
Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report

Proposal to rename local geographical features in recognition of George Caley

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1. Summary

This report provides the outcomes of community and stakeholder engagement for a proposal to rename three geographical features referred to or named by naturalist George Caley during his journey in 1805 from Pennant Hills to Narrabeen. The references are documented in Caley's journal '*An Account of a Journey to the Sea*' (Caley, 1805).

472 submissions were received, with a majority of respondents not supporting the proposed renaming of the three sites (66% were not supportive).


Most respondents that were not supportive or selected neutral with regard to the naming proposals would prefer an Aboriginal name. Some preferred a broader, generic name and several respondents would like more gender equity in place names.

1.1. Key outcomes



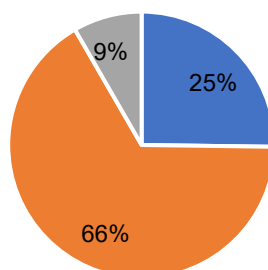
Total unique responses

472

	Submission/Comment form	Completions: 469
How responses were received	Written responses (email/letter)	Number received: 3



Do you support the proposed renaming of the three geographical features as Sea Sight Reserve, Caley Falls and Thick Brush Reserve, in recognition of George Caley?



- Yes
- No
- Neutral/ Prefer not to say





Total responses = 472






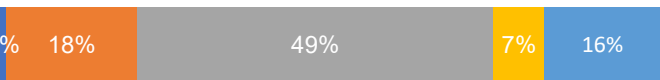
Feedback themes

- Preference for an Aboriginal name.
- Preference for a broader, more generic name, e.g. a native plant.
- More gender equity in place names.

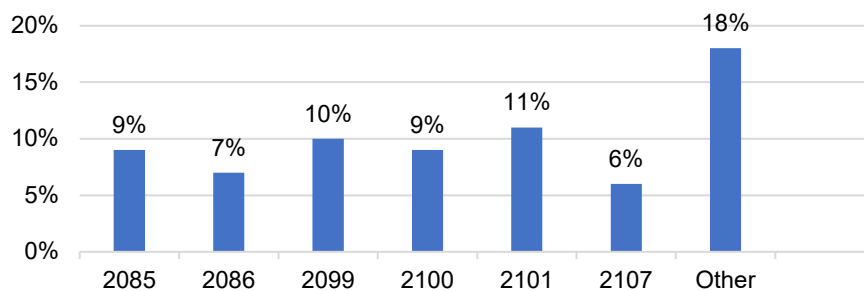
1.2. How we engaged

 Have Your Say: visitation stats	Visitors: 3,635	Visits: 4094	Av. Time onsite: 1m
 Print media and collateral	Letterbox drop: N/A		Distribution: N/A
	Site signs used: 0		Number of signs: 0
 Electronic direct mail (EDM)	Community Engagement (fortnightly) newsletter: 1 edition		Distribution: 20,000 subscribers
	Council (weekly) e-News: 1 edition		Distribution: 150,000 subscribers
	Stakeholder email: 3		Distribution: Unknown
 Key stakeholder engagement	Interview: N/A		Attendance: N/A
	Meeting: N/A		Attendance: N/A

1.3. Who responded¹

 Gender	<div> <div></div> Male <div></div> Female <div></div> Other/Blank. </div>	
 Age groups	<div> <div></div> <25 yrs <div></div> 26-50 yrs <div></div> 51-75 yrs <div></div> 76+ yrs <div></div> N/A </div>	

¹ Demographic data was gathered by request only. The data represented only includes those respondents who provided this detail.



2. Background

The Geographical Names Board (GNB) requested that Council consider the naming of eight geographical features in the Northern Beaches Local Government Area on behalf of a local resident. However, only three of these features are located on land under Council's care, control, and management. The proposed names are aimed at recognising George Caley and his exploration of the Northern Beaches Local Government Area.

Naturalist and explorer George Caley collected plant specimens for Joseph Banks in the colony of New South Wales from 1800 to 1810. Caley's journey in 1805 from Pennant Hills to Narrabeen is documented in his journal. Caley unofficially named or referred to eight geographic features within the Northern Beaches Local Government Area during his journey.

The three areas proposed to be renamed are:

- Belrose Reservoir – to be renamed as Sea Sight Reserve, as referred to by Caley in his journal. The reserve covers the publicly accessible part of the hill (Sea Sight Hill) which Caley named on this journey.
- Oxford Falls Cascades – to be renamed Caley Falls, as referenced by Caley's observation of Oxford Falls Valley.
- Middle Creek 2 Reserve (unofficial name) adjacent to Wakehurst Parkway – to be renamed Thick Brush Reserve.

The proposal is consistent with the Northern Beaches' Naming our Reserves, Roads and Facilities Policy. In response to the GNB's request Council resolved at its meeting held 28 September 2021 (resolution 246/21) that:

1. *Council place on public exhibition for a period of 42 days the proposal to:*
 - A *Rename Belrose Reservoir as Sea Sight Reserve.*
 - B. *Officially name Oxford Falls Cascades as Caley Falls.*
 - C. *Name the reserve along Wakehurst Parkway, Narrabeen, unofficially known as Middle Creek 2 as Thick Brush Reserve.*
2. *The outcome of the public exhibition of the proposal of the renaming be reported to Council.*
3. *Council note the intention of the Geographical Names Board to consider the naming of the 5 geographical features for which Council does not have care, control, or management, and to provide a further update to Council upon receiving further advice from the Geographical Naming Board.*

The project's impact level four Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan was devised on a single staged approach.

3. Engagement objectives

Community and stakeholder engagement aimed to:

- Provide accessible information so community and stakeholders can participate in a meaningful way
- Identify community and stakeholder concerns, local knowledge and values
- Seek out and facilitate the involvement of those affected by or interested in a project

4. Engagement approach

Community and stakeholder engagement for the Proposal to rename geographical features in recognition of George Caley was conducted over a six-week period, from Friday 1 Oct to Sunday 14 Nov 2021, and consisted of a series of activities that provided opportunities for community and stakeholders to contribute.

The engagement was planned, implemented and reported in accordance with Council's [Community Engagement Matrix](#) (2017).

A project page was established on our have your say platform with information provided in an accessible and easy to read format.

The project was primarily promoted through Council's regular email newsletter (EDM) channels and stakeholder emails.

Feedback was captured through an online comment form embedded onto the have your say project page. The form included a question that directly asked respondents for their level of support on the proposal.

An open-field comments box provided community members a space to explain or elaborate on their support, not support or neutral sentiment as well as any other feedback they wished to contribute.

Email and written comments were also invited.

4.1. Reaching diverse audiences

A thorough stakeholder mapping exercise was completed to identified and understand the needs of the whole community.

It was determined for this project that it was particularly important to hear from members within the Belrose Rural Community Association, Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon, Aboriginal Heritage Office (AHO) and the Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC).

5. Findings

472 submissions were received in total. Of these 25% supported the proposal to rename three sites in recognition of George Caley's exploration of areas with the Northern Beaches Local Government Area.

66% did not support the proposal, with the majority preferring an Aboriginal name or a broader, generic name. Several respondents also indicated that they would like more gender

equity in place names. A further 9% of respondents selected neutral, although many of these also expressed a preference for an Aboriginal name. Table 1 outlines the support for the key themes raised and Council's response.

Table 1: Issues, change requests and other considerations

Theme	What we heard	Council's response
Preference for an Aboriginal name	Request for recognition of Aboriginal land, Aboriginal relevance, to choose names in consultation with local Aboriginal people that is more timeless and recognises their heritage and shows commitment to acknowledging Aboriginal history and heritage It was suggested that it is highly disrespectful to Aboriginal people to propose names related to the period of early colonisation and exploration	Council's Naming our Reserves, Roads and Facilities Policy enables parks and facilities to be named for a range of reasons including acknowledgement of Aboriginal land and people. The majority of comments were not in support of the proposed names.
Objections to renaming reserves	Waste of time and money, current names are suitable, change will bring about much confusion for locals, proposed names are uninspiring	Noted.
Support of some but not all proposed names	There was some support for the proposed Sea Sight Reserve, however, overall there was a preference for Aboriginal names	While there was some minor support for the proposed Sea Sight reserve name, the majority of comments were not in support of the proposed names.

Appendix 1 Verbatim community and stakeholder responses*

Of the 472 submissions, 414 made written comments as show below.

Number	Comment/submission
1	In this day and age it seems highly inappropriate to 'rename' geographical locations and assign 'new' using the names of explorers, naturalists etc Please do the research, check with local elders out of respect and give back the names I'm sure they had prior to occupation. Let us not just pay lip service to acknowledging the lands on which we live, work and play.
2	Should be Aboriginal names. This is an opportunity to redress wrongs to the Aboriginal Community and acknowledge their place in our collective histories
3	If there is an opportunity to rename any land area or land feature on the northern beaches, the name change should be to local First Nations language names for Country. This should be NB Councils default strategy to arch owls get the traditional owners and custodians of the land. It would send a powerful and positive message if local Indigenous language was used, rather than colonial explorers. Consult with local Elders before progressing further for their perspective.
4	Awesome, more things named after a white man, who never 'found' these places anyway! This is ridiculous. Look to the people who walked on and protected and loved these hills and beaches thousands of years before we 'discovered' them. Allow and educate people to be part of this history by using (with permission and guidance) the traditional Aboriginal names for geographical sites. Help pass the stories and culture of our area through to our children and on to theirs.
5	I think this proposal totally disregards the traditional owners of country. We should be embracing an acknowledgment of the traditional owners names and recognising that past. I am ashamed that we are talking about the "discoveries" in 2021. What do our local traditional owners say about this proposal. Have they been consulted?
6	I would like appropriate signage at each site explaining the significance and history of the name.
7	If the mayor believes his own rhetoric "Discovering our past is so important to understand our beginnings" he would acknowledge the lookout is on Aboriginal land. Give it back the name it had before it was renamed by English invaders.
8	I support Sea Sight reserve, Caley Falls but not Thick Brush reserve. It is poorly named.
9	I'm sure the Aboriginal Elders have already named these areas those many years ago. So investigate first. So No
10	Without wishing to diminish the great work of Caley, has there been any investigation into first nations names for these locations?

*Personal details and inappropriate language have been redacted where possible. Spelling and grammatical errors have been amended only where misinterpretation or offence may be caused.

