

Report to the Future Melbourne Committee

Agenda item 6.5

Proposed naming of VH08 as Yanonung Quay, Docklands

16 August 2022

Presenter: Anthony Neal, Director Recreation and Waterways

Purpose and background

1. The area of Docklands waterfront known as VH08 (ferry terminal) is a meeting point for locals and tourists when visiting the Docklands. The space is centrally located in Docklands to connect Melbourne to the waterways for recreation, travel and business as well as regional destinations such as Geelong, Mornington and Williamstown.
2. It is proposed to rename, VH08 in Victoria Harbour, Docklands, 'Yanonung Quay' (see Attachment 1).
3. Council is the responsible naming authority under the *Local Government Act 1989*. Names must comply with the Naming Rules for Places in Victoria, Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities – 2022 (Guidelines) under the *Geographical Place Names Act 1998*.
4. The naming is required to provide a recognisable meeting place for the general public and to identify location of the passenger transfer terminal for ferry services and commercial vessels.
5. Consultation has occurred with business owners, maritime groups and the Traditional Owners on the proposed name change. The name 'yanonung' meaning 'waterways' was proposed by the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation and guided by the Docklands Naming Strategy (2003). The community suggested Quay.

Key issues

6. Public notice of the proposal has been given to the owners and occupiers of all properties nearby. Information was provided on the Public Notice of City of Melbourne website and an advertisement was placed in the local newspaper. The proposed name and actions taken are compliant with the Guidelines and no objections to the naming have been received. Key stakeholders engaged included; Melbourne Maritime Heritage Network, Development Victoria, Port Phillip Ferries and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation.
7. It is intended to name the area as Yanonung Quay, with that name coming into effect on registration of the name in VICNAMES (the State's formal place naming register).
8. The proposed renaming of VH08 also aligns with a key priority emerging across the municipality as part of the neighbourhood planning consultations. Community feedback across all neighbourhoods identified the need for greater recognition and opportunity to learn about Wurundjeri and Bunurong heritage, places and ongoing cultural connection to country, including through more understanding and visibility of Woi Wurrung language across the city.

Recommendation from management

9. That the Future Melbourne Committee endorses naming the area VH08 in Victoria Harbour, Docklands, as shown on attachment 2 in the report from management, as Yanonung Quay.

Attachments:

1. Supporting Attachment (Page 2 of 4)
2. Docklands Map illustrating VH08 (Page 4 of 4)

Supporting Attachment

Legal

1. The report accurately identifies the relevant legislation.
2. The preface to the Naming Rules for Places in Victoria, Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities – 2022 (Guidelines) under the *Geographical Place Names Act 1998* notes that:
 - 2.1. the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographic Names has resolved to encourage commemorative naming and the use of Traditional Owner languages for the naming of places
 - 2.2. Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Framework supports and encourages the use of Traditional Owner languages through place naming.

Finance

3. A one off fee of \$3,500 has been paid from the operational budget for Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation for the ongoing use of the name.

Conflict of interest

4. No member of Council staff, or other person engaged under a contract, involved in advising on or preparing this report has declared a material or general conflict of interest in relation to the matter of the report.

Health and Safety

5. In developing this proposal, no Health and Safety issues or opportunities have been identified.

Stakeholder consultation

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8. Key stakeholders engaged included; Melbourne Maritime Heritage Network, Development Victoria and Port Phillip Ferries.
9. A request was made to the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation for a name that relates to the waterways of the ferry terminal area and its use as a meeting place.

