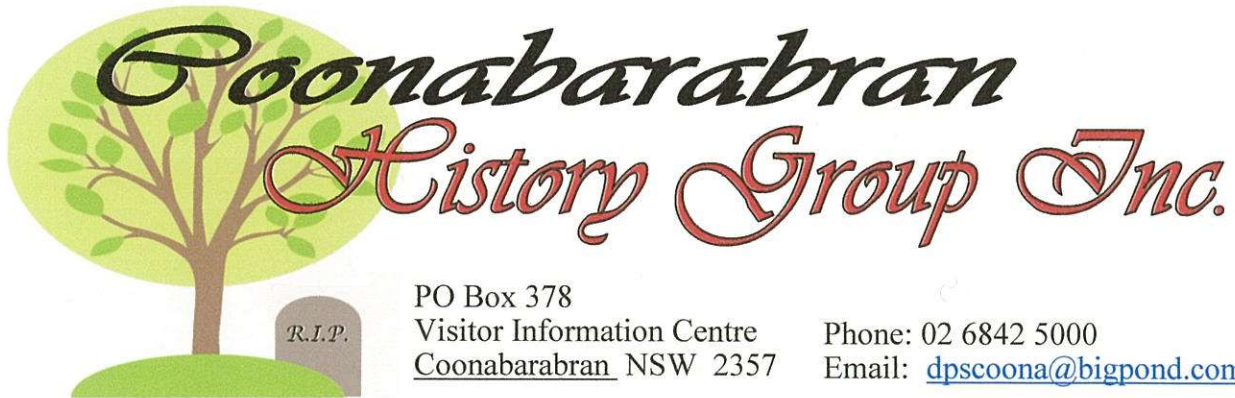


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Attachment 2 - Submissions on Place Name Proposal for Reserve in Gordon Street, Coonabarabran



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4 November 2021

The General Manager  
Warrumbungle Shire Council  
PO Box 191  
COONABARABRAN NSW 2357

Dear Sir,

Proposal to name reserve Martin Reserve

On behalf of the Coonabarabran History Group Inc. I herewith request that you reconsider the above name for the reserve on the corner of Hill and Gordon Streets, Coonabarabran.

We herewith make our submission that the reserve be named the Reilly Reserve in recognition of Bert and Lila Reilly and their family who lived in Gordon Street from the early 1930's. Together with Bert and Lila, their daughters, Leonie, Rhonda and Melva have contributed much to the development of our town and we feel it would be a very worthwhile and fitting idea to name the reserve in their honour.

We therefore request that you seriously consider our submission.

Yours truly,

Sandra Spackman  
President

General Manager  
Warrumbungle Shire  
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Dear General Manager,

In honour of my parents, I would like to submit the name *REILLY RESERVE*, for the Reserve No. R86082 on the corner of Gordon and Hill Streets Coonabarabran.

The Reilly connection to this area goes back to the early 1900's. My great grandparents lived on the western flank of the reserve. The old dirt Baradine Road bordered the northern side of the reserve at that time and a dirt track to the south was Gordon Street. Families living opposite the reserve included the Greenhalghs, the Kubskies and the Schwagers.

My great grandmother, Sophia McDonald, gave the block next to hers to my father, James Angus Reilly, whom she had reared, and he and his wife Lyla built a house prior to World War II. Both lived in this house until their deaths, dad in 1982 and mum in 2017 at the age of 95. Mum would have been 100 on 26<sup>th</sup> December this year, so it would be nice to have the reserve in the Reilly name to celebrate.

James Angus (Bert) Reilly enlisted in the RAAF shortly after building his home in Gordon Street and served in Borneo for five years. He was a much respected member of the community and volunteered (with his truck) on several Coonabarabran projects including the swimming pool and the tennis courts.

My mother was also a great townsperson and worked tirelessly for the Far West Children's Health Scheme, the Red Cross and the RSL Women's Auxiliary. Together they raised six children, all of whom attended the Coonabarabran Public School and the High School.

I have great memories of living "over the river". We played on the reserve, swam in the river at the end of the street and played on the hill opposite. We walked past the reserve on the way to school and experienced the bread cart, the milkman, the ice man and the "dunny" man travelling over the dirt track that was our Gordon Street.

Eventually my great grandparent's house was demolished and another house was built there (17 Gordon Street) and many years later the Martin's built the house facing the reserve. The Martin's were respected people and operated the Handee Store. It was sad to see the old houses demolished to build the store. It was towards the latter part of their lives, after their children had left home that they actually lived in Gordon Street, a short while in comparison to other residences.

My sisters, [REDACTED] and myself had/have lived in Coonabarabran all our lives. [REDACTED] and I are both over 70 and still have a strong connection to our town and former home in Gordon Street. Occasionally we go for a drive and remember the people that built in the area and our lives growing up there.

I do hope you consider my submission. In fairness and love of my parents, I thought I would put my case forward, to name this reserve *REILLY RESERVE*, in honour of a family who lived there for so long.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

**From:** COONABARABRAN LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL  
<coonabarabran.lalc@bigpond.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, 14 January 2022 10:34 AM  
**To:** Records Officer  
**Subject:** submission to reserve naming proposal

**Attention:** [REDACTED]

RE: SUBMISSION FOR NAMING THE GORDON STREET RESERVE

I am writing in support of the submission to name the reserve in Gordon street, ' Martin Reserve" and would greatly appreciate you taking the time to accept the late submission.

an elder named [REDACTED], whom has been an active indigenous elder in coonabarabran came to us for support.

We tabled [REDACTED] letter at our board and members meeting recently and at both meetings the idea to name the reserve after the Martin family was greatly received.

The Martin family had a great respect in the town of coonabarabran and we acknowledge the impact that the " Handee store" had on the town, often allowing vulnerable families to use store credit to feed their children.

[REDACTED] saw the difference the Martin family had on the indigenous families in coonabarabran slowly bridging a gap between the two indigenous and non indigenous. Their son [REDACTED] originally built the Handee store and still resides in coonabarabran, an ex council employee and remains an active community member. He was recently nominated for the community award for his continued commitment to this community.

Recognizing the positive relationships which were forged between indigenous and non indigenous people will continue to strengthen our community and commitment to closing the gap.

Furthermore, [REDACTED] had a lovely idea of putting culturally appropriate stepping stones on the reserve to mark the respect the Martin family had on the indigenous community, engraved with Gamillaraay language that represent the walking between both cultures and forging those positive relationships within our community.

thank you for taking the time to read,

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

CEO

Coonabarabran Local Aboriginal Land Council

(02)68423137

**Subject:** Customer Requests and Complaints Form

You have successfully submitted the following information. This copy is for your records.

**Title :** [REDACTED]

**First Name :** [REDACTED]

**Surname :** [REDACTED]

**Address :** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Coniston

**State :** NSW

**Postcode :** 2500

**Home**

**Phone :**

**Mobile** [REDACTED]

**Phone :**

**Email** [REDACTED]

**Address :**

**Details / Comments :** Submission for Naming of Reserve in Gordon Street. The naming of this reserve should be done in consultation with the Aboriginal community of Coonabarabran. It would be of great benefit and healing for the Kamilaroi nation to determine and decide the naming of this beautiful part of their country. My home resides directly opposite this reserve, at [REDACTED] Gordon St. It has been my home since 1981 and it would be an honour to see it named by the Elders of Coonabarabran.