

Item No: 15.

Subject: NAMING OF SEACLIFF PARK LANE

Summary

This report seeks Council's authorisation to assign a name to a lane that services the rear of properties that front onto Seacombe Road and Barnett Terrace at Seacliff Park. The community has been consulted on a number of suggested road names, whilst also providing the opportunity for suggestions from the community in return.

Recommendation

That Council authorises the name Millar Lane is assigned to a lane located at Seacliff Park in CT 1072/125 DP 3082 in accordance with the City of Holdfast Bay's Naming of Public Places Policy.

Background

At its meeting held on 8 April 2025, Council resolved to authorise the undertaking of community consultation in accordance with the City of Holdfast Bay's Naming of Public Spaces Policy, on the suggested names of Dennehy, Freebairn, Millar, Stephens, and Winter a lane that services the rear of properties that front onto Seacombe Road and Barnett Terrace at Seacliff Park (Resolution No. C080425/8029). Ivan Winter declined the invitation to have his name put forward as part of the community engagement following the resolution of Council, and as such his request was respected. The resolution also required that Council is provided with the results of the community consultation process for consideration prior to the ratification of the new lane name.

Report

The Naming of Public Places Policy requires that the naming of lanes occurs in consultation with the community. The community was invited to share its views on four suggested names for the lane through an engagement process that commenced on 19 June 2025. As a recap, Attachment 1 provides a short biography on each name. Properties located adjacent to and opposite the lane along with other stakeholders received direct notification of the engagement. Details were also provided on the council's website and Facebook page, enabling the community to engage via direct mail, email, telephone, in-person enquiries, or via a QR code. Community consultation was open for twenty-one days, ending at 5pm on 10 July 2025. Best endeavours were undertaken to contact the next of kin of each of the nominated persons, with many family members participating in the engagement process.

Refer Attachment 1

At the close of the engagement period the majority of respondents which made their selections based on the four suggested names. The results of the community engagement showed a clear preference for the name Millar, which received 134 nominations with the names Dennehy, Freebairn, and Stephens receiving 51, 17 and 21 nominations respectively. 17 participants chose to nominate another name. It is worth noting that there are some discrepancies in the totals due to some duplication of responses and single respondents making multiple nominations. The results of the community engagement are provided as Attachment 2.

Refer Attachment 2

Having regard to the majority preference for the name 'Millar' from the community engagement, it is recommended that the lane is assigned the name 'Millar'. Regarding the suffix applied to the lane, 'Lane' is apt as it implies that the road is designed to service access to the residential properties it abuts.

Budget

The costs associated with formalising and declaring the road names through the Land Services Group and Land Titles Office will be borne by the developer as part of statutory fees associated with the land division.

Life Cycle Costs

Not applicable

Strategic Plan

Holdfast 2050+ Vision: Protecting our heritage and beautiful coast

Council Policy

Naming of Public Places Policy

Statutory Provisions

Local Government Act 1999

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Community Engagement Report

Seacliff Park - Naming of a lane

Consultation period – Thursday 19 June - Thursday 10 July 2025.

1. Purpose of engagement

To seek feedback on the naming of a lane in Seacliff Park.

2. Engagement Overview

A name is needed to address the current difficulties experienced by those attempting to locate properties that have frontage to the lane, including emergency services.

Following the direction of the *Naming of Public Places Policy*, Council community engagement was conducted online, phone and email to seek a name for the lane. A total of **207 responses** were received.

- An engagement project page was available at our engagement platform:
www.yourholdfast.com/seacliff-park-lane
- Letters were delivered to 80 households located immediately adjacent and opposite of the lane.
- Participants were able to provide feedback online, written feedback via mail or email .
- 207 submissions were received:
 - 207 online submissions
 - one email (duplicated submission)
 - 64% (126) of submissions were from residents

3. Promotion of engagement

This engagement was promoted in the following ways:

- Homepage of YourHoldfast Engagement platform.
- Homepage of the council's website.
- 80 letters were delivered within a 300-metre .
- Holdfast News – 26 June 2025.
- One Facebook posts 21 June 2025.

 **City of Holdfast Bay**
21 June at 09:15 · 🌐

Help us to name a lane at Seacliff Park.

The lane is located at the rear of properties that front onto Seacombe but is currently unnamed.

The four names that we are seeking feedback on are:

- Dennehy
- Freebairn
- Millar
- Stephens

All four names are of people who have a connection with Seacliff and suggest another name during this community consultation, which is July 2025.

