



## On Public Exhibition

Proposed Naming and Signage  
Albion Park Showground Pavilion

### Exhibition period

From 30 October to 26 November 2023

### How to make a Submission

Submissions must be received in writing and addressed to  
The Chief Executive Officer, Dharawal Country,  
Locked Bag 155 Shellharbour City Centre, 2529  
or sent by email to [council@shellharbour.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@shellharbour.nsw.gov.au)

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## **10.4.5 Proposed Naming and Signage - Albion Park Showground Pavilion**

To the Chief Executive Officer

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**Business Unit:** Technology and Corporate Services

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**Approver:** Scott Bridgement, Executive Director Corporate Services

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### **Executive Summary**

The purpose of this report is to recommend that the Albion Park Showground Pavilion be commemoratively named, "Doug and Daphne Blow Pavilion". The commemorative naming of the pavilion, proposed by the Albion Park Show Society, will recognise two exhibitors, volunteers and tireless workers who have contributed to the show over many decades.

### **Recommendation**

**That:**

- 1. Council endorse the draft commemorative naming proposal for the Albion Park Showground Pavilion to "Doug and Daphne Blow Pavilion" to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days calling for submissions.**
- 2. If no submissions are received as a result of public exhibition that are justifiable and require reconsideration, that Council adopt the commemorative naming proposal for the Albion Park Showground Pavilion to "Doug and Daphne Blow Pavilion", as attached to this report.**

### **Background**

Albion Park Show Society (Show Society) has requested permission from Council to rename the Albion Park Showground Pavilion (Pavilion) to "Doug and Daphne Blow Pavilion". The naming was considered at the Show Society Meeting of 11 July 2023 where a quorum of committee members voted in favour of the proposal. The Show Society intends to erect commemorative

signs over the pavilion entrances before the 2024 show.

Council Policy 'Naming and Addressing (Roads, Public Reserves, Parks, Sportsfields, Assets) states the following objective 'Shellharbour City Council is committed to the naming of assets after local flora or fauna, local history themes, or a person whom has made significant contribution to the Council or the Shellharbour Local Government Area.' The application by the Show Society upholds this objective and substantiates the criteria in the policy for commemorative asset naming. As per the Naming and Addressing (Roads, Public Reserves, Parks, Sportsfields, Assets) Policy, Council will comply with the Geographical Names Board of NSW Place Naming Policy for the naming Council assets.

**Attachment 1** is the Show Society letter recounting the high level of community service undertaken by Doug and Daphne Blow in relation to the Albion Park Show. Further commendations are recorded on Shellharbour City Museum's 'Discover Shellharbour' online database.

<https://discovershellharbour.recollect.net.au/>

**Attachment 2** shows photos of the Pavilion

**Attachment 3** is a site map showing the location of the Pavilion

## **Council Implications**

### **FINANCIAL / RESOURCES**

The cost of fabrication and installation of the sign will be the responsibility of the Show Society.

### **LEGISLATION AND POLICY (INCLUDING ADVOCACY, STRATEGIC AND OTHER PLANS)**

The proposed name complies with Council policy Naming and Addressing (Roads, Public Reserves, Parks, Sportsfields, Assets), Section 7.3 Council Assets Naming.

Albion Park Showground is a Heritage item (Item no. I301) of local significance under Shellharbour Local Environmental Plan 2013. Unique within Shellharbour and a major event place in the Illawarra, the Albion Park Showground has been continuously used since 1888. The proposed naming of the Pavilion is consistent with naming of structures at the showground, which commemorate persons of significance in individual elements and structures.

The signage is proposed to be erected on a Heritage item. If Council endorse the recommendation within this report, clause 5.10 (Heritage conservation) of the Shellharbour Local Environmental Plan 2013 will be used to assess the new sign. The Show Society will be required to provide information on the proposed signage for Council to assess. Works cannot begin until written approval is provided to the Show Society by Council. This approval pathway is referred to as an 'Exchange of Letters'.

#### **SOCIAL IMPACT**

Not Applicable

#### **SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS**

Not Applicable

#### **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Nil

#### **RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

Nil

#### **Link to Community Strategic Plan**

This report supports the following objectives and strategies of the Community Strategic Plan:

##### **1.1 We inspire community spirit**

1.1.1 Foster creativity and events that bring people together

1.1.1.01 Facilitate and foster community partnerships that build community capacity, attract resources and promote local community initiatives

#### **Previous Council Resolutions (including type and date of meeting)**

Nil

#### **Consultation**

##### **Internal**

Museum Curator

Strategic Planner

Manager Assets Planning

## **External**

Nil

## **Political Donations Disclosure**

Not Applicable

## **Options**

### Option 1:

That Council endorse the recommendation in the report.

### Option 2:

That Council not endorse the report recommendation. If this option is adopted, the name of the Pavilion will remain as Albion Park Showground Pavilion.

## **Conclusion**

The Albion Park Show Society letter details that Doug and Daphne Blow have made a significant contribution to the Albion Park Show, Council and the City, and contributed extensive service to the Community. The commemorative naming is recommended.

