

Submission No.	Tom Richmond Naming Proposal Submission Comments
1	<p>My Father & Mother bought the Dairy in the early 1950s along with there Seven Children, in 1954 I was born. My Father milked his own cows and delivered milk to Brooklyn & Mooney Residents. We all grow up on the Dairy from young children to later having families of our own. Growing up on the Dairy we had a lot of great memories there with our Mum & Dad. Growing up in Brooklyn we have seen a lot of changes shops have closed down. Brooklyn had milk bars, Newsagents / Grouser store, Butcher, Barber, Boatsheds, camping ground at Parsley Bay, a lot of these have gone like as is a great number of Residents as with a great deal of Brooklyn History. Who Remembers these things if we keep changing and Renaming our History. I would like to Recommend that the Dairy should be named Homer's Dairy Oval in Remembering my Mother & Father and the passed Residents referring to it as Homers Dairy. Could you please consider my request. Rename The Old Dairy to Homers Dairy Oval as we all remember it as or leave it as the Dairy Oval and keep some of Brooklyn history.</p>
2	<p>I am writing to you to put forward my thoughts on the naming of the Oval at Brooklyn. I feel it should be named after Mr Jack Homer, who was a well respected resident who had resided there for many, many years running the Dairy. Jack Homer was my uncle for whom I have the utmost respect for. He was well known in the sports of cricket & golf. He was a generous man who helped many in his lifetime, never seeking any accolades. Uncle Jack served his country, his community & was well thought of in the community, rearing eight children in Brooklyn of which there are several still living there. When people think of the Dairy Oval they also say Homer's Dairy Oval. That is how it should stay. In respect of the other person he may have served Hornsby well but not Brooklyn. He has been rewarded by his OAM, that should be enough. My vote is for the naming of the sports ground as the Jack Homer Dairy Oval, or the Homer Dairy Oval either would be acceptable.</p>
3	<p>There's a great saying in life which I'm sure you are both very familiar with... "If it ain't broke, don't fix it". Whilst I acknowledge the contributions Tom Richmond has made to the area. I cannot fathom why you would seek to change the name of the "Old Dairy" after his passing. Tom was one of the big supporters of the oval being initiated and was himself around to see and support it in being named the "Old Dairy", a name which reflected his own family's connection to the area. He clearly thought that name was appropriate in his own life, why would that change since his death? The oval has historic significance to many people in town (Brooklyn & surrounds), with dairy farming ties to more than one family - of which the Seymours and Homers are likely the most memorable. The Homer family likely being the most prolific and synonymous to the site. If any particular family name were to be adopted - 'Homer' would be a more historically accurate and appropriate option than 'Richmond'. Personally, I'm of the view that it should stay as the "Old Dairy" (or "The Dairy" as all the locals have always called it). And if you want to include a surname, "Homer's Dairy Oval" or "Jack Homer Oval" would ring more true than "Tom Richmond Oval". Thank you for your time.</p>
4	<p>I would like to suggest to name public venues more after the native inhabitants of what is now hornsby shire or representatives of multicultural communities. If you look at the list of reserves/playground in the shire they are overwhelmingly named after people of european descent. While there is nothing wrong with that, they do not reflect the true multicultural makeup of the shire and it's inhabitants, nor do they pay respect to the indigenous inhabitants of this land. I would suggest that council would look to name more places after people of various descents or indigenous words, to promote inclusivity and celebrate our rich history</p>
5	<p>With regard to this proposal I would like to suggest a possible alternative, i.e. that the site remains as The Old Dairy Sports Ground (as local residents will always remember it) with appropriate signage to acknowledge the historic use of the site commencing with the original users, the Guringai people, followed by a list of other occupants with historic details. Another monument in memory of Tom Richmond could be also included (similar to that of the Buie monument in Brooklyn Park) to acknowledge his contribution to cricket if desired or by adding an additional monument to him near the cricket ground in Brooklyn Park.</p>
