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**DEAR GREG**

**SUBJECT: NAMING OF THE VILLAGE ENTRANCE ROAD.**

The Sunset Strip Progress Association held a Members Meeting on Sunday and voted to nominate Sunset Strip Boulevard as the name for the Village entrance road to the Central Darling Shire Council.

It was an unofficial name used by the Villagers for some years.

Villagers believe that by adopting this iconic name linked to the famous USA Hollywood boulevard will resonate with visitors, stimulate interest and help sell the Village housing stock.

Australia Post approved the post office mail box numbers starting with number 77 so as to difference us from the Menindee postcode.

The Progress Association has flagged with CDS Council a number of Village tourism improvements such as a welcome and direction signage, boat ramp sealing, public toilet, information hut and caravan turning circles.

Together with the adoption of the name and tourism facility improvements SSPAI expects it will help counter the adverse publicity of the fish kills and dry lake that has impacted on housing sales and the mental wellbeing of the Village.

We look forward to a positive response.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Peter Cox  
President**

8<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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Dear Greg,

We are writing to provide community response to your proposed road name for the road that connects the Broken Hill / Menindee Road to Copi Hollow Caravan Park.

Approximately 20 years ago this road was named Steve Hutton Drive in honour of the late Steve Hutton. Steve Hutton had a love of trees and a passion for greening the area in and around Copi Hollow. Steve completed a project whereby he lined the Copi access road with approximately 40 trees, he carted water in milk bottles, tankers and whatever he could cart water in to get these trees established all at his own expense. Additionally he planted 100 plus trees in and around the area supplying them with a triclone watering system and tree guards again at his own cost. Steve's love of the area was even more evident after losing both legs due to illness, he still maintained "his" tree's up until he passed away.

In 1999 the Broken Hill Speedboat Club sent a letter to the General Manager of the Central Darling Shire Council requesting permission to name the 3 kilometre stretch of bituminised road to "Steve Hutton Drive".

This request was granted and signage was posted by the Central Darling Shire Council at the T-junction and Copi Hollow entrance (see photo's below) and on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 1999 a naming ceremony took place at Copi Hollow with many people in attendance. Additionally Steve Hutton Drive is searchable on Google Maps (see picture below) and is recognised by Emergency Services.

We have attached a copy of a post that we put on Facebook asking our members to provide feedback on the proposed renaming. We received 49 replies, 42 of which directly supported keeping the name "Steve Hutton Drive", others commenting on why change it etc.

I feel that some of the comments needed additional mention as they show passion and respect for Steve Hutton. There are also comments from Steve Hutton's family.

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- *Leave it as it is, why change it? It has significant meaning otherwise this person wouldn't have been honoured for it!*
- *Steve Hutton Drive...that 4 wheeler done plenty of KM's in and around Copi*
- *(From Steve's niece). There is absolutely no reason to change the name. It was named Steve Hutton Drive in recognition of the work he did and out of respect. Leave the name alone.*
- *(From Steve's niece). My Uncle dedicated his life to Copi Hollow. He was a returned service man from WWII who found peace in our little lake community. Even when illness led to the amputation of both his legs his rehab motivation was to ride his quad bike up and down the Copi road watering and caring for the tree's he planted. It will always be Steve Hutton Drive to our family. Thank you all for your support!*
- *(From Steve's son). Steve was a WW2 veteran of New Guinea, Malaysia and Borneo who lived and went to school in Menindee as a child. His passion was the Menindee Lakes and the Darling River. He worked tirelessly around the Copi area and planted many of the trees that we now enjoy. Please leave it as Steve Hutton Drive!*

The Broken Hill Speedboat Club Committee and members request that the name of the 3 kilometre stretch of road remains named "Steve Hutton Drive".

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0422 019 474.

