



NORTHBRIDGE  
PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

*Working for the advancement of Northbridge since 1919*

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Mr Michael Srouer  
76 Rossmore Ave  
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Dear Mr Stour

**Re: Crystal car wash, Northbridge**

We are writing to ask you to help us preserve an interesting piece of Northbridge history. The name "Eric Street" is embedded in the concrete footpath in Eastern Valley Way immediately outside your car wash construction site in Northbridge. It has been there for about 100 years. We request your cooperation to ensure that the name remains in place and undamaged during the construction process.



Eric Street no longer exists in Northbridge but its name has survived on the corner of Eastern Valley Way and Sailors Bay Rd, moulded into the concrete footpath. The Eric St name first appeared in Council rate books in 1906 but its origin is not known. It was the fourth street named in Northbridge. It ran from Sailors Bay Rd to Sailors Bay Creek and was part of what is now Eastern Valley Way.

Eric St stopped at Warner's Dairy, which covered 35 acres (14 hectares) from Sailors Bay Creek to Edinburgh Rd. Pedestrians and those on horseback could go through a gateway onto Edinburgh Rd but vehicular traffic had no access.

In 1915, 35 blocks on the western side of Eric Street were offered at auction in the *Eric Estate* and were all sold on the day. In 1923, Northbridge Progress Association asked Council to resume the land necessary to give direct access from Mowbray Rd or Frenchs Rd to Eric St. It never happened but there remained a need for a connecting road from Northbridge to East Roseville and Middle Harbour.



Warner's Dairy was subsequently closed, its land was sub-divided and in 1938 Eric St was extended to Edinburgh Rd and beyond and re-named Eastern Valley Way.

Yours sincerely

Peter McNair  
President

Copy: Villa and Villa, architects  
Sailors Bay Ward Councillors  
Mr Greg Woodhams, Willoughby City Council

*Northbridge Progress Association has been operating continuously since 1919.  
At June 30, 2010 the Association had 511 members.*