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Subject: Croydon Ave Reserve,

Good Morning Councillor Campbell,

My name is Kerry Coggins and I live at [REDACTED]. I have been watching the changing face of the Croydon Ave Reserve with the new playground structure slowly taking place. My observations lead me to think about the origins of the park and the role that Eileen Harris had in its initial development and her continued interest in its current re-vamp.

Eileen has lived in the same house in William St for well over 80 years. She was one of the group of local residents who took an active role in just what would occur and how the Croydon Ave playground/reserve would evolve. With the public consultation on the new development, Eileen was once again very actively involved. As you know Eileen has always been a very active participant in her local area. My story in moving here epitomizes just what a stalwart of West Croydon Eileen is. She welcomed our family in the first week, invited us to the annual Christmas in the Park celebration that she organises every year for William St and nearby street residents and made sure that we were introduced to each of our closest neighbours. Our experience in this area began on a very high note due to Eileen and she certainly is the glue that binds the community. Eileen also has a very clear knowledge of nearly all the background of those "corner shops" that once operated in this area. She and I spent a morning revisiting the buildings so that she could share some background information on them. Indeed it would be a real positive in visually preserving this knowledge by having small plaques attached to these buildings, indicating their previous history and allow others to be enriched through reading more about the gems which are sprinkled throughout our streets.

I would like to propose to the Charles Sturt Council through you as Hindmarsh councillor, that the Croydon Ave Reserve be re-named the Eileen Harris Reserve to honour a woman who truly epitomizes just what this area is about...community! The current name has no real meaning as the reserve actually faces William St. It is often mistaken for the Croydon playground Reserve in Day Tce and a name change to acknowledge and celebrate a much loved, local identity would be most fitting.

I do hope that this proposal can be given some serious consideration and that Charles Sturt Council can be a leader in celebrating our true heroes; people such as Eileen Harris.

Kind regards,

Kerry Coggins