To provide feedback, please visit <https://www.yourholdfast.com/seacliff-park-lane>



Help name a Seacliff Park lane

The names of people who have strong links to the Seacliff Park area have been proposed for the new name of a Seacliff Park lane - and now we're asking for the community's feedback.

The four names are Dennehy, Freebairn, Millar and Stephens, or people can suggest another name during this community consultation.



The lane is located at the rear of properties that front onto Seacombe Road and Barnett Terrace but is currently unnamed.

[Click here to read more](#) about the names and to provide feedback before 5pm on Thursday 10 July 2025.

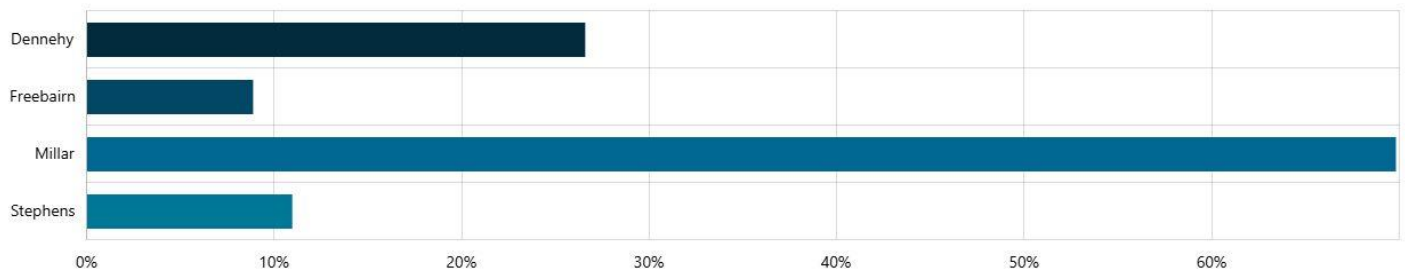
In news from this week's Council meeting:

- Elected members endorsed the final concept design for a renewal of the playspace in the Partridge House gardens. Incorporating feedback from a recent community consultation, the new nature-based playspace will have a wide range of play equipment and will be more in keeping with the natural setting of Partridge House.
- Council endorsed the continuation of additional community safety patrols along Jetty Road in both Glenelg and Brighton during the summer peak season.

4. Results of engagement

Below are the results of the online feedback.

4.1 Participants were asked to nominate their top two preferred names of the four provided by Council



Answer Choices	Percent	Count
Dennehy	26.56%	51
Freebairn	8.85%	17
Millar	69.79%	134
Stephens	10.94%	21
Total	100.00%	192

4.2 Alternative names suggested by participants

17 participants chose to nominate another name written verbatim in the table below

1. King Leonidis	2. Lorikeet Lane
3. Peppermint Gum Lane	4. Caldicott Lane
5. Fr. Sean McGearty	6. Laney Mc Laneface
7. Seacombe Lane	8. Traeger lane
9. Karkalla Lane	10. Wita
11. GHraham Cornes Lane	12. Neikl Kerley Lane
13. Seabreeze Lane or Shell Cove Lane	14. Karkalla
15. Baldacchino	16. Peppermint Gum Lane
17. Lois Lane	

4.3 Themes raised with the additional comments

Of the 55 comments provided, seven respondents highlighted the need to acknowledge the Kaurna history or choose an indigenous name, including the following comment written verbatim:

- *Wita as part of a traditional Kaurna word for the area. Please consult the indigenous community for an indigenous name, I live on seacombe road in front of this lane and when we first asked you to name this we suggested an Indigenous name, please honour!*

Five responses related to comments regarding women including the following comment written verbatim:

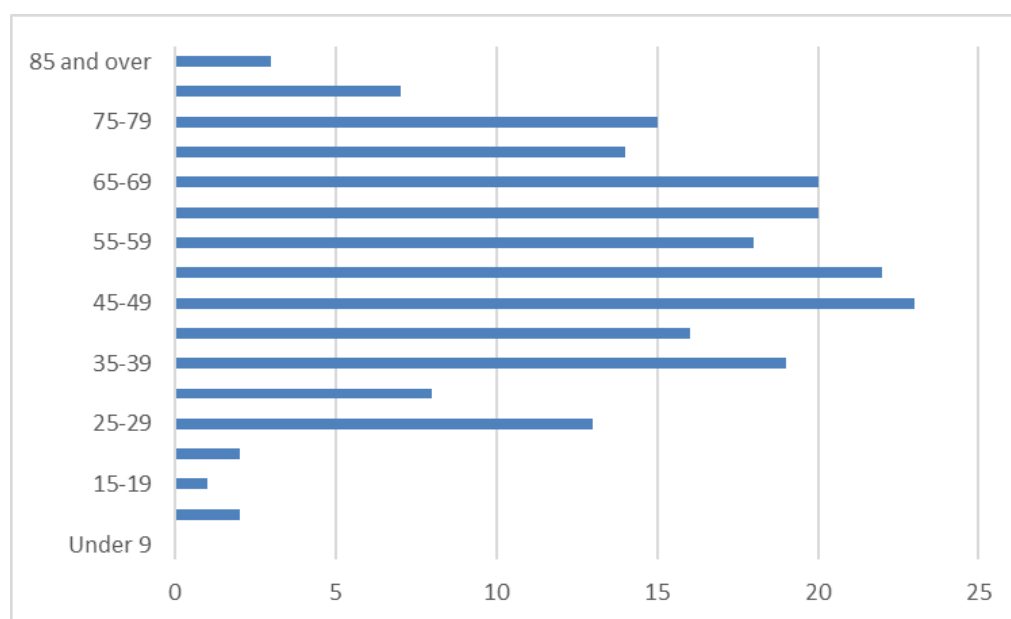
-So many street names and building named after men, so women need to be recognized for their efforts too.

Full comments in appendix.

5. Demographic information

5.1 Age Group

Below are the age groups of the people that responded to the survey. Most participants were aged between 45-49. (4 skipped the question)



Age group	Number of participants
Under 9	0
10= 14	2
15-19	1
20-24	2
25-29	13

30-34	8
35-39	19
40-44	16
45-49	23
50-54	22
55-59	18
60-64	20
65-69	20
70-74	14
75-79	15
80-84	7
85 and over	3
Total	203

5.2 Suburb

65% of submissions (133) were received from City of Holdfast residents and 35% of submissions were visitors to the City of Holdfast Bay.

City of Holdfast Bay residents	Participants
Brighton	32
Glenelg	4
Glenelg East	4
Glenelg North	9
Glenelg south	1
Hove	13
North Brighton	5
Seacliff	8
Seacliff Park	37
Somerton Park	9
South Brighton	11
Visitors	71
Total	204

5.3 Website statistics

Below is the information regarding how people access and viewed the project page

756 views	629 visits	493 visitors	15 followers
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Views - The number of times a visitor views any page on a site.

Visits - The number of end-user sessions associated with a single visitor.

Visitors - The number of unique public or end-users to a site. A visitor is only counted once, even if they visit a Site several times in one day.

Followers - The number of visitors who have ‘subscribed’ to a project using the ‘Follow’ button

How people accessed the website

Below shows how people accessed the website. XX% of people accessed the site directly.

Direct	345 -54.85%
Social media	217- 34.50%
Websites	32 -5.9%
Search engines	35 -5.56%

6. Appendix – Additional Comments

Please note all comments are written verbatim.

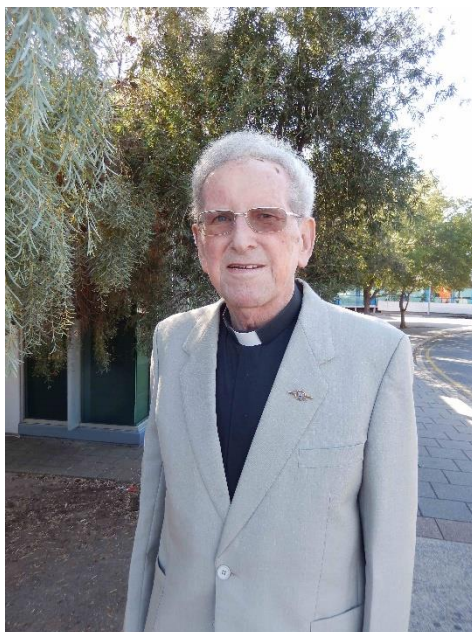
All personal details have been redacted.