6	<p>Whilst I appreciate the input of people like Tom, there is an overabundance of parks, streets and bridges named after men. Either leave the name as it is or revert it to an Indigenous name. There are many many women who have contributed significantly to our community, including Tom's wife. The time for rewarding white men should be long past. I note that Tom recieved an OAM which is sufficient recognition.</p>

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7	<p>I write in response to the proposed renaming of The Old Dairy.</p> <p>The area has always been known to locals as "The Old Dairy". It has a rich and long history as being tied to many local families, many of whom still reside here in Brooklyn.</p> <p>More recently, Tom became well known in the area and, whilst it would also be apt to honour his achievements, it would be remiss to forget our past.</p> <p>I suggest it would be more fitting, owing to Tom's cricketering connections, that a grandstand or pavilion be named "The Tom Richmond Stand" (or pavilion) and the field itself remain known as "The Old Dairy".</p>
8	<p>I have lived in Brooklyn since since I was 12 I am now 72, and my husbands family are 4 Generations living here. We as a family would like it to remain The Dairy or the Dairy Oval in our life time it has always been known as the Old Dairy. If you would read (So you grow up in Brooklyn) on Face Book you would understand why we would like it to be The Dairy or The Dairy Oval. Please listen to the people of old as we are the ones the grew up with the Family of the Oval and the land it self. Thank you please return an answer</p>
9	<p>I would like to see the oval renamed Homers Oval. It was a family property for decades and the dairy was supplied of milk to my family and many others for decades also.</p> <p>Tom Richmond could have his name somewhere he had more of an input in using his might.</p>
10	<p>I am part of 4 generation Brooklyn family and my family still reside in Brooklyn I have known the Homer family all my life and still keep in touch with them and other resident from Brooklyn who is this Tom Richmond how many generations can he go back what has his family contributed to our town . The Homer family supplied milk from the dairy to our town in times where there was no delivery they went door to door and they also greatly contributed to the community. The oval is for the community to remember the family's of past who contributed to our community so please name it for them not someone who people still alive do not even remember.</p>
11	<p>I am the third generation of four generations of Brooklyn born and bred. Homers Dairy is and always has been a landmark institution in Brooklyn. Tom Holland is unknown to true locals and no one cares about Tom Holland he may have been first there but contributed nothing to local history. Homers dairy oval or similar would mean more to locals past and present.</p>
12	<p>I would like to see the oval called The Dairy Oval as to its history.</p>
13	<p>I highly recommend Tom Richard s to be named as the Brooklyn oval mr Richard s was my history teacher and he knew the local area so very well and I wouldn't think of anyone better than him a well deserved acknowledgment for all his hard wor and contributions to the community.</p>
14	<p>I wanted to send a short email supporting the naming of the Dairy Oval after Tom Richmond. His direct involvement with the history and modern development of the oval coupled with his extensive work in the community make this a great choice.</p>
15	<p>I support the re-naming of the Old Dairy Park at Brooklyn to the Tom Richmond Oval.</p> <p>Tom made a huge contribution to the community and to the preservation of history of the Shire.</p> <p>This re-naming would be a fitting tribute.</p>
16	<p>As a Hornsby Shire and Brooklyn resident, I'm strongly in support of the proposal to name the Tom Richmond Oval at Brooklyn. This is fitting recognition of a life full of community service and contribution to the shire. It would be nice to see amenities at the oval improved in tandem with the naming - for example greater care of the playing surface, which is full of weeds, adding some bench seating, and addressing the shipping container that's been parked in the carpark for the last couple of months.</p>
17	<p>A great idea, and well deserved.</p>
18	<p>I worked with Tom Richmond for 3 years (2009-2011) when I was on the School Council for Brooklyn Public School. Tom had a wealth of knowledge in regard to education and Brooklyn. I think it is a wonderful acknowledgment of Tom's achievements to have the Old Dairy Sports Field renamed to Tom Richmond Oval.</p>
