



NAMING OF HERITAGE LIBRARY



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Executive Summary of engagement report:

During the 13 November Council meeting, Council endorsed placing the proposed name for the Heritage Library on public exhibition. This was on our Your Voice consultation website from 14 November – 12 December 2024.

Participation in engagement:

During the consultation period there were 141 visits to the Your Voice webpage and 33 participants who provided feedback on the proposed name.

- 70% were against naming the Heritage Library after Frank Pangallo
- 27% were in favour of naming the Library after Frank Pangallo
- 3% gave a mixed response

Comments received:

A general survey question was asked during the consultation period for comments on the proposed name.

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1.	1. In its initial stages of development, the collection in the Heritage Library started as being predominantly about Queanbeyan. It has grown to include some items from surrounding areas. The intent is to continue to expand the collection to capture more of the LGA. In the future, the Heritage Library will be representative of the entire LGA. Frank Pangallo was Mayor of Queanbeyan only and naming it after him would make it too Queanbeyan-centric. 2. The name 'Frank Pangallo Heritage Library' sounds like it is a museum just to Frank. The proposed title does not make it clear what it really is. 3. The existing name is most suitable - 'Heritage Library'. It is simple and leaves readers without any misapprehension as to what it is. If there were to be any changes to the title, the only sensible one would be to add what area it covers – ie 'Queanbeyan-Palerang Heritage Library' (not that I'm proposing any change at all!).
2.	The goal of the Heritage Library is to keep expanding the collection so it truly represents the whole LGA. Naming it after Frank Pangallo, who was Mayor of Queanbeyan, feels a bit too focused on just Queanbeyan and not inclusive of other areas. Calling it the 'Frank Pangallo Heritage Library' doesn't really explain what the library is all about which is about local history of the entire region. The existing name is most suitable - 'Heritage Library'. It is simple and leaves readers without any misapprehension as to what it is. If there were to be any changes to the title, the only sensible one would be to add what area it covers – ie 'Queanbeyan-Palerang Heritage Library' (not that I'm proposing any change at all!).
3.	While I acknowledge that Frank Pangallo was an important mayor of the town during his time, that period was under the former council structure. Now that the councils have merged, it doesn't fully represent the broader area. Additionally, it gives the impression that the Heritage Library's focus is primarily on him as an individual rather than on the entire region. The current title 'Heritage Library' is straightforward and clearly conveys its purpose.

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4.	I object to the proposal. The name 'Heritage Library' is easily recognisable, easy to remember and fully encapsulates the materials and services the building provides, i.e. historical resources pertaining to the Queanbeyan-Palerang region. With respect, to visitors to the area and many locals, the name of past mayors are not recognisable and do not bear much significance. Perhaps Mayor Pangallo could be honoured in another way. The Heritage Library is for the use of the general public and its name should reflect the history of the Queanbeyan-Palerang region in its entirety, not just a small period of time.
5.	Good morning, May I make the suggestion in naming the Heritage Library after well known local historian Bert Sheedy (Phillip Bertram 'Bert' Sheedy). Bert was a very enthusiastic collector and writer of local history. The Heritage Library holds hundreds of files of his research along with records that were donated by Bert's family after his passing in 2000. Bert made many contributions to historic journals and articles and was the author of 'Moneroo to Monaro: history of Monaro Street, 1830s-1995, Queanbeyan. He was involved in recording three large volumes of "Queanbeyan Pioneer Cemeteries, Burials and Index". His wife Marjorie was also very passionate to our local history. Both Bert and Marjorie were founding members of the Queanbeyan Museum, and the famous "Tree of Knowledge", on the corner of Monaro and Crawford streets, stands today because they and other Queanbeyan citizens fought against its removal in the 1960s. Bert's family would be very honored to have the Heritage Library named after him. Thank you for allowing me to submit my feedback on the naming of the Heritage Library. Kind regards
6.	Frank Pangallo is living and I don't feel this is an appropriate name for the library. I also feel it makes it sound like a presidential library. The mayor Frank Pangallo Heritage Library to me makes me think I'll walk into a life story of Frank. The current name Queanbeyan Heritage Library is cleaner and really shows it's just about Queanbeyan heritage. Frank was only the mayor of Queanbeyan not qprc so I would hate to see this name whipped up when we are so much more than just Queanbeyan now. I do not support the building being named after Frank.
7.	With all due respect to Frank, I do not think it's really fitting to name the Heritage Library after him; in fact, I think it's a rather inappropriate facility to bear his name. While he did a number of other things for Queanbeyan, I don't think he was particularly interested in library or history matters. It would seem more suitable to put his name somehow to the 'Q' or, if I remember correctly, the indoor heated pool that I think he was responsible for. I would just leave the library with the title Queanbeyan Heritage Library, in preference to naming it after anyone.
8.	There is no doubt that Frank Pangallo's contribution should be recognised. But I do not think the heritage library is appropriate. Heritage heroes in Queanbeyan include Bert Sheedy, Rex Cross, Connie Colleen and Brendan O'Keefe.
9.	I would like to support this proposal. As someone who was born in Queanbeyan and still lives here, I have very fond memories of Frank Pangallo as the Mayor, and also of the building as a public library. What a great fit!
10.	Great choice. Frank Pangallo did a lot for Queanbeyan and needs to be recognised.

