



NORTHBRIDGE
PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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Ms Julie Whitfield
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Dear Julie

Re: Mr Albert G Mitchell

At a meeting of Corporate & Transport Committee of Willoughby City Council on June 7 2010, there was discussion on the naming of walkways in the city. The background notes included the following:

“At its meeting on 12 May 2008, Council resolved: That a report be brought back on names for the walkways in the City including the suggestion of an Archibold Mitchell Walkway in Northbridge”.

The Committee of Northbridge Progress Association recommends that the laneway between Byora Crescent and Dalmeny Road should be named for Albert Mitchell.

Albert George Mitchell (the name “Archibold” is incorrect) was important to Northbridge in two ways. He was the first headmaster of Northbridge Public School, (from 1923 to 1928) and was recognised as an outstanding educator and administrator.

Perhaps more importantly, he was also a keen photographer. The Mitchell Collection at Willoughby Library holds many of the photographs of early Northbridge taken by Mr Mitchell and is an invaluable record of the development of the suburb.

Following Council’s advice about the locations of the five remaining unnamed laneways in Northbridge, NPA made contact with Alyson Mullane, Mr Mitchell’s granddaughter. She is delighted that Council is considering honouring her grandfather.

Of the five unnamed laneways, Alyson chose “the gravel footpath/sandstone steps from Byora Crescent (next to No. 15) to Dalmeny Road (next to No. 7)” as a most suitable memorial for her grandfather, since he lived nearby at No 5 Weetalibah Road until his death in 1937.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter McNair". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and a distinct 'M'.

Peter McNair
President

Copy: Sailors Bay Ward Councillors

*Northbridge Progress Association has been operating continuously since 1919.
At December 31 2009, the Association had 465 members.*