11	an unnecessary expense and CAN NOT be explained why this name change should be imposed on residents and outsiders.
12	Keep it as is now!
13	Excellent thoughtful historic
14	These reserves should be given names in the local Garagil language, as approved by the local Indigenous land councils / representative groups.
15	Is this a joke? Why are you naming places after colonists that contributed to the dispossession of the traditional owners? You should be respectful of the traditional owners of the land and name these places in accordance with their preferences and wishes not the white Australians that have wrecked havoc on their country, community and customs. This is truly embarrassing and I strongly disagree with your approach - shame on you. This is Aboriginal land, always was always will be. I expect you acknowledge and pay respect to the traditional owners in meetings and ceremonies (...god I hope you do)? Naming after colonialists is therefore hypocritical. Do you see the irony? You are continuing to rub salt into open wounds if you do this - reconciliation needs to come before you should have any continuance of naming places after white men. Please don't do this. Respect your community and show leadership by enabling healing and not continuing the legacy of denial, harm and racism. Please don't do this. If you have to rename take the advice of the traditional owners. We need to see more indigenous names in our streets, on your website - everywhere. You could lead on this - bilingual signs. I am Welsh, we did it and it's changed our culture and preserved our customs.
16	It should be named the original Aboriginal name or another Aboriginal name. These names have been in existence for thousands of years not just a few years.
17	The naming has historical integrity and will benefit interpretation of the localities.
18	Please consider whether Aboriginal names would be more appropriate. Recognition of the original inhabitants is more appropriate than naming sites after Caley. Is anything known about Caley's interaction with the original inhabitants? What role did he have in their decline? Should we be commemorating people who involved with the disinheritance of the indigenous population? Did he have permission to explore or survey their land?
19	First Nation name considerations as a priority surely. May as well propose Small Pox Reserve, Cold and Flu Falls, Sickness reserve, it would be just as insulting in my opinion. Caley and Banks et al have enough recognition in plant names already.
20	Once again all very conservative names, which really don't mean much save "Sea Site Reserve" , if one see the ocean. What about names which relate to indigenous peoples who were in the area or after native flora or fauna. Is there a indigenous translation of Sea Site Reserve or what did they call it?
21	We need more places named after traditional place names and Aboriginal people. We also need more places named after women and minorities. We need to move on from everything revolving around pasty white British male descendants.
22	If they need to be renamed they should be given the Aboriginal name used by the Aborigines.
23	Happy to rename the landmarks in recognition of George Caley
24	We need to acknowledge the indigenous culture that existed for thousands of years before white settlement. Please find indigenous words to name these geographical features and educate and nourish our culture. We do not need more white guy names on local landmarks.

25	Are we really considering renaming land based on some white mans observations during the invasion and decimation of the local indigenous community? We've destroyed enough language and culture of the local people of this area already. Can we please consult with local elders and try and actually use some traditional names please, paying our respects is more than just some words you say, it's the actions you take. Please do the right thing and listen to the local elders and pay your respects by hearing what they say and renaming these areas something more appropriate rather than using names that can only stand as a reminder of the damage we caused.
26	I just don't see the need to change the names of places which we have grown up with and the cost associated with it.
27	Let's keep our history.
28	It's very important to recognise our historic explorers, naturalists, etc
29	Agree on the proviso that the local indigenous population agree and have not provided an alternative name
30	<p>This submission is from Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment which is an organisation of over 1200 members and supporters.</p> <p>We have additional ideas we would like considered. See our submission.</p>
31	<p>Dear Sir/Madam.</p> <p>Middle Creek 2 renaming near Wakehurst Parkway. The name should reflect the Aboriginal heritage of the area. A long time habitation site and camping place existed adjacent to this creek. Gaimariagal Aboriginal Nation people lived there up until 1957 when the camp was bulldozed by council. One of the Aboriginal elders was William de Serve. He fished the creeks and Narrabeen lagoon and sold fish to tourists at the tram stop in Narrabeen. see www.historyofaboriginalsydney.edu.au to confirm historical evidence from this Uni of Sydney website. (quoted)</p>
32	If these features are to be renamed at all, it would seem a great opportunity to include Aboriginal names for them or descriptive names in local language if they did not have a specific name, or if this is not known. To name them after an early settler who may well have contributed to the demise of local Aboriginal settlers through his exploration activity, does not seem relevant or appropriate today. FYI I'm a 7th generation descendent of an early settler (1790) and while we cannot reverse the wrongs our ancestors may have wrought on the local people, we don't need to perpetuate the story that it was all good.
33	What is it about naming places after white Australian men. Just give it an indigenous name we can all relate to.
34	I would like to see them given aboriginal names.
35	I like the proposed names but would it be better to ask local First Nation community what Aboriginal names to use instead?
36	We already have too high a proportion of anglicised names of our Reserves, Facilities and Roads. There should be a greater representation of indigenous names to help reflect that aspect of our history.

37	I think it's time when re-naming any parts of the NB areas that they be with Aboriginal names - We acknowledge their presence in opening speeches ('I begin today by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather/meet today, and pay my respects to their Elders past and present.) - So let's actually do something and show our respect and acknowledge they were here before anyone else. All those sights should have Aboriginal names.
38	I don't have any argument with the first two renames in the above question. However, I feel that Thick Brush Reserve is too much of a mouthful and fails to describe the area properly. There is a creek there. It is the middle creek. The current, albeit unofficial name, is in keeping with local use and correct description. So I encourage the retention of its reference as Middle Creek Reserve.
39	an excellent idea, and preserves George Caley's contribution to our history. Hopefully there will be information about this man and his work at each of these places which he named.
40	Australia has enough dead boring names from British explorers. I mean seriously 'sea sight hill' and 'saw the sea hill' the bloke clearly had zero imagination. Not to mention the names do nothing to honour him anyway because no one will know how they relate to him. Council should spend their time formalising the mountain bike trails in the area rather than scaring people away with bland names.
41	Leave the place names alone and stick to rates roads and rubbish. There is too much time spent by council on frivolous activities such as this.
42	Only comment, the renaming seems appropriate to me, we should be respectful of our history.
43	Can't we do better than these alternatives? We are the original owner names . Caley Falls, really???? Thick Brush Reserve and Sea Sight Reserve? Please if you are going to change, make a difference with more appropriate names. I can't even say Thick Brush Reserve. Lets think again.
44	Isn't their indigenous names for these locations. If so they should be used before any western ones. Has the local indigenous elders been consulted?
45	It should be renamed the original Aboriginal true name or another Aboriginal name
46	We should be giving all these areas local aboriginal names. It would help resurrect and restore our indigenous first nations people's language and provide some insight into the people who lived here well before us.
47	Consider returning these features to Australian Indigenous names, rather than coloniser explorer names. If the Indigenous names not known, the local Indigenous bodies should be approached to supply suitable names in the. Garrigal language.
48	The continued naming of sights with English words does little to recognise an Aboriginal past or add to reconciling a shameful past of poor race relations. The theft of Aboriginal land and the demise of local Aboriginal clans is dismissed in a cloud of amnesia. We are talking about 6000 to 20000 years of Eora existence on the Northern Beaches however that history appears to matter very little. There are some Aboriginal words applied to too few sites and it would appear that we are honouring the very people that appropriated stolen land. We don't have any memorials dedicated to the original inhabitants of this land. There are many Eora words recorded that should be used to title the sites in question.

49	However, please don't go overboard with 're-naming' exercises. The current names of geographical and other features, which have served Australians perfectly well throughout our modern history, should remain. They reflect former times. There are far more important issues to be dealt with now.
50	Are there no aboriginal names that relate to this area?
51	I think it is noteworthy that Mr Caley collected flora in the area....however tramping through country that First Nations people had lived on for thousands of years and collecting what they already knew to be there....is disrespectful. There is a proliferation of white male European named buildings and places all over Sydney as it is, which as a woman I find extremely unrepresentative of women's contribution to our society and culture.....not to mention what it must represent to the First Nations people.
52	<p>Dont really think that a white botanist should have name primacy over indigineous or current local names. Why just because 1 local resident is into 1 tiny part of Australia's history.</p> <p>Joseph Banks and George Caley travelled all over Australia and just named land features simply as they had so much area to cover. I don't think we should then just take on these simple names.</p> <p>Please think about the indigenous 40,000 plus years and the local present names that are part of the area.</p> <p>Oxford Falls Cascades- Do not change</p> <p>Belrose Reservoir - Makes sense, or an indigineous name. See sight reserve- pretty uninspiring.</p> <p>Middle Creek 2 Reserve- Thick brush hill, ok but surely a more inspiring name could be thought of.</p>
53	<p>Thanks for the opportunity to comment on this subject.</p> <p>I would much prefer that N.B.Council consider renaming geographical features using aboriginal names.</p> <p>Surely we need to embrace the traditional owners names of places, rather than a white explorer.</p> <p>The traditional owners of this area, the Cannalagel people, a clan of the Kuring-Gai tribe, would have named hundreds of areas within our LGA.</p> <p>This would enhance our respect and understanding of the custodians of country.</p>
54	If you are going to rename these geographical features then the indigenous peoples name for them should be included in the options.
55	There is too little recognition of the original inhabitants of the area, the Gadigal people, who lived in the area for tens of thousands of years, and relied on the land to survive. Naming locations for someone who briefly passed through the area is an inappropriate.
56	It is good to refer to our history and that includes indigenous names. Do we have any indigenous names in our localities?
57	Any (re)naming of local sites needs to reflect and recognise local Indigenous custodians of the land. We don't need any more sites named for old (often dead) white men.
58	There may be more appropriate local aboriginal names for these geographical features.
59	Any renaming should be on basis of consultation with traditional owners, and recognition of potential indigenous naming
60	There is value in acknowledging some of our historical traditions, and naming places is inherent to these traditions, maintaining these traditions, and holding on to them in future.

61	Did / do any of these features contain aboriginal names? If so, then perhaps go for them?
62	A wonderful way to acknowledge a significant historical figure. Well done
63	I believe name changes should revert to those used by indigenous owners as a first option if reliable information is available.
64	Thick brush reserve? 😞 Waste of time and resources.
65	Is this really the best use of council time and resources? As interesting as Caley's journey was, it surely has little importance to the people of the Northern Beaches today. If you wish to rename landmarks, why not stick to indigenous names that actually have a long, meaningful history in the area? Or just leave them as they are...
66	I prefer the geographical features be given and be known by their aboriginal names wherever possible Scot Wheelhouse
67	Thick Brush Reserve should be renamed Mt Narrabeen MTB Park.
68	Very positive to see one of our early explorers being remembered instead of erased from history.
69	(1) Support - Belrose Reservoir to be renamed as Sea Sight Reserve (2) Do not support - Oxford Falls Cascades - to be renamed Caley Falls (3) Support - Middle Creek 2 Reserve (unofficial name) adjacent to Wakehurst Parkway - to be renamed Thick Brush Reserve.
70	Never heard of George Caley, so why change now???
71	Has the indigenous name for these topographical elements been considered?
72	Acknowledge that much work would be behind this but my preference is to connect to local Aboriginal names - 60,000 plus worth of history could be recognised more appropriately.
73	Massive waste of resources. Stop wasting time and money on this no sense.
74	These name changes seem very positive for the area
75	They already would have had names. If you're going to rename them, go talk to our aboriginal mob to name them.
76	1. Leave the names as is. 2. Other than being able to needlessly waste many thousands of dollars WHAT advantage would there be. 3. If there is no advantage why change solely for the sake of change. 3. The current names have been well known for many years.
77	Proposed names add no value.
78	Use the native languages if going to rename these places
79	The names of these places are already in existence, and they will be found by consulting First Nations people. Renaming these places according to a colonist from the times of massacres and removal of First Nations people from their lands is highly offensive to me, and I am not even a First Nations person. I am certain there are many others in the community with this view. Please reconsider this.
80	The suggested names are childish and random. Leave the old names as they are.
81	Please consult the indigenous traditional owners. I believe they will have some more appropriate suggestions. I am a guringai dependant.
82	The changes are sound reasoning
83	Provided George Caley had no police record.....historic search required.

