

Submissions received re proposed change of name from Senior Citizen's Hall to Marvell Hall

AGAINST

Doc No.	Summary of submission
E2017/83044	No. Don't take away our history
E2017/82998	As a resident of nearly 54 yrs and husband been here 66 yrs should stay that way e feel there is no need to change the name of Senior Citizens hall as this is what it was built for and it and should not be altered ,,it gets used for many different things and many seniors are still in this town...Council and organisations are trying to change the names of way to much in Byron bay building, sections of the beach the rocks where people fish from ,streetsWhy do people come to Byron Bay because its beautiful then they want to change it to what they wantWe say NO to any name changing your thinking of doing now and future ..
E2017/82829	I wish to object to the proposed name change as the current name reflects that Senior Citizens use the hall and are part of the Byron community rather than the town being just for tourists and younger generations. Also, there doesn't seem to be a legitimate reason to change the name. If anything, a new name which respects the indigenous community of Byron Bay is more appropriate.
E2017/82833	I would like to say that I disagree with the name change and consider that any change in the name would be disrespectful, particularly to the older local community and wonder why this is even being considered.
E2017/82834	This would have to be one of the most ridiculous things that you as our council have put to us. My answer is NO .NO.NO.NO
E2017/82835	I strongly object to changing the name of this hall
E2017/82836	No to name change It's one of the very few venues in Byron Bay that represents this age group Retain name and assist this age group with more events rather than underrepresenting them
E2017/82837	I say NO to this name change. My family have lived in Byron Bay for over 50 years and this is HISTORY so why would anyone want to change this. This venue needs to be assisted by the Council due the fact that we had so many events held in this great hall over the years.Maybe you need to put more cash into bringing revenue to the hall than to take away it's great name.
E2017/82839	I wish to register my opposition to councils proposal to re-name the Byron Bay Senior citizens Hall. I question firstly councils reason for doing this and secondly what council proposes to achieve by doing this. As a long term resident who's Grandparents spent a lot of time at this venue, I myself as a youth spent many fun filled hours attending functions for different events of which I have many fond memories. I feel it would be disrespectful to all those who have supported this venue over the years to change the name.
E2017/82840	Firstly, as you have provided no reason for proposing the change, NO to changing the name, Secondly, as a town that has such limited funds and infrastructure in need of upkeep, NO to changing the name as it no funds should be spent in this area when there are many other pressing areas.

E2017/87722	<p>I am opposed to changing the name of the Senior Citizens Hall because its current name bears witness to the fact that at some stage in Byron Bay's history, an individual or group saw the importance of accommodating the distinct needs of this valued demographic. I was heartened to think a group had formed to give it a new lease of life. Let's not now trash this history of commendable community inclusiveness.</p> <p>Reasons for change appear to be dubious. It would be most unfortunate if the term 'senior' was seen to hold some element of stigma or lack of appeal. We proudly maintain a Youth Centre. The committee and Council, may see the name as not reflective of the wider usage envisaged for the hall and discourage wide usage but I believe that it is more important to have a reminder of the needs of a group that are easily forgotten in such a youth-oriented culture.</p> <p>A Ballina resident friend told me of his amusement at the culture shock he experienced on a recent rare visit to Byron Bay. He was struck by the predominance of young healthy people populating the streets and venues. On returning home to Ballina, the contrast he observed in the numbers using walkers and mobility scooters was stark. I was amused too, recognising the phenomenon, until I questioned where our older community was, particularly those with mobility issues, if not out and about in their local community. Is its ambience unwelcoming to our older citizens? Is there a degree of forced isolation? I believe that the estimated population percentage aged over 65 is around 14%, over 55 it is closer to 30%. We have our share of senior citizens and probably our share of frail aged, who in most country communities are catered for by senior citizens groups. I suggest we are not too 'hip' for this.</p> <p>A name change may seem a trivial decision, but I see the social needs of the aged in this community as a very significant issue and this proposed change is symbolic of our community's lack of awareness of it. Raising the profile of this group is more important, I'm sure, than commemorating a 17th century English poet.</p>
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E2017/83219	I think changing the name of the Byron Bay Seniors Hall to the Marvel Hall is a good idea. The hall is going through a rebirth and a change of name is appropriate,
E2017/83220	Great Idea! The name change has my support!
E2017/84842	I fully support the suggested name change to 'Marvell Hall'. This is a more inclusive name for a hall that has been used in the past for a variety of activities- not all related to Senior Citizens. A name change will make the hall more attractive to many groups without excluding Senior Citizens, which in turn will generate more income for the upkeep and redevelopment of this facility.