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To: Lithgow City Council
Subject: Attention : Matthew Johnson

PROPOSAL TO NAME THE NEW BOARDWALK AND LOOKOUT ON HASSANS WALLS IN RECOGNITION OF SIR JOSEPH COOK

I would think that it would be inappropriate to name the boardwalk in recognition of Sir Joseph Cook unless it can be proved he had a direct link in the creation of the Hassans Walls Lookout.

It would be more appropriate to name the boardwalk after Padley or any other of the Lithgow Aldermen or local pioneers/industrialists who were responsible for the creation of the lookout, including the access roads, paths and fencing!

It must have been an oversight but none of these people have been mentioned or recognised on the new Information board recently erected there! Could that be at least rectified regardless of whom the boardwalk is named after?

If you want to recognise Sir Joseph Cook in some way then why not put a plaque or Memorial on the Methodist Church that he used to preach at. (even though it is now a private residence)
Another appropriate place would be his residence in Lithgow and memorialise that! (If you can locate the site?)

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4/9/13

To the General Manager,

I wish to make a submission regarding the naming of the soon to be built boardwalk and lookout after Sir Joseph Cook.

While I appreciate the contribution Sir Joseph Cook made to our region, his historical context is not fitting for such a place. According to the Geographical Names Board of New South Wales, the determination of place names should have the following considerations (among others):

- Names of Aboriginal origin or with a historical background are preferred.
- If considered appropriate, placenames may perpetuate the names of eminent persons, particularly those of early explorers, settlers and naturalists.

Council has recently taken to beginning meetings with an "Acknowledgement of Country" - a statement of recognition of the traditional owners of the land. It would be an ideal time to follow on from there and acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which this lookout and boardwalk will now sit. Council has a perfect opportunity to further embrace our natural history with our land's spiritual history.

This year, our region played host to significant parts of the Blue Mountains Crossing Centenary celebrations. I would have thought it reasonable to name it after either an explorer/settler of historical significance to the area. With such majestic views of the Hartley Valley and surrounds, naming the lookout after someone related to that area would more suitable.

Furthermore, Sir Joseph Cook would be better represented somewhere like the Civic Ballroom. To that end, I emailed all the Councillors on July 13 this year. Here, in part, is what I wrote and some of the replies:

"Finally, a suggestion for a location for Sir Joseph Cook to be recognised. At the last meeting of Council, Councillors McAndrew and Inzitari suggested that we should aim to make the Civic Ballroom the "civic centre" of Lithgow. Would it not make sense to name a "civic centre" after a resident who went on to hold the highest office in the country? While he doesn't fit all of the criteria mentioned in Council's policy for the naming of facilities (Cook didn't make a personal contribution to the building, as far as I am aware), I think he more than suitably fits the remaining criteria. Just a suggestion..."

The Mayor responded:

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Thank you for your email, I believe the majority of people would consider it very appropriate naming the Civic Ballroom after a prime minister that lived in Lithgow."

Clr. McAndrew:

"Good suggestion █ on the Civic Ballroom..."

Clr. McGinnes:

"If we name the Civic Ballroom it will be the proper 'Sir Joseph Cook'."

Can some consideration be given to naming something appropriate in recognition of Sir Joseph Cook, and not just naming for the sake of naming?

Yours,

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Resident and business owner

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Community and Culture
Matthew Johnson

19 September 2013

Dear Matthew

I am writing with regard to the proposal to name the new boardwalk to the main lookout at Hassans Walls.

As reported in the Mercury September 12, 2013, a suggestion has been made to name this structure after Sir Joseph Cook.

I applaud the intention to find a memorial to the latter as this is long overdue and I would like to see a specifically designed memorial, perhaps in Elizabeth Park. This could be in the form of a public design competition or similar.

However, I believe that Hassans Walls memorials should celebrate the people who had the vision to see its potential for Lithgow and to set about ensuring that the vision came to fruition.

Having recently read through the early minutes of the Lithgow Progress Association from 1902 and subsequent years, I would like to endorse the people who named "Padley pedestal" as an appropriate name for that total area. Joseph Padley, as variously President, Secretary and Committee member of the Lithgow Progress Association throughout the formative years for Hassans Walls, was one of the people who saw potential in the area for the people of Lithgow. The Association was responsible for overseeing the planning and construction of the walks in the area which was under the Blaxland Shire Council before it became under the care of Lithgow City Council.

The energy with which the Association pursued their vision emerged from the minutes as I read them.

A name does not change the beauty or significance of the reserve I know, but I would like serious consideration to be given to:

- 1 Continuing to name the lookout area, including the boardwalk, as ***Padley's Lookout Area***.
- 2 Give serious thought to designing a memorial for Joseph Cook through seeking funding for design and/or creating such a memorial.

Someone who loves the Reserve,
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Attention: Matthew Johnson

Dear Sir

Proposed names – Marjorie Jackson Plaza and Jim Robson Park

The above naming proposals were recently considered by the Board.

The Board is currently reviewing the Commemorative Naming Policy, in particular the naming of features after people still living. The Board has deferred the names *Marjorie Jackson Plaza* and *Jim Robson Park* whilst this review is being undertaken.

I shall advise you of the outcome when the review has been completed.

Yours sincerely

Jill Williams
For Secretary
Geographical Names Board

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