84	WHY nothing to be gained just a waste of peoples time when there are more important issues to be solved
85	Please stop renaming everything! It's fine the way it is and that is how it's known by the locals, so leave it. Please put time and resources into something more constructive.
86	Why change something that's been there for years
87	<p>1. There should be every effort made to use indigenous historic figures & symbols in new naming of geographic places. How did Caley find much of what he did find - with assistance from indigenous local people. Caley was more "native" friendly than many Europeans who took the lands of the indigenous locals, his friendship & gratitude toward Darug man Daniel Moowattin is well recorded. Caley was in Australia for 10 years. Possibly these places were named in recognition of indigenous heritage, it is a little hard to tell as there is little or no interpretation. If Bangally (Head) is from Aboriginal language there is no noting or celebrating of it including in Council brochures on the walk. I would like to see an audit of Aboriginal nomenclature in the NB LGA.</p> <p>2. Are these places named after men: Passmore Reserve, Millers Reserve, Nolan Reserve, John Fisher Park, Adam St Reserve, Stirgess Reserve, Weldon Oval, Mike Pawley Oval, Walter Gors Park, Ted Jackson Reserve, Jamieson Park, McLean Lookout, Berry Reserve, Jaf Renwick Park, Rowland Reserve, Bert Payne Park, Rowland Reserve, Eric Green Reserve, Dunbar Park, Hitchcock Park, Lionel Watts Reserve et etc We do have Tania Park, Michaela Howie Playground & Betty Morrison Reserve. I would like to see an audit of place names which recognise the contribution of women in NB LGA.</p>
88	I would prefer the features to be renamed as the First Nations people called them, if such a record exists. Thanks.
89	Waste of money
90	The names may have some history but are hardly awe inspiring. At a minimum translate them into first peoples language or similar
91	<p>There is no significant argument as to why the current names are inappropriate or unsuitable. The proposal makes no mention of any historical indigenous names or references which should clearly be fundamental.</p> <p>The proposal does not reference the costs (admin and infrastructure) or value for the community.</p>
92	the council is really tackling the big issues!
93	<p>I may or may not have noted previously that I believe that this is a fatuous waste of time money and resources that could be better applied elsewhere.</p> <p>As a matter of interest, has the proposer of the alterations to the names provided any information around the carbon foot print that this, peoples' participation in the review process and the implementation will generate? Is there any confirmation from NBC of costs for the review and the implementation? It may be useful to provide some perspective.</p>
94	Indigenous names should be used. I'd have thought the days of naming geographical features after dead white people were over. The gentleman observed these sites. He did not discover them.

95	I think they should receive the indigenous name, determined by the elders of the land that they are part of, rather than someone who came and named them after the indigenous peoples lived there.
96	I would prefer that all natural geographical features be named with the name given them by the original Indigenous inhabitants of the area. If the original name has been lost, local Indigenous groups should be consulted and a name they choose be used.
97	I believe naming of these areas should reflect the indigenous custodians of this area. It is a merely a slight nod to the traditional owners of this area who are all but forgotten when it comes to the naming conventions used.
98	Really don't think going through this process is an appropriate use of ratepayers/councils time and resources. Just because one resident makes a submission to change a name shouldn't deploy public resources to consult on it? Would much prefer council time and effort was devoted to services and work that delivers benefits to ratepayers. Also, don't think it appropriate to use names that are descriptive and have no local meaning and that don't reflect original indigenous owners of the land. Changing place names is an expensive exercise as maps, directories etc all require updating.
99	Please have the simple courtesy of consulting the First Australians about what their local areas, geographical features etc should be called. Stop this insulting degrading process of naming these areas after our ancestral invaders. Indigenous peoples were here tens of thousands of years before us. SPEAK TO OUR LOCAL ABORIGINAL COUNCIL.
100	Seems a good idea to honour the explorer by using his appropriate names
101	no change needed , no evident public requirement . seemingly unilaterally imposed . Surely there are other priorities ? sportsfields ? reining in bicycle riders to protect pedestrians ? more outdoor dining? more live music tolerance ? less signageand it goes on
102	Surely there are more important thing to do than renaming places.
103	If you are going to bother renaming things I think we could do better than name them after some 19th century explorer.
104	Too many sites are already named after white male invaders and here are sites which Caley crossed, led by an aboriginal young man, who knew the area probably much better than George Caley and just because Caley made some comments about them is insufficient reason to name these places accordingly. There are many outstanding natural features within 'thick brush reserve' eg the freshwater lake, that is used by migratory birds, including some endangered species, the falls formed by Oxford Creek forming the well known swimming 'Blue hole' and 'sea sight reserve' which would have been used by aboriginal people as a communications point, as it provides clear vision to other important aboriginal sites. Let's stop the practice of naming things after the first well known white man who walks over them, it divides the community rather than bringing us together.

105	<p>Sea Sight Reserve...YES provided the adjacent area is already known as Sea Sight Hill.</p> <p>Caley Falls...NO...this feature has always been known as Oxford Falls Cascades. A charming name just like The Mermaids Pool. And readily identified by emergency services.</p> <p>Thick Brush Reserve....again does not indicate any geographical location.</p>
106	<p>I ask..why?I cannot see that renaming these areas is benefiting our community one bit!Could it be some Property Development reason of which..we as citizens are not aware!My reaction is..leave well enough alone...the cost alone to reprint maps ...deeds..etc is a reason not to do it!!!!</p>
107	<p>I can see that you would like to add the historical background to give added significance to these sites but I also find it difficult when name changes seem to be changing constantly. Would the name changes incur extra costs to change documentation etc. Is there a real need for this?</p>
108	<p>I think this is a wonderful idea. Our LGA has a long and fascinating history that gets little attention and this renaming project will help educate our community about how this part of Sydney was developed.</p>
109	<p>An historical name with relevance to the physical surrounds of the locations seems more appropriate then the current nondescript names.</p>
110	<p>I think any renaming should be to the Indigenous place name. Surely the local First Australians had names for thes locations long before George Caley arrived!</p>
111	<p>What happened to aboriginal names?</p> <p>Like many naturalists of previous centuries the idea was to take specimens back to the northern hemisphere. Not always naming plants correctly. There would be, I am sure, some beautiful descriptions of the areas in the aboriginal languages. One location named after a naturalist is enough. The suggestions sound very plain.</p> <p>NZ respects their indigenous people more than here with many Maori names of locations.</p>
112	<p>It should be named the true Aboriginal name or an another Aboriginal namr</p>
113	<p>I think any renaming should be done on consultation with local aboriginal elders. I would prefer name changes to be aboriginal and not for white settlers. Or at the very least a combination.</p>
114	<p>We should be renaming using indigenous names.</p>
115	<p>If we are going to rename places, please let's use Traditional owners names. It is Aboriginal land and their names should be used rather than some person no one has heard if before now</p>
116	<p>I probably don't need to go into too much detail (surely) other than to say naming natural reserves after colonisers on Aboriginal Land is far from respectful or ideal.</p>
117	<p>Why change & rename areas after all these years? The public have been used to the maps with the original names, plus books stating the current named areas to explore & walk with friends or family or walking groups when Sydney is not in Covid "Lockdown". I have owned & lived in 2 homes in Belrose & Davidson area for a total of 39 years. My children grew up in this idyllic area. Please don't change names even though I value history.</p>

118	At least with the names they have at the moment, people know roughly where they would be located. The new names have no 'location' bearing and would have to looked up if people wanted to go there. While this might not be a problem, due to their use, changing the names of sports fields from their location to another name is highly confusing. For example, we had no idea where Lionel Watts, Reub Hudson or David Thomas fields were. Even after all these years, we still have to remind ourselves at the start of seasons.
119	Changing names just causes confusion.
120	All renaming of areas should be after the 1st nations people we should not name areas after people who are not well known and also probably not relevant to anyone anymore.
121	I think these sites should be named after their traditional Indigenous names
122	<p>We've named enough places after old white men. The links to the first fleets are also disrespectful to indigenous peoples, I imagine.</p> <p>The fact is these places were known before Carey saw them. They probably have names that pre date Carey.</p>
123	<p>Has anyone consulted if there are indigenous names for these localities like Warringah "wave, sea rain" which was the Indigenous Name for the Area since the last Ice Age before @PaulTooleMP changed our name to the Generic "Northern Beaches" in 2016</p> <p>I am not against Resovoir Reserve Belrose being renamed but Oxford Falls is a well known Colonial Name and you are only exchanging one Colonial name for another when what is missing is the First Nations Name - Changing from Oxford Falls will only cause confusion as the entire Suburb is named after Oxford Falls.</p> <p>Next case is Middle Creek Reserve which lies between Middle Creek and South Creek on Narrabeen Lakes which is a Navigable Waterway rather than a Lagoon as it has been thus not labelled on maps used by Emergency Services Operators in Alabama who ask "Is that near Penrith" because the "South Creek of Narrabeen Lakes" doesn't appear on the map when someone has a Heart Attack next to Cromer Golf Club and there is another Cromer in Melbourne and Adelaide with Golf Courses.</p> <p>Middle Creek lies half way between South Creek and Deep Creek however Research should be done into an Aboriginal name for Middle Creek Reserve which lies between South and Middle Creek - The Proposed Name for this Reserve being a Generic Discription that could be anywher like "Nothern Beaches" is again totally unacceptable</p>
124	Surely you could consult the First Nation people for more apporiate names and not constantly name landmarks either with English names or a white man/women's name.
125	<p>I would think the council could spend rate payers money on something a lot more useful.</p> <p>Also not sure why you need my year of birth on this form.</p>
126	Appropriate to recognise the original explorer
127	I cannot see the benefits in this request to ratepayers and what will be the cost? If there is a cost, I believe it should be borne be those requesting the change.
128	<p>Yes support sea sight and caley fall but not</p> <p>Thick brush reserve - as it's boring - should have a Aboriginal Name to recognise the traditional owners land</p>