1.	Glen is an absolute champion of Rugby in our community, and has dedicated his life to making Holdfast Bay what the community needs.
2.	I have known, and been a friend of Glen for more than 60 years. He is a person of high integrity and a genuine achiever for the Holdfast Bay community, especially for the rehabilitation of the beach sand.
3.	Glen Millar is a dedicated, well respected and sincere person who has always gone above and beyond. He deserves recognition for the tireless work he has done for the Council and the community.
4.	He was a great man and a lot of wigs built this country
5.	Glen is a lovely person and goes out of his way to help others in the community
6.	Glen Millar would be a very worthy recipient of this street award honour, not only because of his 37 year service to council, but also his many other achievements of which his O.A.M is just one.
7.	A very worthy recipient of this honour for his past service and continued volunteer service to the council. Has been a chairperson of the Brighton Jetty sculpture event for 10 years which brings many people and business to the area.
8.	I am only aware of the service to council by Glen Millar and his achievements. I don't wish to supply a second nominee.
9.	A very deserving award for a fine gentleman
10.	Glen's VERY SIGNIFICANT contribution to the City of Holdfast Bay over a large number of years indicates that the naming of the laneway in his honour is absolutely appropriate.
11.	Glen Millar has had a very significant contribution in many aspects to the Holdfast Bay community
12.	I note that the link to Naming of Public Places Policy on this page is inactive. Also, I am surprised that no suggestions for an indigenous word were considered.
13.	I think signage should be at both ends of the Lane which includes the name of the person, if Glen Millar should show a trumpet along with the name. If he is not successful his name could be included on the sand dunes at Seacliff "Millars dunes"
14.	Alternative name - Peppermint Gum Lane (Kurna people call the area Wita after the peppermint gums)
15.	This would be so well deserved as his belief and passion in Community is so inspiring his support in all areas of Holdfast Bay especially volunteer groups is outstanding
16.	I grew up in seacliff park. Ophir Crescent and Albert st. Colleen Dennehy was a friend of my mum from Brighton Primary.
17.	https://thesoutherncross.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Obituary.pdf (see attachment)
18.	I feel that it's more important to commemorate and recognise contemporary contributions that set an example of social standards we admire and would like to see replicated today. I prefer Dennehy, as her *voluntary* contributions won't otherwise be rememb
19.	So many street names and building named after men, so women need to be recognized for their efforts too.
20.	Glen has done a lot for former Brighton & Holdfast Bay residents. Should be formally recognised I think.
21.	1. Glen Millar 2. Colleen Dennehy
22.	Given that this was a night carter's lane to remove filled effluent cans from toilets prior to sewerage connection, it's inappropriate to name it after a person, dead or alive. Karkalla, is a lovely native plant and food in Council documentation

23.	Dennehy is worthy as a female grass roots member of the community it would be honourable to recognise her as a hands on contributor to the local community although there are some other worthy candidates i believe people other than those in high places sho
24.	or Neikl Kerley Lane
25.	Glen has shown commitment to this suburb his whole life, and embraced me in his role of Chair of Brighton Jetty Sculptures back in 2016. He is just a great man :)
26.	A tireless volunteer and true gentleman, very deserving of this honour.
27.	A great idea! Thank you for the opportunity
28.	I have had the absolute pleasure of meeting Glen and working alongside him and engaging in his wealth of knowledge as part of our work on the Brighton Jetty Sculptures event over the last 4 years. It would be so wonderful for Glen to be recognized.
29.	Outstanding community services to rugby Brighton jetty sculptures
30.	Freebairn donated prime land for Sports and Parks and sub-division. Historically, why the area is called "Seacliff Park".
31.	Consult Aboriginal Elders to find a Kauna name.
32.	Should an indigenous name.. no someone who served on council
33.	Previous resident of Seacliff Park for 20 years. Colleen is first choice followed by Stephen.
34.	Traeger lane to honour the inventor of the pedal radio for the royal flying doctor service which continues to save lots of South Aussie lives every year
35.	Wita as part of a traditional Kaurua word for the area. Please consult the indigenous community for an indigenous name, I live on seacombe road in front of this lane and when we first asked you to name this we suggested an Indigenous name, please honor!
36.	I think it's great to honour a current resident for her hard work in the community.
37.	Dennehy would be a lovely tribute to Colleen for all her generous volunteering over such a long lifetime.
38.	Laney Mc Laneface
39.	It would be excellent if it was be named after a woman. I have recorded many oral histories of women and many in the last few generations didn't work because husbands wouldn't agree!!! They had children, so volunteer work enabled them to use their skills.
40.	Caldicott Lane - Craig caldicott is a Brighton local whom recently won a OAM. He has strong connections with the surflifesavjng club and other local community organisations.
41.	Always important to recognized the females of our community, so often overlooked - because of course, they didn't just do the said amazing work, they also no doubt raised children, supported other family, kept the home etc, always finding time and energy.
42.	Millar is 1st preference
43.	A very deserving candidate given his years of selfless service to the Council and Community
44.	Mrs. Dennehy was my Art teacher at school. I worked at Minda where Mrs. Dennehy volunteered in the op shop. Has always been a beautiful, happy and dedicated person who was respected by all.
45.	Whilst the suggestions above are admirable I feel a name significant of the flora and fauna of the area is more suitable. My suggestion is Lorikeet Lane.
46.	Lois Lane, after Lowitja O'Donoghue also known as Lois.Lowitja O'Donoghue AC CBE DSG (August 1932[a] – 4 February 2024), also known as Lois O'Donoghue and Lois Smart, was an Australian public administrator and Indigenous rights advocate.
47.	Would love to have it named Millar lane as I'm sure Glen Millar was as good a man as my Dad Jim Millar
48.	I have recently bought in Henley but lived in Glenelg for years prior hence why I have a tie to it.