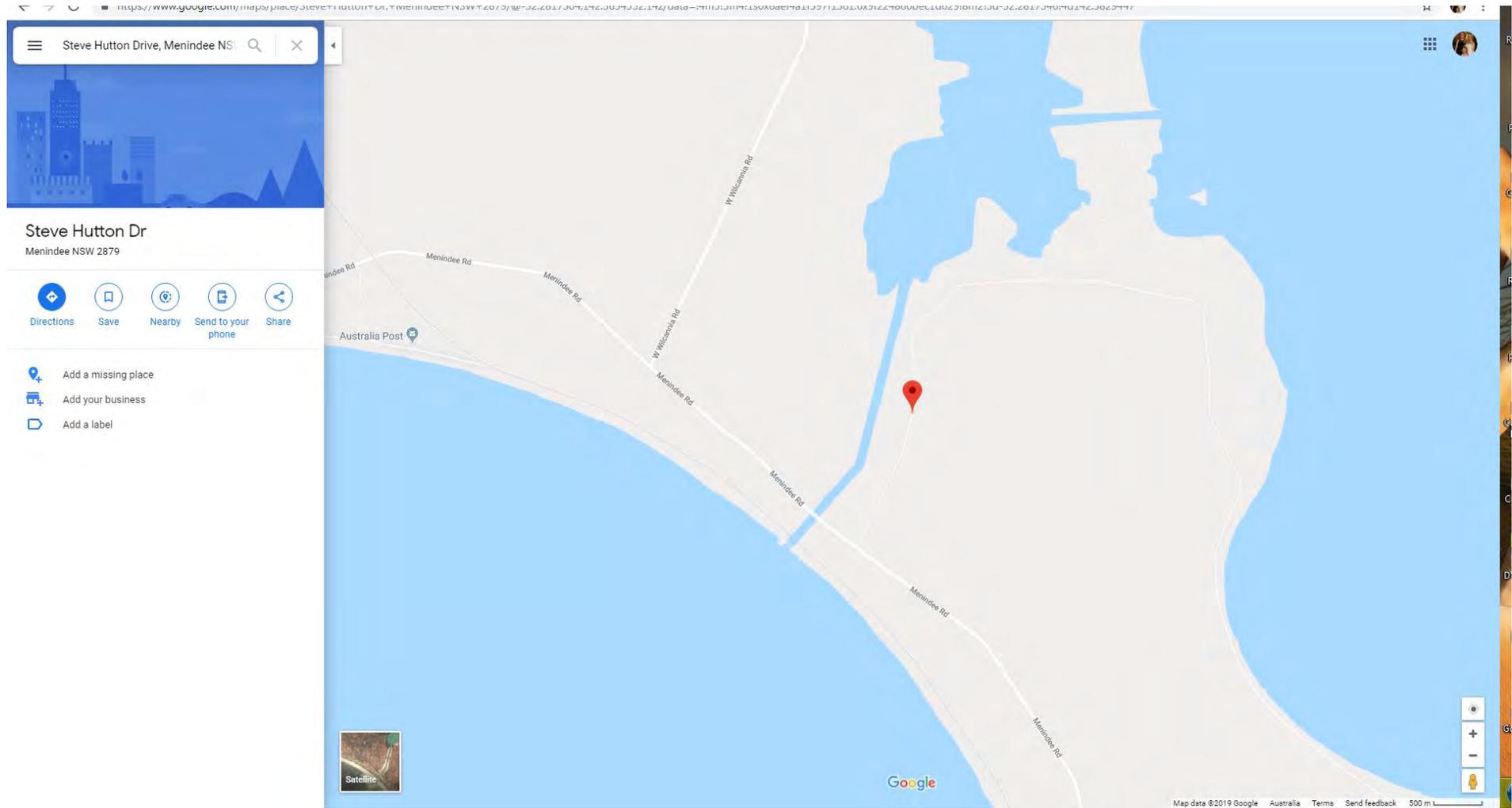
Yours Sincerely,

Kristie Pinnuck  
Secretary

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