129	George Caley's naming of these three geographical features need to be acknowledged as an appropriate recognition of him.
130	I think we need to use the indigenous names of the places
131	Change of names is OK except for Oxford FALLS CASCADES. Honestly , I believe this name is more interesting and inviting than George Caley Falls. It just conjures up more curiosity. Coming originally from east coast America people like the name with cascades after it much more than just someones name. (Would not the majority of hikers, naturalists and adventurers dog walkers be more drawn to it?) Why not George Caley Cascades? or The Caley Cascades.?
132	There are probably aboriginal names for these areas that go back much further in history. They are unique. I would prefer those. It would also recognize our ancient history.
133	Has anyone considered using their traditional indigenous place names used for around 70,000 years as opposed to a name given by a visitor to the area.
134	I am concerned that naming more places after early explorers is not in the spirit of reconciliation with the original inhabitants, could we perhaps have the original indigenous names for these places as an alternate option at least?
135	I think we should use Aboriginal names rather than renamed after an English naturalist.
136	Please use indigenous names. These places would have had names for tens of thousands of years. Just because a white man walked through there once doesn't earn them naming rights. This is a continuation of terra nullius. Caley had an aboriginal guide, a Darug man. Did he ask him what the names were?
137	As long as it may be changed to the nominated words.
138	Ok with renaming and the suggested names, however Prefer Indigenous language to be used, consult with Ab. Land Council
139	It is appropriate that a person who was instrumental in the history of the area, have that honour.
140	Will just cause confusion , the current names are fine. I really disagree with this firmly. The applicant of the proposal must be asked to pay for the cost of updating maps and council signage etc if this proceeds, Why are we wasting money on this in the middle of a pandemic.
141	It is good to recognise the history of the area.
142	I would prefer to see local names reinstated, that is local language groups indigenous to the area. A combination of names would also be beneficial in at least acknowledging First Nations occupation and sovereignty and recognising shared history with names like the proposed ones.
143	Always known as they are-please leave renaming alone as we all know where these places and we like the names. To rename means altering road maps etc at great cost why not spend this money (and the survey money) on dredging the Lagoon!!!!
144	I have lived in this area all my life, now with 2 teenage boys. And have taken them to some of these locations. please it's a nice gesture to change the name. Can we please just keep them as they are. there's no need it just confuses people. Thank you.
145	Why would you change these already named locations.

146	They should get aboriginal first nation names, its very paternalistic to only go back to 1805 to source an original title. I think it is insulting and insensitive to our first nations people.
147	Pointless
148	Yes rename them but it doesn't seem right that they have English names, I think it's insulting. George Caley was visiting a place already inhabited by people and the names should remind us of the people who lived there before they were forced away by the Europeans.
149	WHY? All you will do is confuse locals who now these area's by their current names and for what USEFUL reason? This is a complete and utter waste of ratepayers money, and council staff time.
150	Why aren't we naming those areas after aboriginal names?
151	We are being too politically correct, leave the names as we know them. Too much renaming theses days.
152	All of these sites should be returned to the traditional owners and first nations peoples names for them as part of the reconciliation action plan out of respect for the first peoples of this area and not the colonisers. This is not even an option in 2021.
153	Stop celebrating white people and give it its Indigenous Name.
154	I would much prefer indigenous peoples names for these sites. Afterall they used and looked after this area for far longer than the white man has been involved.
155	Surely there are more appropriate names which recognise the history of the three sites long before the 1800s? Names they were likely referred to for many thousands of years by Australia's first people? Perhaps a consultation be made with indigenous elders first before adopting a European name?
156	Leave the names as is. Do not support
157	Surely recognition of First Nations people would be better with Aboriginal names being more appropriate.
158	Why? I would like to see Council resources used on the basic fundamentals of economies, and improvements to our facilities.
159	Could we please consider local Indigenous names instead.
160	Why, in this day and age are you celebrating the surveyor of the land by a colonial power over its indigenous owners. As some one who has recently received my citizenship, I would think it more sensitive to use the local aboriginal names, and consult the local owners on what it was called originally.
161	Surely Council could better direct Staff to more meaningful tasks. The justification provided be Council for the renaming of these geographical features lack merit.
162	I think if we are to rename geographical features then we should revert to the original indigenous names and not the name given by a British so called "explorer.

163	<p>Yes to Sea Sight</p> <p>No to the other 2 changes.</p> <p>If you decide to change the other 2 it should be First Nations naming as this particular area is very strong Indigenous heritage and culture, not naming after a 1 'explorer'</p>
164	<p>Dear All,</p> <p>to rename the geographical feature in recognition of George Caley are an improvement compared to the existing names.</p> <p>I would however propose to rename geographical significant locations to the Aboriginal names. In my view this is a missed opportunity.</p> <p>Or can we at least have both names the George Caley and the aboriginal name.</p> <p>Thanks</p>
165	You should ask our First Australians for their names, not more Colonial names
166	Leave Oxford Falls as it is. The others don't matter. Oxford Falls is a well known area and there is no need to change these features. It is just spending council money on new signs etc and not worth it.
167	They should be given Aboriginal names in honour of the traditional custodians of this land, not Caley who "discovered" it.
168	I do not believe the changes are required
169	Give them their First Nations names!!!
170	<p>Should be indigenous if possible.</p> <p>Not after Europeans.</p>
171	Would prefer aboriginal names if possible
172	Why can't we find Aboriginal names for these landmarks? That would be more appropriate
173	If we are to rename these features, how about we name them with the local indigenous names/words to teach our kids, community and visitors about the local aboriginal culture in honour of the Garigal nation
174	Wouldn't it be better to rename them to their original first nation's name?
175	I think that they should be renamed using Aboriginal names.
176	<p>I have already commented on proposals for each site.</p> <p>On reflection I would like to add</p> <p>It would also be good to include Aboriginal presence and effect on land management. eg was Thick Brush result of burning, or not. I am not sure Caley made any such observations, but there are other sources which might throw light on the environment in this period.</p> <p>If we have Aboriginal names around these sites could they be included?</p> <p>Indeed, perhaps It is time to consult local land council whether they would welcome this in teh Northern Beaches LGA?</p> <p>Thank you</p>
177	This should have the Aboriginal name
178	Why do we have to change everything everything is worked for hundreds of years and all of a sudden now you want to change leave it as it is the names are perfect

179	Can we stop mucking around and wasting Council money on these things. Oxford Falls, is Oxford Falls, etc, etc... let it be.
180	I believe the time has come to utilise aboriginal names for geographical features. I support the recognition of human structures, towns to be named after non-aboriginal people or events.
181	Why change? There is no benefit. No doubt there will a cost involved for no gain. There must be better things to spend our money on, I don't think George Caley will care.
182	Waste of money! Are you serious!
183	Rename it with an Indigenous name
184	I'm sorry - but naming landscape features proposed by dead white men is not in keeping with the spirit of increasing awareness of the legacy of local Indigenous people. I see no particular merit in making the changes as proposed - that is, they seem no more worthy than the names that are already used. George Caley may well have contributed significantly to Europeans' knowledge of the area but how much greater was the knowledge of peoples whose families have occupied the area for thousands of years? Let's take this opportunity to celebrate the contribution made by local Indigenous groups. Dead white men have already seized more opportunities to name things than is warranted.
185	Once again, we are ignoring any aboriginal place names for those "discovered " by whites. It is a fact that this area was settled by First Nations people. I would support some research into local aboriginal names for these features. The renaming of these features must incorporate aboriginal settlement names rather than once again, offending aboriginal people by acknowledging white settlement over aboriginal traditional occupiers. Acknowledging aboriginal inhabitants is a necessary step that Australian must take.
186	What a waste of time and effort. Surely the Council has better things to do with its time and [our] money
187	Hi, I noted Thick Brush Hill is a new name on aboriginal land. I do not believe they are going to like that. And are you going to rename Midle Creek too or just Reserve?
188	They should be given indigenous names, preferably chosen by local indigenous people.
189	You are pulling our leg.....right??? Seriously is there nothing sacred anymore in the NBC ? What do you hope to achieve by this little money maker for the bureaucracy other than wasting yet more rate payers funds on useless trivia. I cannot believe that this has been proposed.
190	Please consider the tone in which these renamings are being suggested across the Northern Beaches. To rename places based on the work of those that occupied the land of First Nation people is extremely distasteful. Recognising that George Caley's work was supported by a gentleman who was enslaved when he was born (Daniel Moowattin) who was then the first Aboriginal person to be hanged in Australia. It would be better to work with the Darug or local Aboriginal community to consider what names they would like to propose.

191	Please bring First Nations Language and/or references back into the naming of places. We are on Garigal or Carigal Country and this doesn't seem to be reflected in any naming proposals that come out of NB Council. Just names after more white men (and this is coming from a white man).
192	I like the idea of recognising George Caley. However I understand the push back if these sites were given Aboriginal names by the original inhabitants.
193	Why don't we name these geographical features in the Aboriginal language and have consultation with the local Aboriginal group? To continue honouring white people's take over of the original custodians is discriminatory and unethical. I would have thought NB council would have been more progressive and inclusive than this poorly thought out proposal.
194	I'd prefer geographical names to be based on indigenous terms
195	Trite names. Maybe we should have Watery lake for Narrabeen lake?
196	<p>Please do not rename historic/significant areas after a White Man from the 1800's. I understand this man did some decent work, but it's unnecessary and I can only assume it would not be supported by traditional indigenous first land owners.</p> <p>Oxford Falls and Oxford Cascades as names makes sense considering the types of the 2 falls. If you were to name them after a person I would highly recommend a local indigenous.</p> <p>Selfishly I feel like "Brad's Cascades" has a great ring to it. I go to those falls daily and have spent difficult periods of my life relaxing and becoming happy by the falls.</p>
197	Are there no females or Aboriginals worth recognition in the Belrose/Warringah area? Everything appears to be named for Anglo males.
198	Please do not rename Oxford Falls Cascades, it is a well known local feature and people are attached to the name.
199	Can we consult the First Nations people of this area and please put forward Indigenous names please!
200	Why bother - has the Council really got no roads to maintain or services to improve, or nothing else productive to do?
201	George Caley is already recognised by geographical place names and botanical species. He does not need further recognition when there is an opportunity to consider indigenous place names instead.
202	<p>Surely in these days, where we are conscious of the disruption that colonising caused to the aboriginal people, the naming of these features would be much more appropriately renamed in accordance with the aboriginal heritage. Can the council please investigate this option and align their naming proposals at least so that natural elements carry their original aboriginal names.</p> <p>In this same "have your say" is the proposal for a seating area to honour a past mayor, and that seems fitting as it is a built feature, whereas this is not fitting.</p>
203	Yes for the reserves not for Oxford Falls
204	Adding the Aboriginal names are preferable to me, particularly as NPWS is in the process of adding dual naming to their sites. It's out of touch to rename it to another white man's preference.
205	These areas should be named after the nations first people
206	Please use local indigenous names. Let's get rid of the colonial era. Think Uluru vs Ayers Rock.

