

## COMMEMORATIVE RECOGNITION APPLICATION RENAMING DUNCAN STREET RESERVE

**Community consultation report** 15 November 2023

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### Overview

A Commemorative Recognition application was received from Historic Victoria Park Inv (HVP) to rename Duncan Street Reserve posthumously to honour former resident of the Town, Sister Martin Kelly RSM MBE.

### Consultation process

Community engagement was held over a three-week period, from 23 October to 13 November 2023.

Community consultation included consideration of all four names identified as appropriate for the park by Landgate, as well as an option to not support a name change, as below:

- a. Martin Kelly Park
- b. Peggy Kelly Park
- c. Kelly Park
- d. Sister Kelly Park
- e. No change to park name

The engagement featured six main engagement methods:

1. Your Thoughts community engagement page
2. Letters to properties in the area bounded by Harper Street, Kitchener Avenue, Gresham Street and Shepperton Road
3. Website notice
4. Social media posts
5. E-newsletter item
6. On-site sign at park

A Background Information paper was published to support this feedback process, providing information for the community outlining how Sister Martin Kelly RSM MBE contribution to the Town of Victoria Park and across the wider community. Sister Martin Kelly was widely acclaimed for her dedication, strength, compassion and advocacy on the part of orphans. She worked tirelessly to improve the living conditions and care of children and was known across Western Australia for her work. She was awarded an MBE in 1979 for her work on behalf of children.