49	I would like to submit the name Baldacchino, after the late Dr Charles Baldacchino who served as a community doctor in the area for decades and was known and loved. He started the practice that was on Seacombe Road that evolved into (now) Kingston F.Clini
50.	What was the process for selecting these names Considering other selection criteria was available geographically or natural
51	Glen is my father, this would be a huge honour for him after the tireless hours of work he put into the surrounding area. And remains involved in the Seacliff Surf Life Saving Club and Sculptures competition. He is a humble man, this would be great
52	Well deserved acknowledgement of Glen Millar achievements.
53	I don't think any COLONIAL settlers should get the name. If anything, it should be a traditional owner.
54	This is our laneway. We've enjoyed living in the SEACLIFF PARK area for almost 3 years now & love the locals, especially BAKE BAKERY. The difficulties we've had with deliveries is ongoing. We'd ❤️ love to have our own STREET name & a NEW NUMBER. Please 🙏
55.	This lane is should be no parking, sometimes i cannot get my car out of rear garage.

Rev. Fr. Sean Francis McGearty
15th January 1934 – 20th December 2019



Sean Francis McGearty was born in Ballivor, Co Meath, Ireland on the 15th January 1934. The fourth of eight children born to Patrick and Mary McGearty. In his homily at the funeral Mass celebrated at St. Joseph's, Brighton on 7th January 2020, Fr. Kevin Taylor said: "He delighted in the celebration of his Birthday. The 15th January was an important day. He shared the day of his birth with Mary Helen MacKillop – St. Mary of the Cross."

All the children attended the National School in Ballivor, before going to boarding schools. Sean went to St. Finian's in Mullingar. During the school holidays Sean worked for a local farmer doing all the jobs, including making hay, weeding the drills of potatoes, dairying and many other tasks. He always rejoiced in country life. He valued the work of the farming communities and always identified with their passion for the land, their livestock or crops. Fr. Kevin said: "You can take the boy out of the country, but you cannot take the country out of the boy."

After completing his Leaving Certificate Sean went on to study for the priesthood at St. Kieran's College in Kilkenny for six years. On 8th June 1958 he was ordained to the priesthood in St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny. During the homily Fr. Kevin reflected "Share with all the people that Word of God which you have received with joy.' The Bishop invites the young priest on the day of his Ordination. Then he lays on him the responsibility to 'see that you believe what you read, teach what you believe and that you translate your teaching into action.' The priest is called to step forward as a prophet and to speak out from lived experience the Gospel." For sixty-one years Fr. Sean worked tirelessly in the vineyard of the Lord. Most of those years were spent here in the Archdiocese of Adelaide, with a ten-year period where he worked in Tullamore, Ireland."

On 5th November 1958 he departed Dublin bound for London. The next morning, he boarded the P&O Himalaya with five other Irish Priests on route to Australia and New Zealand.

Fr. Sean arrived in Adelaide on 2nd December 1958 and was met by Fr. Leonard Faulkner (later to be Archbishop of Adelaide). They became lifelong friends. Fr. Sean never lost his sense of humour. The gathered community at the funeral were told of his recollections of arriving in Adelaide. "Speaking of his arrival here in Adelaide he often remarked that he could have been mistaken for Charlie Chaplin. There he was fresh off the boat, dressed in an ill-fitting black suit and overcoat (on one of our hot 100 degrees summer days), carrying an umbrella (which could have been mistaken for a walking stick) and wearing a hat. At his side was a box which contained his books and chattels. Then he would add, I shuffled or waddled off into ministry."