207	Are the council making any attempt to celebrate or include indigenous aboriginal names or local peoples? Or are the council solely naming things after a European settler? I thought we had moved on from doing this?
208	I prefer the historic names. If the aboriginal people had names for these places could these be considered too?
209	I would prefer these places to be re-named as the Indigenous people called them.
210	These should also be accompanied by plaques with the history.
211	It is a wonderful idea to acknowledge the early explorers and to learn more about our past.
212	Hi - I have made a submission already, I would like to add: Many Aboriginal place names are based on the landscape or a place of water, then local animals such as birds or others who reside there... these might be similar to what George Caley also saw when he named these places on his maps... isn't it time we incorporated more Aboriginal names in our area? that is, if these places do need a change in name then make those names in say Garigal or Gayamagal, the two closest clans to our northern beaches?
213	I support the proposed naming/renaming of the three geographical features and would add that on his journey from Pennant Hills to Narrabeen, it's almost certain that George Caley would have been accompanied by his long-time Aboriginal assistant Daniel Moowattin. For more information about Daniel, follow this link to the Australian Dictionary of Biography. https://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/moowattin-daniel-13107
214	Renaming based on the work of an early nineteenth century explorer is very insensitive to the indigenous inhabitants of the land at that time and inconsistent with the way we now view European settlement. Caley was part of a generation that took lands from first nations people. I suggest that any renaming be to the original indigenous names of the places. I am surprised by Council's insensitivity.
215	Caley rested overnight on the location proposed to be named Sea Sight Reserve. From that magnificent viewpoint there are 300 deg views to the ocean, the Northern Sister and round to the west to Mt Banks in the Blue Mountains where he had previously journeyed. Indeed if Caley had continued beyond Mt Banks he might well have found a way across the mountain barrier at least 9 years before Blaxland, Lawson & Wentworth. From Thick Brush Hill Caley looked over Narrabeen Lagoon. On his return journey he referred in his Journal to the numerous falls and cascades in the Oxford Falls Valley. All in all it was a remarkable journey and hard going.
216	These should be renamed by indigenous people. It is their land.
217	I don't see any value in the name change. It's a meaningless change and just a waste of money. I would like more consideration given to indigenous names right across the LGA. Eg how many people know anything of Liberator General San Martin, the name of the road thru West Head, an area of natural and cultural significance. Please bring relevance into naming of all public places.
218	Better to use local aboriginal names
219	Great tribute to early naturalist.
220	Give it an indigenous name.
221	Indigenous names please. Why would a white person's 'expedition' and journal prevail over what was already known? This is a joke.

222	If any natural landmarks are to be renamed it should be in consultation with first nation people, the original owners of this land. Not after some white man who took specimens from certain areas as if he discovered them. Maybe contact the Aboriginal heritage office and find out what they have to say. https://www.aboriginalheritage.org/
223	If renaming is occurring, I would like to see council take the opportunity to acknowledge the existing traditional owners of the land rather than again lauding the senior white Englishmen who took over this land at such a great cost to the Aboriginal peoples. That's a message that moves in the directly away from reconciliation...
224	Yes, but... Can we please give preference to the *real* original names - ie what indigenous Australians call/called them? I would fully support dual indigenous/settler naming and do support recognition of Caley, but if we are going to the trouble of renaming, can we please take the Original Custodians' views into account.
225	The names don't roll off the tongue, and they are dated. Nothing wrong with the current names. Logical, modern and geographical
226	1. The current names are perfectly suitable, the new names are not. If it ain't broke, don't fix it. 2. One local resident is driving this? How is this possible, he/she must be the squeaky wheel? 3. The costs to make these changes on this project are far greater than any benefit received. Think signage, mapping, publication, etc and the money could be better spent elsewhere on roads for instance which are in a terrible state.
227	Should be indigenous names.
228	I would prefer to see any areas considered for renaming, or naming, to be given their appropriate Aboriginal names with a subordinate attribution to George Caley, (if really necessary). By giving prominence to Aboriginal / First Nations identification, Council will not cause offence or incur extra costs to us, the ratepayer, when the push to increase Aboriginal nomenclature becomes the norm.
229	As long as the Aboriginal Elders are also involved, there could already be a name! Caley might not have been aware of!? The cost of these changes?
230	Surprised they are not being renamed using local indigenous language. This renaming just replaces one white nans name with another.
231	The current name helps locate the geographic feature. The proposed new name has no local relevance.
232	These landmarks should be renamed according to local Indigenous peoples instead.
233	Stop messing with stuff for pity's sake. It smacks of wanton self importance from Council for no actual community benefit. Use the money for improving the paths or providing seating, that benefits people who use the areas. If any change is voted for it should be done with consultation from the original indigenous owners, not colonial explorers. It'd be nice to prove we had collectively become more culturally sensitive.
234	I would love to see places renamed to their original names (indigenous names would be my preference but this will do for now)
235	aboriginals were there before George Caley and i don't believe that everything should be named after a white explorer.

236	If there are any name changes, they should be in honour of our First Nations People, not white colonists. Don't agree with this at all.
237	Are there no Aboriginal names for these locations? Carley should be recognised but so also should original inhabitants.
238	I think it would be more appropriate to name them by First Nation names or First Nation people names. Australian history is appalling and Australia today need to stand up and recognise the damage that it has done and continues to do today.
239	These proposed names are so general, and not descriptive enough they are just purely based on Caley's observations, like the proverbial "black stump". I don't mind Caley's Falls, but Sea Sight Reserve could be given to any number of places on the beaches, up and down the coast. If there has to be any name changes, why not use the original aboriginal names for the area of the local inhabitants. I also see this as an exercise to waste local taxpayers money which would be better used in so many other ways to improve the area.
240	I would prefer First Nation names
241	If there are going to be name changes it would be much more appropriate to consult with local indigenous groups and rename according to their wishes. This would also give the local community the opportunity to learn about our area from an indigenous cultural perspective. Personally I believe council has a responsibility to educate its residents on the long pre colonial history of this area and acknowledge the traditional owners. Changing place names to indigenous names is a step in the right direction.
242	Leave as they are or change to the indigenous name.
243	Give the area its indigenous name.
244	Firstly are the locations exact? Relying on evidence from 1805 and locating them in a modern geographical context is not going to be that accurate more likely an approximation. The only site with a real degree of certainty is the Falls at Oxford Falls. I would be happy with it being called after Caley. As to the other sites I think this is a great opportunity to give them Aboriginal names. They can be named in both in the Sydney dialect (which is similar to Dharug a much more widely known language than what is known as Eora) and in English. For example Sea Sight Reserve could be called Garrigarrang Reserve as it over looks the sea. Thick Bush Reserve could be called Duga Reserve which means thick wood/forest near water. Thanks Rod Mountford Historical Archaeologist (And grew up in the Forest Area)
245	Why recognised an explorer and not the original land owners? If we want to change, do it right.
246	Surely Council has better things to do than waste resources renaming obscure places, unbelievable
247	Surely we should name these features in respect of First Nations cultural tradition. This seems a backward step in terms of reconciliation.
248	The place names should take indigenous names, not European, or have dual place names
249	I would prefer to see them named with consultation with the traditional owners of this land
250	Can we please engage with an elder of our original custodians to seek a suitable name for these areas?

251	I would far prefer any renaming of any location or geographical features to follow Indigenous languages, although the proposed names are better than what they are currently. Indigenous names all the way!
252	Perhaps just renaming Caley's Falls would be a suitable acknowledgement of Caley's work and avoid any confusion between Oxford Falls and Oxford Falls Cascades. I hope Caley was a better Naturalist than he was place namer as these names are boring and unimaginative.
253	If there is going to be a name change, it should be to the original aboriginal name. It's tone deaf to change it to another name originated by any one other than the original custodians of Australia.
254	Consider using traditional Aboriginal names for locations. Nothing against the George Caley, however lets recognise out Traditional Owners. Have they been consulted.
255	Any naming of features should be in the aboriginal language. Always was always will be aboriginal land. To rename anything in 2021 an Anglo / English name is regressive and a slap in the face to our indigenous people and reconciliation. What is the council's reconciliation action plan and how does this sit in that context? It is not acceptable in my view.
256	I think it's not appropriate to change the name of Oxford Falls if there is no proposal to change the name of Oxford Creek. The status quo, Oxford Falls on Oxford Creek, is more rational.
257	Yes. But would prefer aboriginal names or a mix of both.
258	I would prefer that the Indigenous Elders to be consulted. This is such an opportunity to make some meaningful effort to make amends for colonisation and acknowledge the traditional custodians of this area. Why hasn't this been considered?
259	I would prefer that we return to pre-colonisation names. We need to raise awareness that this country had a long history before settlement by non-Australians. I particularly object to naming a place after a coloniser. The two 'bush names' names are passable but more indigenous content would be better.
260	Good grief, No! What a waste of time and money to please one individual. Does he happen to be a distant relative of George Caley? What a complete waste of taxpayers money! Plus the names are rubbish!!! If you are going to make historical changes ask our first people what the indigenous names for these places are. There are much better things to spend council money on; improved walking trails, more bike/ skate parks... I could go on!
261	If names are to change (no real reasons have been stated why they should) then in 2021, the names should be changed to something with local indigenous significance. Otherwise, leave the names as they are. Also, if council decides to change to names more culturally sensitive, PLEASE, consult with indigenous elders.