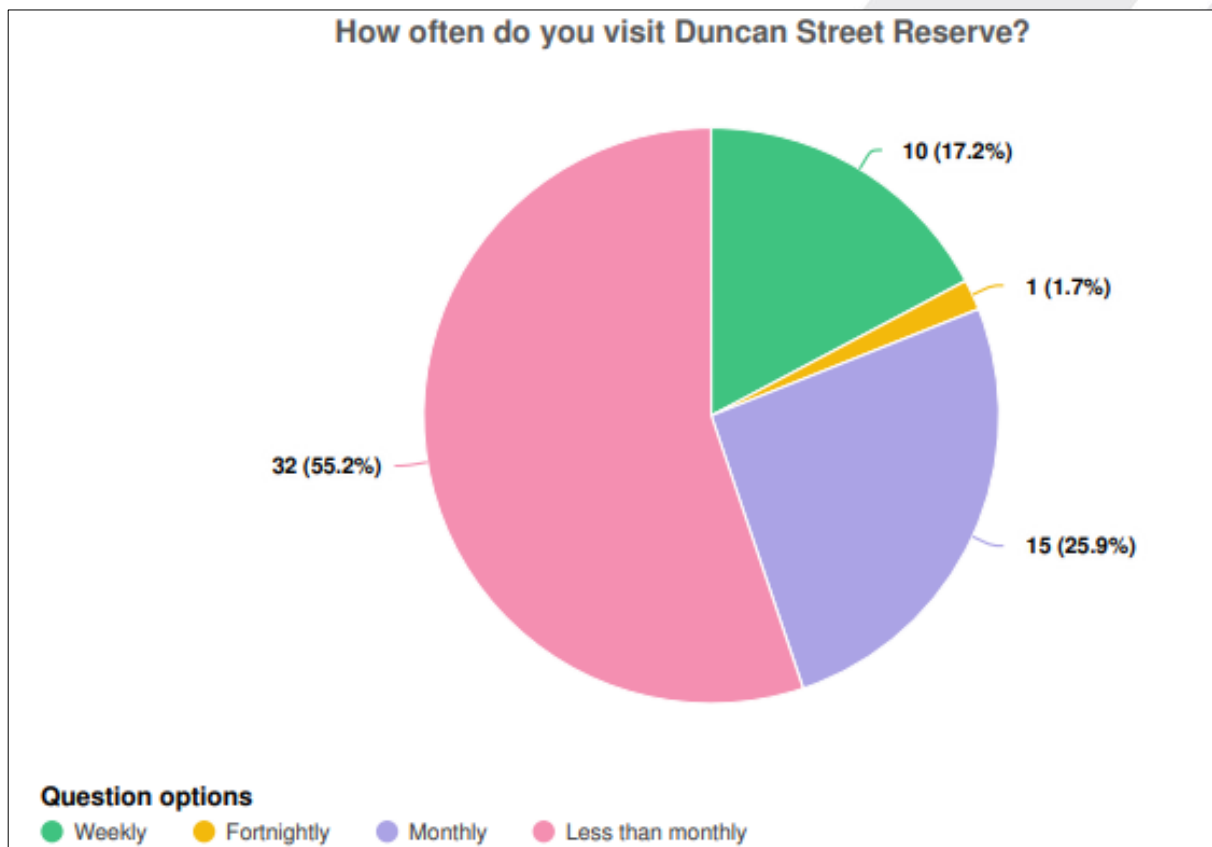
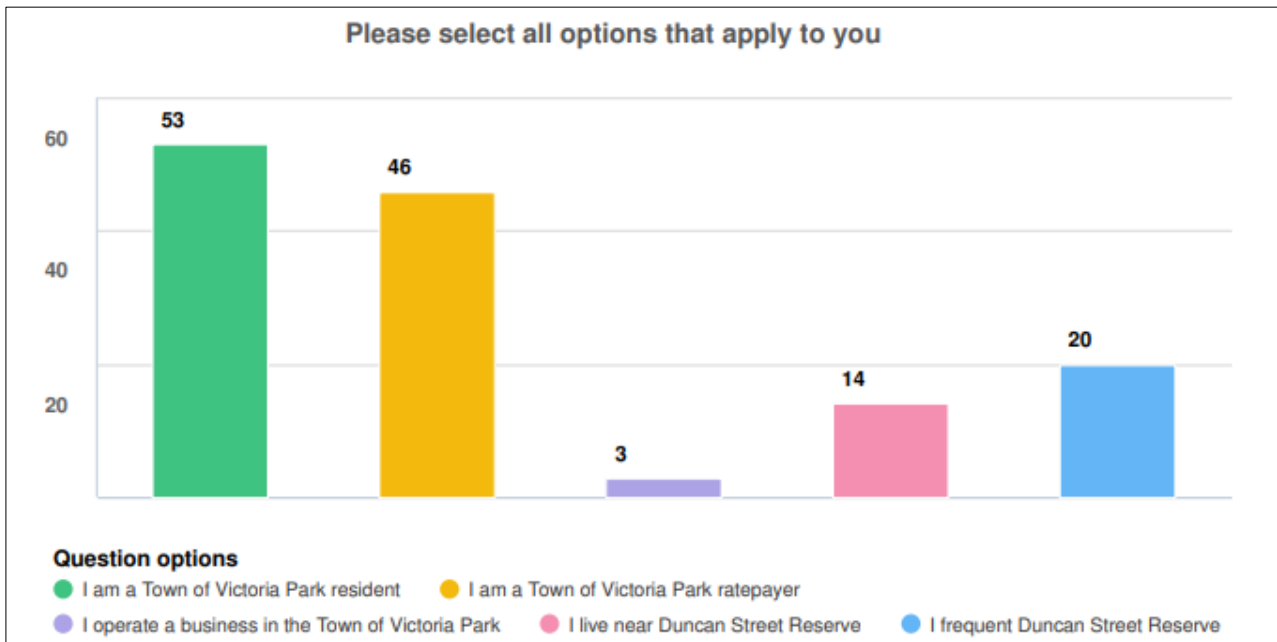
### What we learnt

Community Survey Overview:

