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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL RESIDENTS

### Re: Statutory Process for Proposed Renaming of Batman Park to Gumbri Park

In the spirit of reconciliation with the Darebin Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, Council is seeking to rename Batman Park to better recognise and reflect the Wurundjeri history of the local area. The Wurundjeri Tribe are the Traditional Owners of the land on which Darebin stands today.

Between July-September last year Council consulted the community with support from Wurundjeri Elders, to learn more about local Wurundjeri history and culture and to hear the community's feedback on the proposed renaming of Batman Park.

Hundreds of residents attended the consultations and provided support for renaming the park. Three names were put forward by the Wurundjeri Council for community consideration. There was overwhelming community support for the name Gumbri, which has now been endorsed by both Darebin Council and Wurundjeri Tribal Land and Compensation Cultural Heritage Council.

### Who was Gumbri?

Gumbri, also known as Jessie Hunter, was a much loved and respected Wurundjeri Elder. Her name means 'white dove' in Woi wurrung, the traditional language of the Wurundjeri people. She was the last girl born on the Coranderk Aboriginal Reserve in Healesville and she had a great passion for Wurundjeri people and Country with a special interest in bush foods and medicines.

### Statutory process

Council is required to undergo a statutory process before a public place can be renamed in accordance with the *Geographical Place Name Act 1998* and *Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989*.

This process includes an opportunity for the local community to comment on the proposal. Council will consider all submissions prior to deciding on lodging the proposal with the Registrar of Geographic Names.

Further information on the requirements of the submission process is available at: <http://www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/property-and-land-titles/naming-places-features-and-roads/naming-rules-for-places-in-victoria>

### How do I comment?

Darebin City Council is seeking your comments on the proposal to rename Batman Park to Gumbri Park. Submit your comments, together with your name and address, by 24 August 2017 via:

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To find out more about the Batman Park Rename community consultation in 2016, go to [darebin.vic.gov.au/batmanrename](http://darebin.vic.gov.au/batmanrename).



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FIGURE 1: GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF BATMAN PARK  
(152 – 154 St Georges Road, Northcote)



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