a truly committed local being recognised

No.	Comment
77	<p>It seems as overkill to name the entire walk after one person..... Seeing as the walk goes from South Curl Curl to Freshwater why not break the walk into sections and include more local community people / icons.</p> <p>The northern end at the south curl curl end could be the Howard Hansen lookout after the local identity who provided many years of learn to swim lessons for no charge. Lets include a freshwater /harbord community person for the steps leading up the Lumsdaine drive.</p> <p>Greater consultation required before the naming is released. Think out of the single square. Harry to his credit seems to already have many awards, time for others to be recognized.</p>
78	<p>It seems as though Harry Elliffe was prolific in his efforts to preserve our natural heritage. I do not know him, but from the recommendation in the write-up, it seems most apt to name the boardwalk in memory of his engagement and preservation of the area.</p>
79	<p>It should be called the BUSTER BROWN Walk, A life member of St Curl Curl Surf Club and slsc nsw. His ashes are scattered in the ocean in front of the walkway.</p>
80	<p>It would be a perfect way to remember the enormous contribution Harry made to the regeneration of the bush around the Curl Curl Lagoon, and the South Curl Curl Headland</p>
81	<p>It would be recognition for his worthwhile work. I love this walk.</p>
82	<p>It's an excellent tribute to an outstanding community member</p>
83	<p>It's a great way to acknowledge the contribution of a man who worked tirelessly for his community environment and who lead by his words and deeds.</p>
84	<p>Its a pleasure to support an action that recognises people for the voluntary work they have accomplished in there location.</p>
85	<p>Keep it as "South Curl Curl Boardwalk" people will know where the boardwalk is.</p>
86	<p>Living on Dee Why Headland il have personally seen what a valuable contribution. Harry and Bev has made to Our community and would be very happy to see them get this recognition.</p>