262	Spend time and money on more important things like roads that are cracked up everywhere, spend time answering requests for safety issues so residents don't have to spend 4 months emailing and calling just to be brushed off with pedestrians injured cause of your inaction. This persons a long time dead so why recognise him. Just like another stupid renamed parks etc. No one used the 'new' names.
263	Why not look to use indigenous names if you're going to rename, rather than use names some unknown colonist gave to places? Seems like a missed opportunity to me. I'd much rather see indigenous place names acknowledged and restored.
264	We are so lacking in history. A few signs in Forest way and Morgan Road would be great idea. Acknowledge Cayley please
265	Please use indigenous names where possible and where not possible use female names to help balance the inequality which exists with reconfirming females from history (and indigenous elders)
266	I think renaming one of them would be fine and I would choose sea sight reserve (Belrose reservoir) perhaps a Plack would be appropriate as well
267	There is no benefit to the community by changing the names so it's a waste of money.
268	By contacting Indigenous elders of Guringai would be appropriate and given darug names for all sights
269	What an absolute waste of time and energy. Even if this goes ahead, I will always refer to these places with their current names. Just a pointless exercise all round
270	I think local elders of indigenous leaders should be asked if there are traditional names for these sites before any other names are considered.
271	Please consider local indigenous names. Australia is full of explorers names but other jurisdictions are renaming with First Nations language. Sea Sight? Thick Brush? Ridiculous!
272	I would be keen to understand the cost associated with the proposed renaming in terms of man hours spent thus far. I would be equally keen to understand the balance of time and associated cost required should this proceed. I can see no benefit to the community only commemoration of another white fella which will need to renamed in a couple of years time in "language". In short it seems to be one individual's vanity project and I feel it objectionable that my rates should be expended on such a nebulous activity.
273	If there is to be any renaming of these sites, it should reflect the original aboriginal names used pre white settlement.
274	Mr Caley may have studied these areas but I don't believe that requires these sites to be named after him. He didn't "discover" them. If the sites are to be renamed please name them after the first nation's people. It might be worth viewing the ABC show The School that Tried to End Racism. Episode 2 perfectly highlights this topic and pack of sensitivity on this topic by government departments. Our children are being taught values in their schools to respect the native lands and to show respect for the traditional inhabitants. NB Council could reinforce this ideal and not confuse our children by pushing old values that are outdated and not respectful. Link below to the TV show for anyone interested. https://iview.abc.net.au/show/school-that-tried-to-end-racism
275	No leave as it.
276	Don't fix what isn't broken. If anything change them to an Indigenous name
277	I would prefer indigenous names for these areas to be introduced. The days of naming locations after white men are over.

278	Leave it as it is or perhaps look into reverting it back to their original aboriginal names if permission of that gets granted by the aboriginal people
279	It should be an Aboriginal original name as this is the true name or another Aboriginal name
280	It sounds fair and reasonable, why not.
281	Waste of tax payer money
282	I prefer to leave names as is or consider Aboriginal names. There's been enough recognition of early explorers settlers. Considering the brutal treatment of the Aboriginal populations in the area and robbing of their lands any proposal to reward these people with naming aboriginal country in their name is a further stab in the back for aborigines.
283	hello, you have no mention of any let alone every cost associated with this proposal. May I request you send them to me? Surely you wouldn't be doing this without a full and true costs study? It's very hard to provide competent or informed decision or feed back without this information
284	It's not obvious to me that the historical significance of George Caely really clears the bar for renaming these areas. If as a community we were keen to rename these features it would seem more appropriate to look a little further back in history and seek to uncover the names these places had before George arrived. Surely they'll more uniquely descriptive than "Thick Brush".
285	I would like to see these and more locales in our area to use the Aboriginal place names. More acknowledgement of the traditional owners of our land would be appreciated. Thank you
286	Why bother? These names seem just as arbitrary as any other. This seems like change for changes sake and will only introduce confusion
287	Seems these changes are Making changes for the sake of making changes
288	Stick with indigenous names. The aborigines would've originally had names for these places. If they don't know, give them due respect and ask them to choose the names.
289	Please put in the traditional aboriginal names
290	Oxford Falls Cascade should remain it was once known a snake creek I have lived in Kelly's Way f since 1956 and I disagree strongly
291	I can't see the sense in renaming places at all - they have a name leave them as is
292	Should be given back to First Nations people to name - consult with aboriginal heritage office and the aboriginal community groups
293	I would prefer not to have features renamed based on another man from the 1800's. Isn't there a local aboriginal body who could rename these features more appropriately?
294	Features around this area should be named after traditional owners not white old men. I would seriously object to George Caley being recognised. This land was never ceded. It was and always will be aboriginal land. It takes away from the knowledge held for tens of thousands of years about the flora of the region by Gurrungai people
295	If the name really needs to be changed I would prefer consultation with the tradional owners of the land, past and present. The Aboriginal names and an explanation of their meanings would be so interesting. To me anyway.
296	Why not have references to the indigenous history if known?

297	I think they would be better named using the names used by the local indigenous peoples. This would better reflect the area and our local indigenous heritage.
298	Absolutely not. Renaming these areas after a someone who passed through, totally ignores the 60,000 years of continuous habitation our First Nations have had. This remaining would simply prioritise one white man's experience, over a whole First Nations experience.
299	I would prefer to have any names given by the indigenous people of the area be considered rather than naming for an English explorer.
300	I agree that the geographical features should be renamed but they should be renamed using local Aboriginal language names. Please honour, acknowledge and respect the traditional owners of this land by using the Aboriginal place names.
301	I only agree with the Caley Falls renaming. The others do not roll off the tongue, and do not pose any need for renaming other than as a pedantic action. Should Caley Falls not be Caley's Falls? I know the apostrophe is dropped in all geographical names.
302	I like the link to our history and it would be even better if each location contains a plaque that tells of the naming history and the journey.
303	Should be given first nation names, not invader/occupier names.
304	If there is to be a name change then use indigenous names. Even the original names sound better than the proposed ones. These are not relevant and mean nothing except to George Caley and I assume he's dead. 😊
305	Waste of money
306	The names proposed are very uninspiring and George Caley already has a namesake in <i>Grevillea caleyi</i> . These sites would have already had names known to the first peoples long before George Caley arrived but probably lost now. If they are to be renamed why not choose appropriate aboriginal names?
307	This should 1000% be named by local aboriginals and elders consulted on what is appropriate. These proposed names are not appropriate in my opinion
308	These are very uninspiring names not any better than those already and he has a namesake already in <i>Grevillea caleyi</i> . These sites would have had names long before he arrived, but those names are probably lost now. If there is to be renaming it should be in recognition of the first people who lived here. Why not choose appropriate Aboriginal names?
309	Yes but please refer to Historical Aboriginal names ONLY please! Let's try and make better connections with our Indigenous culture for the future by including these names instead of other explorers.
310	Aboriginal names should be researched and considered alongside these names. Just changing the names because an 'explorer' named them in his journal is not appropriate in this day and age.
311	We should acknowledge indigenous names for these areas. Caley was there for about 5 minutes.
312	I think better names could be given than thick brush and sea sight- Perhaps something indigenous or something to do with the local wildlife found there

313	<p>I would like to see consideration given to indigenous names for these areas also. The Parramatta Research and Heritage says that George Caley had an Aboriginal friend that accompanied him on his travels - Daniel Moowattin.</p> <p>“ In their explorations together Moowattin helped Caley find dozens of different plant specimens and fauna that would have been impossible for Caley to have found alone including many different species of eucalypts, gumnuts and flowers. It was also as a result of their collaboration that it was learnt that the Saligna Blue Gum was called Calang'ora and the blackbutt the Tarunde'a. In acknowledgment of the contribution that Moowattin made, Caley labelled many plant specimens discovered by him as “got by Dan”.”</p> <p>It does not seem right that we would only acknowledge the contributions of a white person when naming or renaming aboriginal land. Moowattin's story is not one without controversy - so maybe his name cannot be used - but it would shine a light on the true and conflicted nature of Australia's history.</p>
314	<p>Geographical locations should be named by Traditional Owners in First Nations languages. The council should consult with Aboriginal Elders from the area and name the places accordingly. What is being proposed is a wasted opportunity for reconciliation.</p>
315	<p>Belrose Reservoir - to be renamed as Sea Sight Reserve - AGREE</p> <p>Oxford Falls Cascades - to be renamed Caley Falls, AGREE</p> <p>Middle Creek 2 Reserve (unofficial name) adjacent to Wakehurst Parkway - to be renamed Thick Brush Reserve. DISAGREE</p> <p>Middle Creek is a popular well known spot and its location is easily identified by its name by locals. There is no apparent advantage in changing its name.</p>
316	<p>Just because they are historical doesn't mean they are appropriate. More meaningful names might be derived from translating these names into local aboriginal languages</p>
317	<p>George Caley should definitely be honoured for his taxonomic and expeditionary contributions to what is now referred to, as the Northern Beaches during early European settlement.</p>
318	<p>In my view, the days of naming sites and features after colonist explorers should be long gone. Surely Oxford falls has an indigenous reference? Perhaps naming a place after the bush type/fauna/ flora description is fine, but try and find indigenous names first, out of respect to the indigenous heritage of the area.</p>
319	<p>My 99 year old grandfather lived in Oxford falls all his life and his parents lived there for 30+ years it's been in our family over 120+ years! he would be devastated at the change of name for the cascades. It resides in Oxford Falls therefore it's Known as 'The Falls' for locals.</p> <p>How far away are you? 'Going over the falls' now will be home soon.</p> <p>Or let's all meet at the falls before we go on our camping trip as our meeting place.</p> <p>Please don't change this one.</p>

320	Hi - has the council processes included consulting with out first nations representatives / elders on naming these areas? perhaps there are more appropriate names? and while also recognising the work of George Caley, or recoginse his work in another appropprite way? but first let's recognise our aboriginal first land owners for tens of thousands of years if not more.
321	<p>This is a beautiful idea, and love naming them as per George Caley.</p> <p>It is important to open up these conversations with children on why we are living here in this day and age, and the explores who helped open the pathway to the northern beaches.</p> <p>We combine both European history with our indigenous history. It isn't one or the other.</p> <p>This is a lovely mesh to a peaceful explorer.</p>
322	My family and I absolutely do not support the use of place names based on colonial past. It is inappropriate. There is too much of this already. Please use place names based on the true history of these natural landmarks, ie indigenous names/terms.
323	I like their current names. If the existing names could be changed to reflect Aboriginal titles I would then reconsider.
324	So long as renaming has significance in historical terms. I do not have any problem in replacing features that currently carry the name of the suburbs that they are located in provided the choice has some historical connection.
325	Renaming should only occur according to traditional custodians of the land not to further celebrate and acknowledge our short white history. Celebrate the millennia our indigenous people were here caring for and observing the land through appropriate naming conventions.
326	Would much rather they were given their Aboriginal names where possible.
327	<p>If you are going to change the name why not adopt the aboriginal name</p> <p>Consult with local elders and seek their collaboration</p> <p>There are already enough sites in Australia named after white European men</p> <p>This is a lost opportunity to do something progressive and forward thinking</p>
328	<p>I don't mind Sea Sight Reserve but naming yet another thing after a white privileged male (Caley Falls) seems to go against current thinking.</p> <p>Have you thought to find out the indigenous names for these places?</p>
329	Agree with the need for the name changes, but would prefer to see the indigenous names instead of the European explorer names.
330	I am surprised that At a time when we are seeking reconciliation with First Nations people that this renaming is being considered. I would have thought it would be more appropriate for us as a community to consider indigenous names for these sites.
331	We should be consulting with our local indigenous elders and using names they suggest.
332	These should be given their aboriginal names or should stay named as they are. Do we really need to confuse people with new lame-sounding names simply to uphold one of those who paved the way for the dispossession of aboriginal land.
333	Change to Traditional First Nation names please not another European explorer !
334	I like Sea Sight Reserve and Thick Brush Reserve but I don't like the name Caley Falls. It sounds uninspired.
335	Please consider using indigenous names instead of daft names designated by roaming colonists. Thankyou!