Aunty Gail Smith, Wurundjeri Elder also provided the following alternative suggestions:

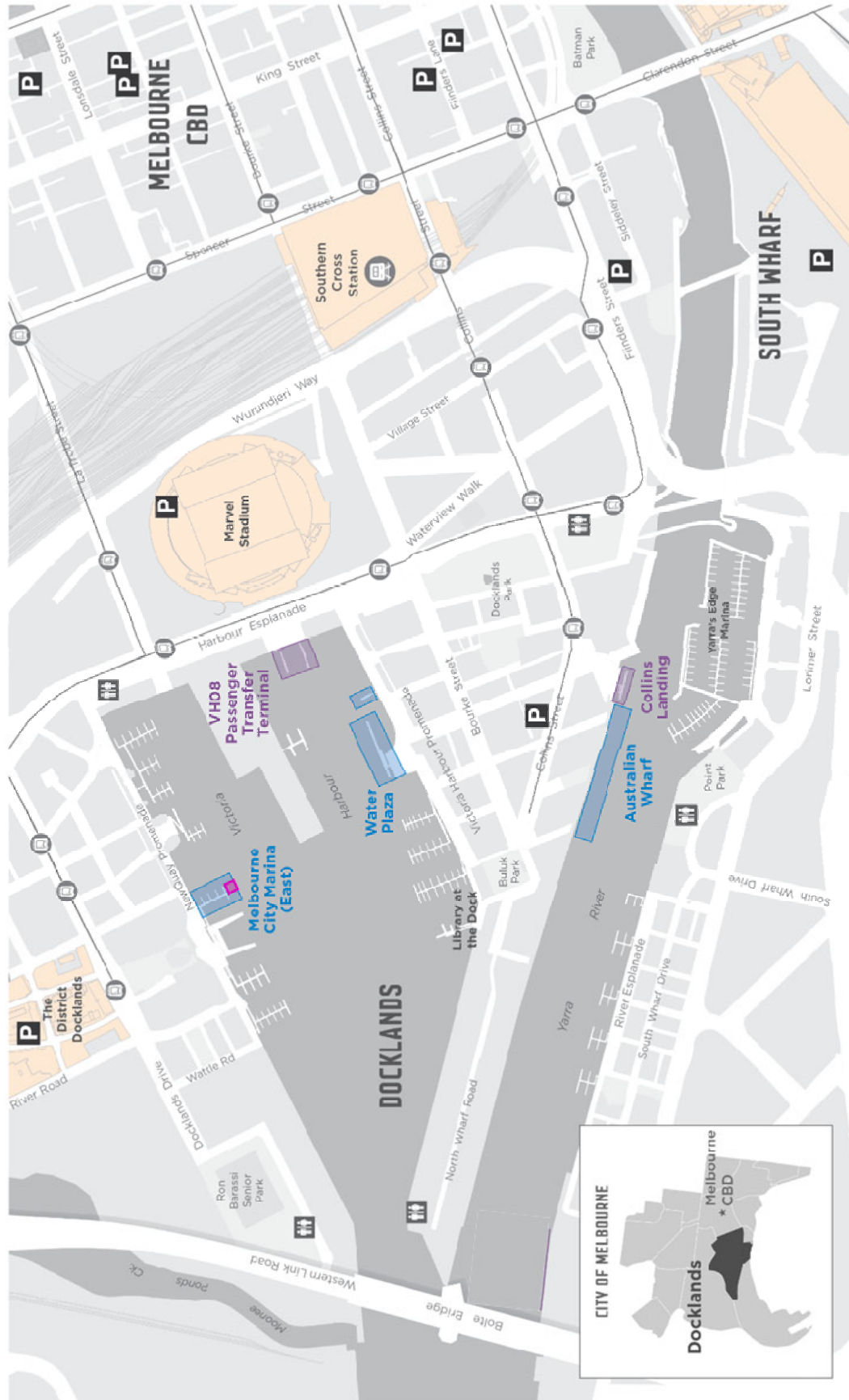
- Melbourne Waterways – meaning – narm yanonung
- Connecting Rivers – meaning – berrbang yaluk

Relation to Council policy

10. It is Council's responsibility for the naming of geographic places.

Environmental sustainability

11. There are no environmental sustainability issues that needed to be considered in this proposal however the environment, particularly the quality of the water will be strongly considered in all activities using and around the newly named Yanonung Quay.



- P** Car park
- Public toilet
- Train station
- Tram stop/route
- Retail/entertainment
- Layout berthing for charter vessels and forthcoming berthing EOI locations
- Existing Charter Vessel passenger transfer locations

DOCKLANDS MAP

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