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11.	Outstanding choice
12.	Would prefer the library to be named after a volunteer
13.	To name any Council asset after an individual is, in my view, wholly inappropriate. It is even more inappropriate to name a QPRC asset after someone whose only connection with QPRC is that they were mayor, or so you tell us, of a previous local government district that only covered a very small proportion of the current QPRC district. So, 1. Don't call this thing after any local government dignitary, however worthy you think they are or were, and 2. Don't name it for something which is inherently Queanbeyan-focussed, when the remit of the current QPR Council extends far beyond the old Queanbeyan Town Council area and includes places such as where I live, which have nothing at all to do with Queanbeyan. Queanbeyan, to me, is a suburb of Canberra. I do sometimes go to Canberra, and I sometimes get to it by taking one of the two roads through Queanbeyan, but I have never found any reason to stop there. It's an ugly little place, of no value. The focus of QPRC on the 'Q' part of its remit, ignoring the far bigger 'P' part, is something I find wholly obnoxious.
14.	I do NOT support this proposal. Longevity does not qualify Mr Pangallo to receive this honour. He was simply doing the job for which he was paid. I would like to see the building remain as The Heritage Centre which is meaningful now and will be in the future.
15.	Sounds like a reasonable name, given all that Frank provided. Quite honouring. My only other suggestion would be to name it after a prominent literary/ reading recovery/ ESL teacher who has served the community for many years... an unsung hero. I don't know who that may be, however the principals of the local primary and high schools can probably name a couple people, off the bat.
16.	I would prefer the name of the library to remain as The Queanbeyan Palerang Heritage Library.
17.	Surely there is a far better identity in Queanbeyan than Pangello, who was renowned for the shadows he cast. There are a number of luminary sporting icons and I am sure many others who might better represent a lexicological bent!
18.	I believe this may be a controversial naming for some community members. I would like to see it named "The Jim Woods Heritage Library". Jim ran the Queanbeyan Age for many years and served the community well with his promotion of the town. He kept the community and its associations and events in the eye of the community. It something that is now missing - it was a great communication tool for every one in this town. A fitting name for a Library that provides information and literature.
19.	Great idea.

