

Submission to the Naming Committee

Naming of Council Facility at 11 Mill Park Drive Mill Park

Background

The facility is currently called Mill Park Community Activity Centre. There is confusion with the Mill Park Community House located at 68 Mill Park Drive.

Proposal

This proposal is to rename the Mill Park Community Activity Centre as the 'Wendy Jenkins Community Centre'.

Community Connection

Hazel Eileen (Wendy) Jenkins received an Order of Australia Medal for services to the Norparrin Centre and to Motor Neurone Disease Association of Victoria. The OAM was awarded in 2004. The Norparrin Centre is located at 152 Mill Park Drive. ([Link to OAM citation.](#))

Wendy was a Shire of Whittlesea Councillor from 1980 to 1984. She represented the Mill Park Ward.

Significance

Wendy Jenkins was elected as a Whittlesea Councillor in 1980. She served as a Councillor for 4 years. Wendy was the first female Councillor for the Shire of Whittlesea/City of Whittlesea.

Personal connections

Wendy's partner was Dr Harry Jenkins Senior. Their son, Harry Jenkins Junior, also represented the Bundoora/Mill Park Community. Both Dr Jenkins and Mr Jenkins represented the northern suburbs in federal government.

The Jenkins family lived in the Bundoora area.

Wendy died June 15, 2014.

Other Considerations

In order to promote gender equity, City of Whittlesea needs more facilities named after women. The only other Council facility named after a woman is the Nicola Davis Reserve.

Recommendation:

That Council confirms with the Jenkins Family that the Centre be renamed the 'Wendy Jenkins Community Centre'.