336	Are there any indigenous names for any of these areas?
337	I think we should find out what the local Aboriginal people called themselves and use that name.
338	I thought the naming of Middle Creek was not very imaginative. I would be happy to go ahead and rename these sites.
339	Perfect memorial to George Caley so significant in our history.
340	Changing names just causes confusion. Belrose is a suburb, and a reservoir is a reservoir: very simple and practical and a landmark, if someone is injured or lost at that spot. No one would know where Sea Sight reserve is. There are sea sights all over the northern beaches. Also all the time wasted by council staff adds to ratepayers costs.
341	I have no issue with Sea Sight Reserve or with Thick Brush Reserve, but why would you possibly rename Oxford Falls Cascades as Caley Falls? Oxford Falls is a known and recognised area, far more than an unknown naturalist from more than 200 years ago. When we went looking for the falls after moving to the area, we found the cascades and waterfall easily because they were named after the suburbs. We'd have had no chance to know what Caley Falls is, nor interest in finding out. If you were to rename it for those who discovered it, why not find out if any Aboriginal name remains known? Also, renaming existing locations this far after the event is fraught with risk - what do we know of George Caley? Personal descriptions by colleagues include 'eccentric', 'morose' and 'cantankerous'. It also seems that Banks terminated his employment shortly after this work because of his outspoken views on personalities in the colony (https://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/caley-george-1866) and, to Bank's 'annoyance' returned to England with an Aborigine companion, who had to be returned to Sydney shortly after. We have limited understanding of the personality we are using the name of here and shouldn't make this change without knowing more. However, there is another option here. The Australian Dictionary of Biography (1966) states that Caley had systematically "cultivated the friendship of the Aboriginals" and "only a few of the names he adopted from the Aboriginals or gave to geographical features on his expeditions have endured". If his writings could be used to identify the pre-existing name for the Oxford Falls Cascade coming from indigenous Australians, then this would appear to be in keeping with Caley's original intent and also sympathetic to the modern culture of inclusion and appreciation of Aboriginal people.
342	Has NBC considered what the indigenous names for these geographical features were? If there were any, I feel it would be more appropriate to rename them in a way that recognises the original custodians of this area. Perhaps, when this has been done, some kind of reference to the colonial history could be made.
343	Would much rather Aboriginal recognition in namings generally, however also understand that significant knowledge in this regards is lost or being slowly uncovered. Discussions should take place with representatives of the areas Aboriginal people's to determine if there are appropriate names to be considered, or the appropriateness of current or proposed names investigated together with historical records and a critical eye, with regards to the people referenced, and their historical significance as oppressors or allies.
344	I only support this proposal IF there aren't any existing indigenous names for these areas. If there are indigenous names I think those should be used. Thank you

345	While Caley's work was no doubt important, he ignored that these features were already identified by first nations inhabitants. I strongly urge NBC to investigate what those names were and reinstate them.
346	Surely we should be giving traditional indigenous names to these places, rather than pandering to a colonial past
347	Surely we should be giving indigenous names for these areas and not pandering to a colonial past?
348	I support two of them but would prefer that Oxford Falls name remains or an alternative indigenous name chosen rather than another white male explorer.
349	This change will bring about much confusion, for many. New names & meeting points do not mix.
350	Covering this terrain in 1805 is a remarkable achievement and recognition for his endeavour ought to be acknowledged.
351	Unnecessary. Costly. And confusing
352	Surely we should be picking Indigenous names in this day and age?
353	Will there be a short explanation of the background for each name? Who Caley was and date when he named it? 1 Belrose Is there still a Sight of the Sea? Great if plaque could be placed there - if there is. 2 Caley's Falls Did he describe what it was like - if so short quote plus background Who Caley was and date when he named it? would be good. 3 Thick Brush In his journal does he give any description of the area or what type of 'brush' was there in 1805 would be good - preferably a quote. Plus Who Caley was and date when he named it? Thank you
354	While I'm out against these renamings as such, I don't think they are a priority compared to recognition of the local inhabitants before his journey. I'd prefer time and energy put into area's being renamed based on the Indigenous Australian's that occupied the area for thousands of years before Caley traversed the region.
355	They should be renamed with the assistance of the original occupants of the land. The locations most likely have had names for thousands of years before Caley, and that should be respected. How about at least 1 place after his indigenous assistant if you must rename with caley in mind?? https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daniel_Moowattin
356	Are there any indigenous names that would be more appropriate ? Caley Falls would be sufficient recognition.
357	The renaming should have aboriginal consultation and preference given to an aboriginal name or a name referencing the dominant native species. For example, specific naming after the ecology is good, but reference to Cayley is not. 'Cayley's Grevillea' is a critically endangered species in the Northern Beaches. It is an embarrassing name for the plant and a renamed area since it reinforces the obliteration of original aboriginal names, highlights the privilege of colonial documentation of Australian flora and fauna, and discourages proper conservation. Why should George Cayley have widespread recognition? The native environment is what is unique and requires respect and this should be illuminated in new names.
358	I am OK with these new names but am against names being changed from time to time for the sake of it. Hopefully if these name changes go ahead they will be permanent (99years)
359	Leave the names as they are and we chosen by people at the time
360	Can we have Koori names instead?

361	Seems appropriate to use "proper names" rather than mere identifiers.
362	I believe we have enough European names in Country. And enough European monuments. Community and Council voted for more Aboriginal naming of places. Please can this be seriously considered.
363	Why don't they have Aboriginal names? Why is George Caley's exploration something to be celebrated when surely many many people had explored the same land many many times before him? What was special about him? Because he was white? So you're proposing naming something after someone to celebrate them being white? This is surely a joke?
364	I would like to see local Aboriginal people consulted and use traditional names or alternative names recommended by the Aboriginal community. This Country has 60,000+ years of history that should be recognised and celebrated. We need to move beyond the narrow, racist thinking of the white Australia colonial thinking.
365	I agree with Thick Bush Reserve, but are there not known aboriginal names for the other 2. I cannot imagine that there is not a known aboriginal name for Oxford Falls.
366	Too much of early settler / explorer history gets lost by generic naming by rather ordinary people. It does not require too much imagination to visualize and comprehend what it must have been like / how hard it must have been for George Caley to make the trip from Pennant Hills to Narrabeen Lake. There was no Commenara Parkway, Pacific Highway, Broken Bay Road, Mona Vale Road, Powderworks Road or Garden Street. While the local aborigines would have had the tracks etc. sorted on their Hunter / Gatherer territory, unless Caley had an in the know crew of natives with him on the trek, it would have been miserable for a pasty white Pommy. What a joy it must have been for him when he first saw the sea from way inland. Clearly so much so that he named it Saw the Sea Hill and again Sea Sight Hill. And referencing my comment 2 sentences ago, what better indication of how miserable and tough it must have been for him to move forward through the scrub than naming it Thick Brush Hill. I reckon it deserves being remembered as such.
367	I think all three names are not appropriate. Perhaps they could be named with Aboriginal names which may be better. Why Caley's Falls????? From English explorer????? Not appropriate. Sea Sight Reserve is equally as bad. What a poor choice of names! Thick Brush Reserve is a poor name as well. I am not Aboriginal but think their names would be more appropriate and more interesting than what has been suggested.
368	It's good to use traditional names as well as aboriginal traditional names.
369	I think the Indigenous local names should be used instead of the names proposed.
370	What an unbelievable WASTE OF MONEY and time. Don't the people who proposed this change have anything better to do? Even though an important part of history, no one knows Caley, and I am sure there was no "reservoir" on the site when he explored. If you have all this spare money, maybe a History Information Sign at the sites, would be appropriate. Regards,
371	If we are going to rename these features, now is the opportunity to give them their local aboriginal names, not more white man's descriptions. And I am not of aboriginal descent.

372	I agree with the name change as I believe in the recognition and historical value of George Caley in retribution of his work and research.
373	People get confused with all these name changes. The names have stood for a hundred years. Leave Tydfil names as is! Find something else to do instead of interfering with our history !
374	What were the First Nations names for these places? I would prefer a return to these names or for First Nations locals to decide on new names. Has the Aboriginal Heritage Office been consulted?
375	I cannot help feeling that, if they are going to be renamed at all, they ought to be given appropriate indigenous names rather than those of an early naturalist. Wouldn't it be appropriate to consult with local indigenous people on this proposal also?
376	Utter waste of time and money, and only adds to confusion anyway
377	Please stop changing names that have survived for significant time periods. Unnecessary!
378	These palces need to be returned to the Indigenous names. This is pathetic that council does not get that in 2021 we are over everything being named after white men. Fin d out thier Indigenous names and return what has been removed. These places already had a name when white people renamed them - times up.
379	Surely it would be more appropriate to use local Indigeneous names rather than celebrating some British explorer.
380	Until I can offer support, I think Council needs to demonstrate they have engaged with the appropriate indigenous leaders and bodies. Now is a time when we are re-naming places according to their original indigenous language names not adding additional layers of colonialism. What are if any the indigenous names for these places?
381	It is admirable that historic names are being recognised.
382	If the names are to be changed, I think indigenous names would be appropriate as there would have been people living here before George started his surveys.
383	How about you engage with the First Nations People of the area and find out if these places already have names and if they do use those. You could start with contacting the Aboriginal Heritage Office in Freshwater. So Oxford Falls already has a name, can you tell us a bit more about this? This would be relevant to any considerations. Cheers,
384	Can't we choose a different name for Caley falls rather than have a white male explorers name? I like the other 2 though.
385	I clicked Neutral because I approve of most changes - but not that of Oxford Falls Cascades. This is a well known geographical feature and more aptly describes it than the reference to someone unknown in the suburb.
386	How about consulting local Aboriginal leaders and naming it what it have been before colonial times.