19	<p>In feedback for the Old Dairy Park located on Brooklyn Road, Brooklyn proposal to rename this site Tom Richmond Oval. I would support this change.</p> <p>I would think it is very suitable considering his association and his family history to the area. Also his great love of history and teaching it would be lovely if he was honoured in this way</p>
20	<p>Hornsby Kuring-gai & Hills District Cricket Association and Berowra Cricket Club fully support the renaming of the Old Dairy sports field to Tom Richmond Oval in recognition of his valued and extensive contributions to both organisations and the broader Brooklyn Community over many years.</p>

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21	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment and support the proposed Memorial to Mr Tom Richmond OAM. Tom was a loyal and dear friend to my husband and I and committed and fierce advocate on all matters pertaining to Brooklyn. The Mayoral Minute No. MM4/22 provides a strong case to rename the Old Dairy sports field to Tom Richmond Oval. We support this wholeheartedly and thank Council for this initiative.</p> <p>Tom knew the value of history to help define who we are as a community, the early life of the people who came to live in Brooklyn, and their modest family origins that have helped to shape this community through the decades. No other individual or family has the strong ancestral ties to the Old Dairy site as Tom's family did as evidenced by information in the Minute and the origins of Seymours Creek. But more than this, Tom's involvement in education and through sport including cricket coaching and school, Club and District sports mentioned in the Minute and his subsequent receipt of an Order of the Australia medal provide a direct rationale for the renaming of this sports field to commemorate Tom Richmond. I am mindful that some members of the community are saddened by the loss of the name Old Dairy Site. I would suggest that the name Old Dairy Site, refers to the general area on which the Oval has been constructed, and beyond the oval.</p> <p>There is no barrier to Council considering a heritage plaque at the entrance to the old dairy site which identifies this site in Brooklyn's history. Relevant information could make for a great plaque, perhaps with an image of the cows grazing peacefully after their journey from the Crater in what is now part of Muogamarra Nature Reserve. I hope that after the various heritage reviews occurring across a range of aspects, there may be some funding available for a series of plaques throughout Brooklyn to guide the viewer to the layers of rich history in this area.</p>
22	<p>The Brooklyn Community Association appreciates the opportunity to provide comment and support for the proposed Memorial to Mr Tom Richmond OAM.</p> <p>We note that the Mayoral Minute No. MM4/22 provides a strong case to rename the Old Dairy sports field to Tom Richmond Oval.</p> <p>Adjacent to Seymour's Creek and in the area known as the Old Dairy site, Tom's ancestors (his great grandfather George Seymour) farmed this land. This confirms an early relationship to this land from the 19th century when the first land grants occurred in what is now Brooklyn.</p> <p>Like his ancestors and others, Tom took an active role in community affairs and particularly after his early retirement from teaching, was able to move to Brooklyn permanently and take up a position in the Brooklyn Ratepayers' Association, (forerunner to Brooklyn Community Association) a position he held for many years. When asked why he did not seek the role of President, Tom suggested that as Secretary he had more power. It was during his term that significant gains were made lobbying for town sewerage to replace the antiquated sullage systems that dogged every local household in one way or another. Both Brooklyn and other river settlements have benefitted from the introduction of a sewerage treatment plant and the resultant improved quality of water in the Hawkesbury River.</p> <p>Tom's involvement in education and through sport including cricket coaching and school, Club and District sports mentioned in the Minute and his subsequent receipt of an Order of the Australia medal provide a more direct rationale for the renaming of this sports field to commemorate Tom Richmond.</p> <p>The Brooklyn Community Association notes that some members of the community are saddened by the loss of any reference to the Old Dairy Site.</p> <p>The Association would request Council consider erecting a heritage plaque at the entrance to the old dairy site which identifies this general area in Brooklyn's history and provides some information to the visitor about these earlier days</p>