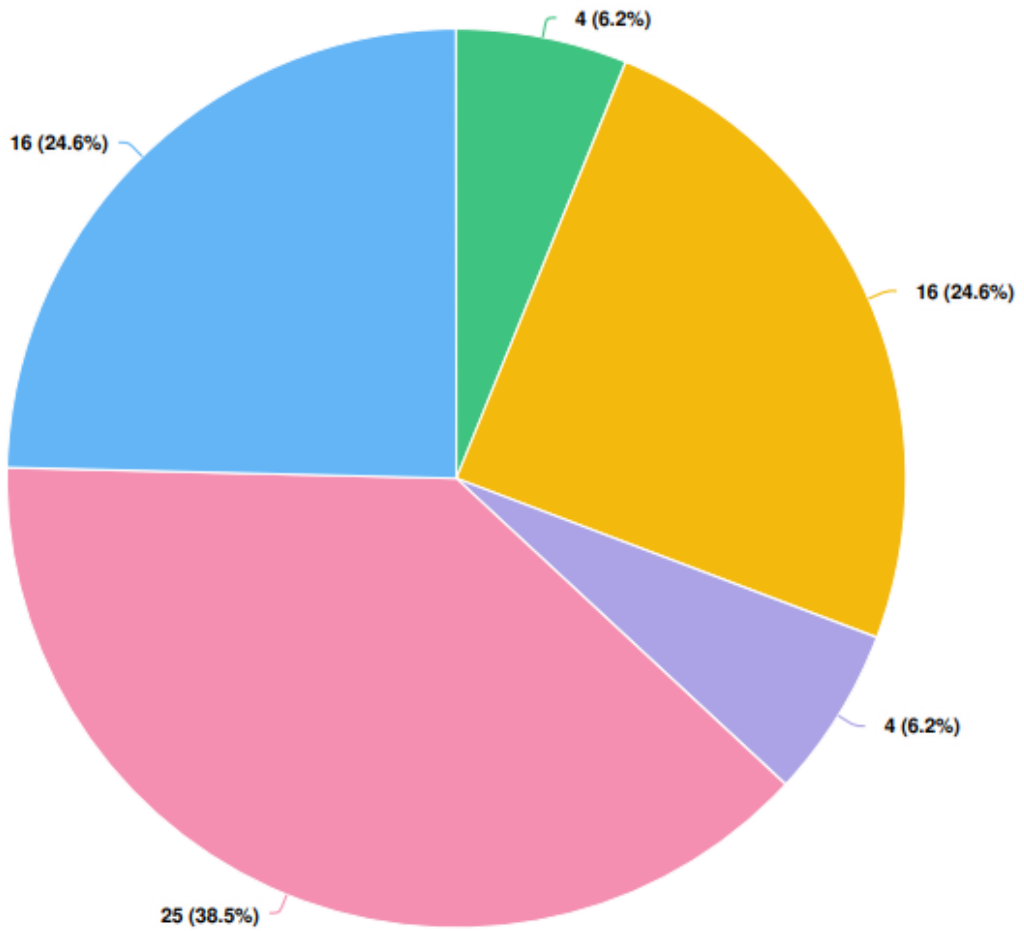
- 65 total online survey submissions were received over the three-week engagement period,
- 75.5% (49/65) respondents were in favour of a name change,
- 88% (57/65) identified specifically as residents and ratepayers,
- 74% of these were in favour of a name change,
- 4.6% of respondents (3/65) were business owners (all business owners also identified as

residents/ratepayers),

- 24.6% (16) respondents were opposed to the name change,
- 94% (15/16) who were opposed to the name change identified as residents/ratepayers,
- 6% (1/16) who were opposed to the name change identified as a business owner (also a resident and ratepayer),
- Qualitative feedback from respondents who opposed the name change was they'd prefer a first nations name. However, they had no issue with Sister Martin Kelly herself.



What is your preferred name for Duncan Street Reserve?



Question options

- Martin Kelly Park
- Peggy Kelly Park
- Kelly Park
- Sister Kelly Park
- No change to park name