387	<p>The proposed names are childish and give the impression of being memory joggers for Caley's own use rather than names intended for widespread use.</p> <p>Also, if we are to rename features (or any location) using names from the past, shouldn't we be using the original (indigenous) names?</p>
388	<p>Yes, - BUT - to discover the name given by the first inhabitants - check with local Aboriginal groups.</p> <p>Do not name our places with yet another settler name!</p> <p>All over Australia, the original place names are being used more often - with the realisation that places had names before the English arrived.</p> <p>Grace Carskens has been exploring original place names along the Hawkesbury.</p>
389	<p>Naming a feature gives more meaningful importance to a unique location.</p>
390	<p>Only if it is done in a positive way that is practical and doesn't offend and confuse anyone and the current name should also stay or it will be confused and a loss to someone's childhood memories. Imagine someone who is having dementia and it might drive them mad if the original</p> <p>Names are all changed beyond recognition .. really just keep the existing name and add on recognising the First Nation original name and the first colonial names can give it a historical texture without changing anything and making it confusing to allHas anyone bothered to research if there are any lovely original aboriginal names for the sites which could also be tied to the sense of place? Could be "Original Aboriginal name-Carley falls-current name..." "especially if the original aboriginal name sounds really nice maybe even some one aboriginal historian/cultured could make up a nice sounding name for it in the original aboriginal language of the area if it's still traceable to romanticise the age of our unique Australian culture that dates back to ancient times old and new and rejoice in our unique amazing history in a positive way could be nice and give a perspective over time. I think no to changing it but yes to adding the two previous historical names to enhance the history of the sense of place in time over the ages.</p>
391	<p>This feels culturally out of step in this era to be naming things based on an early explorer. If you want to rename areas let's find new names created by Australians who live here and not someone from Yorkshire naming what he sees when exploring there. He didn't find these places they were always there before he "found them"</p>
392	<p>How appalling! I started reading this article assuming the renaming would give recognition to our First People, not some barely known white invader ! EXTREMELY IGNORANT SUGGESTIONS !!</p>
393	<p>I think it would be good to consider indigenous names. This could either be how the local Aboriginal people referred to these sites, or they could be named after Aboriginal people who lived in the area, or the Aboriginal names of animals or plants that live in that area.</p>
394	<p>I'm surprised we're still naming geographic features after the white settlers who "discovered" them. It would be far more interesting and relevant for council to go to the AECG to rename these features!</p> <p>I would much rather refer to these by the names given to them by our traditional owners. I'm sure the AECG would know the names of these places, or would be able to give you more appropriate names.</p>
395	<p>I would support the renaming of features to what the indigenous peoples called them. No more colonialist labels please</p>

396	They are better names, but why don't we go a little further back than 1805 and use traditional indigenous names?
397	Whilst I agree with acknowledging George Caley's contribution to the local area, I feel that if renaming is to be considered then local indigenous names should also be put forward to reflect the original inhabitants.
398	We should be identifying the Aboriginal names for these features and adopting those, in recognition of our First Nations people.
399	What Indigenous name do they have? Can we have more information
400	Perhaps find out the aboriginal name for these features and give them back their original name.
401	Oxford Falls Cascades should remain that name, not change to Caley falls. Why not use Aboriginal names to name our local area rather than those named by an english man.
402	Why not ask the people that were here before us what these areas are called?
403	Total waste of time and money (paid by ratepayers) which can be far better utilised
404	Prefer sites to be known by local Indigenous names. This proposal perpetuates the myth of 'discovery' by white men.
405	I think the time has long since past that we rename things based on the opinion of a white explorer. They already have names so there is no benefit other than glorifying yet another colonialist who has plenty named in his honour already. More importantly these would have had a name long before Caley ever saw them. If a renaming is in order how about trying to find the name that the original owners had for the areas or one that recognises this?
406	Current names are fine
407	I don't think it appropriate to continue to celebrate a colonial legacy, I would much prefer to see local aboriginal names instead. We have an opportunity to connect with our true history and peoples, so please get in touch with local elders and come up with better options.
408	What is wrong with the existing names. I am sure there are more important things for the Council to worry about than changing names.
409	These are reasonable names
410	I think having recognition to Caley is important as long as the indigenous name is alongside the land holding.
411	"The only one I object too Thick Brush Hill. I think this name Thick Brush Hill, could be changed one of the names below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Swan = moolgori Reserve • Sleepy Lizard = muggadung Reserve (Hill) • Bandicoot = koorowull(koor-O-wUll), bin bin Reserve (Hill) (when you see two words it means a lot off) (Please note, this is the name of the reserve at Bayview. Although it only says "koorowull "and no mention of what it means in the local Aboriginal language. I think this is important.)"

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412	<p>I understand that NBC intends to rename three areas, namely: Belrose Reservoir - to be renamed as Sea Sight Reserve, as referred to by Caley on his February 1805 journey to Narrabeen with his botanic partner Daniel Moowattin. Oxford Falls Cascades - to be renamed Caley Falls. Why? Try Moowattin Falls. Middle Creek 2 Reserve - to be renamed Thick Brush Reserve. Why?</p> <p>I apologise for not writing to you before 14 November 2021.</p> <p>However, there are related proposals which are still alive for comment, where the geographical feature is within the Local Government Area, but not under Council's care, control and management. That is the Geographical Names Board (GNB) will be required to conduct their own engagement with the community of the five features: Southern Sister, Northern Sister, Thick Brush Hill, Sea Sight Hill, and Saw the Sea Hill.</p> <p>In my submission, which I have put in writing to the GNB, I object to all these proposals and pending namings because it fails to take account of the Aboriginal Daniel MooWattin, who travelled with Caley during their February 1805 journey to Narrabeen and back to Pennant Hills.</p> <p>Caley and Moowattin had a botanic partnership. But for Moowattin being with Caley, the latter would have never accomplished what he did. Caley knew this, so calling present day Cataract Creek, by the name Moowattin Creek, to repay the accumulated personal debt owed to Moowattin. That name appeared on a map shown by Matthew Flinders in 1814.</p> <p>In my submission, it is hypocritical of the GNB to call Cataract Creek by that name today, when Caley explicitly called it Moowattin Creek, and yet to now expect us to swallow using Caley's name alone and/or Caley's place names on the Northern Beaches. It perpetuates the great Australian silence of white men forgetting black Indigenous guides.</p> <p>By contrast, Caley often wrote in his diary of his botanic discoveries, "found by Dan". Moowattin's criminal trial (and execution by hanging) in 1816 was arguably a miscarriage of justice. Do not perpetuate that miscarriage by whitewashing Moowattin out of the picture. Bottom line is Moowattin was described by Caley as: <i>"the most civilised of any native that I know who may still be called a savage and the best interpreter of the more inland native's languages of any that I have met with....I can place that confidence in him which I cannot in any other - all except him are afraid to go beyond the limits of the space which they inhabit with me (or indeed with any other) and I know this one would stand by me until I fell, if attacked by strangers. This man is Moowattin."</i></p> <p>In my submission, the GNB should not be engaged in any act that whitewashes Moowattin out from the story of their journey to Narrabeen.</p> <p>Though the Council had closed comment by local resident ratepayers on 14 November 2021, I now share this comment made to the GNB with the Council. For I note that nowhere in its material regarding Caley's journey has the Council given any acknowledgement of the importance that Caley himself attached to Moowattin on their journey to Narrabeen in February 1805. I am quite disappointed by the Council's glaring omission of Moowattin.</p>
413	<p>"No to Caley Falls. Leave as Oxford Falls. Rename Oxford Creek. Oxford Falls remains on Middle Creek. Yes to Thick Brush Reserve. Yes to Sea Sight Reserve."</p>

	<p>This question cannot be answered with the options presented. The "Submit" button did not appear to work on the website.</p>
414	<p>Dear Madam,</p> <p>Naming Proposals - George Caley Geographical features Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on three Features that are named in a Journal by George Caley and are in areas under the care of Council. These features are located within the Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment.</p> <p>Naming of these areas will acknowledge the historic walk and botanical survey by George Caley and his Aboriginal friend Daniel Moowattin.</p> <p>We understand that there are five other features, which are not under the care of Council, and will be considered by the Geographical Names Board in consultation with the community.</p> <p>Our organisation has over 1,200 members and supporters and we have a mission to protect and preserve the bushland in the Narrabeen Lagoon catchment area.</p> <p>It is appropriate that we comment on the proposed names as George Caley was a botanist who collected and identified native plants for Joseph Banks in various locations including the Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment.</p> <p>It is also essential to recognise that Caley was accompanied by an Aboriginal person named Daniel Moowattin on this historic walk and botanical survey.</p> <p>Daniel Moowattin, a Darug man, was orphaned at a young age and was adopted by Richard and Mary Partridge in Parramatta.</p> <p>Daniel obtained the name Moowattin at initiation. Moowattin means 'bush path' which is very appropriate as he assisted Caley as guide and translator. In addition he identified and collected native plants for Caley and Caley gave recognition to Daniel by stating on the names of plants 'got by Dan'; these are recorded at the National Herbarium of NSW. One of the plants found in this area is named after Caley – 'Grevillea Caleyi' and is now an endangered native species.</p> <p>Daniel met Caley in 1802 and accompanied Caley in many expeditions. The journey from Pennant Hills to Narrabeen was the first expedition where Daniel accompanied Caley.</p> <p>Caley cultivated friendships with many Aboriginals through the greater Sydney area and other areas.</p> <p>We are concerned that none of the proposed names for these geological features are Aboriginal words or names and yet the Northern Beaches Council Naming Policy in Policy 7 states:</p> <p>"7. When naming parks and natural areas, preference will be given to the use of historical names, Aboriginal words (e.g. Goombooya Reserve) and the names of indigenous species of plants, birds and animals (e.g. Angophora Reserve, Cabbage Tree Bay)."</p> <p>In consideration of these historical events and in keeping with Northern Beaches Naming Policy, we make the following comments.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Area next to the Belrose Reservoir. We agree with the proposed name 'Sea Sight Reserve' This is recorded by George Caley and it is important that this location would have been Caley's first view of the ocean in his expedition from Pennant Hills. From this high point he could see Mt Banks to the west in the Blue Mountains and the Pacific Ocean to the east. 2. Oxford Creek Cascades proposed to be named 'Caley Falls'. We agree with this proposal although it would be appropriate to maintain the word "Cascades" and rename the cascades as "Caley Cascades" As mentioned above George Caley was a significant explorer in this area and as a botanist identifying and recording many of the native species in the catchment it is appropriate that his name is used on this beautiful natural feature.

	<p>3. Middle Creek 2 Reserve, adjacent to Wakehurst Parkway proposed to be named 'Thick Brush Reserve' We would like to suggest that this area be named in recognition of the Aboriginal person, Daniel Moowattin, who was a friend of George Caley and assisted him as a guide and translator. He also identified and collected many of the native plants for Caley.</p> <p>We suggest that this area be named 'Moowattin Reserve' in recognition of the Aboriginal person who accompanied George Caley and assisted him in identifying many of the native plants.</p> <p>We submit these comments for your consideration.</p> <p>Yours Sincerely</p> <p>Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment</p>
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