**Proposal to rename the** **Mill Park Community Centre the ‘Wendy Jenkins Community Centre’**

Council has received a submission proposing that the Council feature located at 11 Mill Park Drive, Mill Park be renamed the **‘Wendy Jenkins Community Centre’** and is inviting feedback. Please see map and copy of submission below.

Since the naming of Mill Park Community Centre in 1985, there have been long standing issues with members of the community confusing the Mill Park Community Centre with the Mill Park Community House located at 68 Mill Park Drive, Mill Park because of the similarity in the features’ names and addresses.

In the interest of public safety Council supports that this feature to be renamed.

**Wendy Jenkins**

Hazel Eileen (Wendy) Jenkins was a Shire of Whittlesea Councillor from 1980 to 1984. She was the first female Councillor for the Shire of Whittlesea/City of Whittlesea.

Wendy received an Order of the Australian Medal for services to the Norparrin Centre and to the Motor Neurone Disease Association of Victoria in 2004. ([Link to OAM citation](https://whittlesea.sharepoint.com/%3Ab%3A/r/sites/act_corpim_history/resrchenqs/Councillors%20-%20Women/Hazel%20Jenkins%20Award%20Extract%20-%20Australian%20Honours%20Search%20Facility.pdf?csf=1&web=1&e=cvNknf).) The Norparrin Centre is located at 152 Mill Park Drive and was last year renamed the Mill Park Drive Children’s Centre.

Wendy Jenkins lived in Bundoora and died on 15 June 2014.

**Gender Equity**

To promote gender equity, Council supports that this feature be renamed in commemoration of a significant woman who contributed to the community through civic leadership in the municipality.

**Public Submissions**

In accordance with the *Naming Rules for Places in Victoria* public submissions are invited on the proposed name **‘Wendy Jenkins Community Centre’** **by 5.00pm, Thursday 14 April 2022** by email to civic.administration@whittlesea.vic.gov.au or post to Governance Team, City of Whittlesea Locked Bag 1, Bundoora MDC 3083.

If you object to the proposed name, please explain why you believe the name does not comply with any of the following general principles in the *Naming Rules for Places in Victoria* 2016:

* Ensuring public safety
* Recognising the public interest
* Linking the name to place
* Ensuring names are not duplicated
* Names must not be discriminatory
* Recognition and use of Aboriginal languages in naming
* Dual names (naming with two distinct parts, usually one part of non-Aboriginal language origin and the other of Aboriginal language origin
* Using commemorative names
* Using commercial and business names is not allowed
* Language (Names should be easy to pronounce. Prefixes, symbols, punctuation marks and abbreviations are not allowed.)
* Directional names north, south, east and west must be avoided
* Assigning extent to a road, feature or locality (Council must clearly define the area and/or extent to which the name will apply.)

Further information on these general principles and the Naming Rules can be accessed via the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website at:

<http://www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/property-and-land-titles/naming-places-features-and-roads/naming-rules-for-places-in-victoria>

**Support and assistance**

If you would like to make a submission it should be in writing and in English unless this unreasonably prevents or hinders you from participating. If you are unable to provide your objection in writing and/or in English and there are any adjustments we can make to assist you to make a submission, please contact Council on 9217 2294 to discuss the means by which you may make an objection.

If you do not speak English, we offer various language services to help you communicate with us including VITS and LanguageLinks. If you have a hearing or speech impairment you may use the National Relay Service.

**Outcome**

If you lodge an objection, Council will respond to your objection in writing and will notify you of the outcome of the public consultation.

**Enquiries**

If you have any questions please call 9217 2294 or email civic.administration@whittlesea.vic.gov.au