## **Attachments**

1. Albion Park Show Society report to Council
2. Photos of Albion Park Showground Pavilion
3. Site Map



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## REPORT TO COUNCIL

### NAMING OF PAVILION AT ALBION PARK SHOWGROUND

Albion Park Show Society would like to name the Pavilion at Albion Park Showground the "Doug and Daphne Blow Pavilion" and submit the following information in support of our Application.

- The proposal was put to the Committee of the Show Society at a meeting held on 11 July 2023. A copy of the Minutes of that meeting are attached. The motion was moved by our Junior Vice President Scott Thomas and Seconded by our Past President Shaun McParland. A quorum of Committee Members voted in favour of this motion. (NOTE the contents of the Minutes not relevant to this Application have been blocked out to protect privacy).

In compliance with clause 7.3.2 of Council's Naming Policy we advise

- **Douglas Blow OAM** was an Ayrshire Dairy Farmer who grew up in Albion Park and lived there his whole life.

He worked for Shellharbour Council for 23 years as Leading Hand Gardener in charge of tending the areas parks and gardens.

Mr Blow was a member of the Albion Park Show Committee from 1964 to 1996 and became an Honorary Committeeman until his death in 2002. Mr Blow was awarded Life membership in 1980.

Since about 8 years old, Mr Blow exhibited at Agricultural Shows in the area and was a member of Junior Farmers.

Mr Blow won State Competitions in Maize growing, Potato growing, sowing of Grass & Cloves and Vegetable growing. He was awarded the "Most Successful Exhibitor" at the Sydney Royal Easter Show on 5 occasions (a feat which has not been repeated very often). Mr Blow also supplied produce for the District Exhibits.

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Both Doug and Daphne Exhibited in the Albion Park Show Society Pavilion for over 70 years in Vegetables, Farm Produce, Pot Plants Cooking, Jams, Jellies, Preserves, Flowers and Floral Art. Between them they had exhibits in nearly every section.

At his home opposite the Albion Park Showground he conducted a plant nursery where he grew vegetable seedlings that the whole Community would come and purchase for their own gardens.

He was custodian of the Centenary Hall, a member of the Heritage Society and Museum Management Committee, as well as helping at the Marshall Mount Dances.

In 1986 Mr Blow was a runner-up Australia Day Citizen.

In 2000 Mr Blow received the Certificate of Recognition for the Year of the Older Person.

**Daphne Blow** also grew up in Albion Park and came from a farming background.

She was a member of Albion Park Red Cross and Church of England. With the Red Cross she often organised and catered for farm sales, Auctions and Community events such as the Marshall Mount Dances.

Her involvement with Albion Park Show saw her exhibit and steward between 1966 and 1999. She was also a Pavilion Judge.

Daphne made the bouquets for the Annual Debutante Ball from (1973 - 82).

She was a Member of the Shellharbour Bi-Centennial Committee and the Marshall Mount Progress Association.

Both Doug and Daphne were recognised in 1997 as Joint Citizens of the Year for assisting charities and fundraising.

### **Geographical Names Board of NSW Policy**

In accordance with Section 7 of this Policy the Committee of the Albion Park Show Society consider Mr & Mrs Blow had a long term association with the Albion Park area

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with both contributing significantly to this local area and in particular, Albion Park Show, an event which has been held at Albion Park Showground since 1888.

We acknowledge the naming shall be applied posthumously, with both Doug and Daphne having died in early 2000.

### **Position of Naming Board**

The Show Society proposes to erect a sign made out of wood with the words "The Doug and Daphne Blow Pavilion" above the roller door facing the HACC Centre and also a smaller sign made out of wood above the single door on the northern side of the Pavilion.

The Show Society formerly request approval be granted to this Application.

Michael Arthur  
President

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**Albion Park Show Society**  
**Minutes of Meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

*Present:* M Arthur, A Edwards, J Marsh, S Thomas, S McParland, M Swan, R Price, R McParland, J McInerney, C Martignago, M Bonnitca, C Parker, K Lever, M Wiffen

*Apologies:* M Davis, K Edwards, R Thomas, G McKenzie, G McParland, J Martignago, E Jenkins

*Condolences:* Jean Ewin, Audrey Simpson

*Minutes:* Minutes from previous meetings held 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 read and accepted

Moved: S Thomas

Seconded: J Marsh

***Treasurers Report:*** As the Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting a written financial report was not available.

***Committee Nominations***

The following Committee Nominations were received:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

***General Business***

***Insurance***

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

***Sub-Committee Meetings***

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## **Toilets**



## **Pavilion**

A motion was put forward that the Pavilion be renamed as the “Doug and Daphne Blow Pavilion”.

Moved: S Thomas

Seconded: S McParland

Alison will write a letter to Council regarding this.

Next meeting - 12 September 2023

Meeting closed 9.05pm

Attachment 2

Photos of Albion Park Showground Pavilion

Source : Google Street View (March 2020)



# Site Map

## Albion Park Showground Pavilion



Albion Park Showground Pavilion