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20.	The 1927 Building & Mayor Frank Pangallo The City has had a great many mayors, and the greater percentage of them have worked incredibly hard to establish the city to its current status and each could be recognised for their contribution. Mayor Frank Pangallo is an icon of the success of immigration, and an incredible worker for the success of the city and I do believe that he should be recognised somewhere, somehow, but not on this particular building. I worked on the Heritage Committee for a great many years and have worked hard to preserve the heritage of the city, including the development of this particular building as Heritage Library so I do have knowledge both of the history and of the development of protecting its heritage. Many of the past mayors have made huge contributions to the development of the city. It does not seem appropriate to identify this building with just one. 1. The Heritage Library is a facility for all of the QPRC area and will collect and support research for that entirety. Mr Pangallo was mayor of Queanbeyan only. 2. Mayor Pangallo was never noted for having an interest in local history or heritage. He was often supportive, but never a prime mover. 3. The initiations of the retention of the built heritage and the conservation areas were hard fought by the Heritage Adviser and others, with Mr Pangallo happening to be Mayor when the issues were presented to Council. 4. The building itself is a Heritage Building – it is a superb example of the architecture of its era because of the contribution of quite a few Councils with quite a few Mayors. The collection contains the best heritage research materials that can be found anywhere and it is growing as it incorporates the histories of the Bungendore and Braidwood areas. 5. Heritage is the nature of the building and its purpose, so why not let its name reflect this so it is obvious what it is: The Heritage Library
21.	Received via Council email: I fully support naming the Heritage Library recognising the significance of Mr Pangallo's period as a Councillor and Mayor of Queanbeyan. He successfully achieved lifting Queanbeyan from a country village to a city of worth without losing its welcoming country atmosphere.
22.	I don't think that name is best for our library
23.	Whilst Frank was a longtime councillor and Mayor for several terms, I believe there would be more suitable structures or areas that Frank could be commemorated by in the future. Under Frank's watch many of Queanbeyan's Historical buildings were demolished. it would be a shame to name our Heritage Library to someone who was the leader of a council that was responsible for their demise. A commemoration is a form of recognition that should be bestowed when that person has passed.
24.	Agree
25.	I don't believe the building should be named after a previous Mayor. I don't see an issue with it just utilising the name it currently has. My understanding is that it is intended to have a broader focus in the future. Additionally, Frank Pangallo was only Mayor of Queanbeyan not the Queanbeyan/Palerange LGA.

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26.	RECEIVED VIA COUNCIL EMAIL Adding to my previous comments, instead of the Frank Pangallo Heritage Library, I would suggest having the Frank Pangallo Reading Room within the Queanbeyan-Palerang Heritage Library.
27.	I'm supportive of the proposed name.
28.	No disrespect to Frank Pangallo but I can think of more worthy councillors to have the Heritage Library named after Councillor Peter Bray for one or former Mayor Tim Overall for another. Although I have only lived in this town for 35 years, from what I saw Tim Overall did more for the town in his short tenure as Mayor than Mr Pangallo ever did.
29.	A well deserved honour for a very hard working community mayor Always had the best interest of the people and city at heart
30.	I don't think naming the heritage library after Frank Pangallo is appropriate as he was not a noted champion for the history of the town. Connie Colleen springs to mind at least she was a champion for the cause.
31.	RECEIVED VIA COUNCIL EMAIL I support the naming of the Heritage Library as the Frank Pangallo Heritage Library. This positive step resonates with Noel Pearson's assessment in his 2022 Boyer Lecture about our development as a nation – "The Indigenous Heritage which is Australia's foundation, the British Institutions built upon it, and the adorning Gift of Multicultural Migration" Council already recognises the original indigenous heritage in the naming of the Nellie Hamilton Centre and the precinct around the new Council Chambers. The Council itself is one of the British institutions that Pearson celebrates. Naming the heritage library after a post World War II migrant recognises our evolving history as a nation. I congratulate the Council on this proposal and give it my full support. PS (Not part of the main submission) - the list of achievements should include that Frank was instrumental in the construction of the indoor swimming pool at Moore Park.

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32.	My suggestion is that the Queanbeyan Heritage Library should remain the same name. That a large plaque be set up in the foyer to be set up at the entrance to name prominent citizens who over the years have served and contributed to the district growth and history and record their contribution. • Frank Pangallo was the mayor of Queanbeyan in the popular elected mayor period and of Queanbeyan only. This period lasted for only a short time in the district's history. In other years the Mayor was elected by his peers. There has never been a female Mayor. Some names I would like to put forward are for the plaque are, • William Farrer ,Father of the Australian wheat industry. • John Gale, Father of Canberra • W B Freebody longest serving alderman, local business man and innovator. Jim Woods, Queanbeyan Age owner for decades. • Connie Colleen, whose dedication to history saved Rustin House to become Queanbeyan's art gallery, and had the vision to create John Gale's sculpture and save other heritage sites. • Gary Nairn , Federal member of Eden Monaro , AO, Chairman of a number of Australia wide Other citizens of QPRC will have other suggestions to add to the list I'm sure. My opinion is that HERITAGE is about many people and many years, we should celebrate all those who have contributed to our history and made our world. Sincerely
33.	No. Connie Colleen a better choice