Fr. Maurice Shinnick in the Tribute/Eulogy spoke of Fr. Sean in the tradition of the first missionaries of Christ. "Sean McGearty walked in the tradition of those first missionaries of Christ and chose to go to St. Kieran's Seminary in Kilkenny to prepare for a life as a missionary priest. While studying there, an Adelaide Irish priest in the person of Fr. Edward Louis O'Connell, the parish priest of Parkside, visited his old seminary and appealed for priests to come to Adelaide. Fr. Sean volunteered. A teetotaler all his life, he claimed that the deal was sealed by Fr. O'Connell and the Rector over a bottle of whisky – Irish, one presumes."

Fr. Sean served in many parishes in the Archdiocese, Murray Bridge, Goodwood, Brighton, Mt. Gambier, Woodville, Colonel Light Gardens, Christies Beach, Semaphore, (Tullamore-Ireland), Aberfoyle Park and Naracoorte. Fr. Kevin pointed out that, "Sean never forgot the friendship and warmth of the late Archbishop Leonard Faulkner. He also treasured the friendship of his brother priests, though there were times when that friendship was not reciprocated, and hurtful comments were directed against his Irish heritage...Yet in his own quiet way Sean continued to reach out to his brother priests. He never drove past a presbytery in the country without calling in, to check on the health and well-being of the priest stationed there."

Both Fr. Kevin and Fr. Maurice spoke of Fr. Sean's unique and creative ability to celebrate the liturgy. Fr. Kevin pointed out that St. Patrick always held a special place in Fr. Sean's devotions. He said that St. Patrick's feast day even trumped Palm Sunday! He told the congregation at the funeral Mass "Fr. Sean brought his own unique style to the celebration of the Liturgy. It is not everyone who can capture the significance of two important feasts and intertwine them into one celebration. While the Universal Church celebrated the Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday; Sean made sure that St. Patrick was not to be forgotten when the 17th March and Palm Sunday collided." Fr. Shinnick explained: "As Fr. Sean's first assistant priest at Christies Beach in the mid-1970s I remember his creative approach to liturgy, especially when St. Patrick's Day coincided with Palm Sunday."

After his retirement as Parish Priest of Naracoorte he undertook the role of being a supply priest for clergy living in the country areas of the diocese. He continued in this role for over 20 years. Since 1999 Fr. Sean assisted in the following parishes: Barossa Valley, Bordertown, Bridgewater/Stirling, Birdwood, Brighton, Hallett Cove, Kapunda,

Mallala, Millicent, Mt. Barker/Strathalbyn, Mt. Gambier, Murray Bridge, Noarlunga, Penola, Pinnaroo/Lameroo, Tailem Bend, Victor Harbor/Goolwa, Virginia/Two Wells, Willunga and Yorketown. There were representatives of each of the parish communities at his Funeral Mass celebrated at Brighton.

During his retirement he was able to pursue his passion for transferring the parish records of Births, Death and Marriages to a computer programme. Other interests to occupy his time was his photograph and his passion for Irish Family History. Fr. Shinnick said of Fr. Sean, "While a missionary priest in Australia, Sean never lost his love for Ireland and his family. His visits home were full of joy. Due to serious health concerns for his mother, who was not expected to live long, Fr. Sean returned to Tullamore in Ireland for some years where he threw himself into parish work and being of service to the Bishop of Meath. Also, in this time he became a founding member of the Irish Family History Society. That love of history would bear fruit in Adelaide where he computerized the church records of some of our oldest parishes."

Again, both Fr's Taylor and Shinnick spoke of the legacy that Fr. Sean leaves us as we welcome new Missionaries to Adelaide – our International Clergy. Fr. Kevin Taylor said 'We now have a growing International Clergy and Sean was their senior confrere. He looked out for them, visited them, made sure that they were settled, had all they needed for ministry. He would call in and visit regularly. He was determined to give them the friendship, respect and support that was at times denied him. Out of his own pocket he would buy them items they needed; he would supplement an air-ticket home in times of family loss. He would take them out for a meal.' Fr. Shinnick said "It maybe because of that experience of his arrival and first years here that motivated Fr. Sean to extend the hand of friendship to the new missionaries to the Church of Adelaide, especially from Vietnam and the African continent. He gives to us an important example – to make welcome, to support, and share friendship with the new missionaries of Christ to our Archdiocese."

Sean passed away at home on 20th December 2019 he was the last of the Irish Missionary Priest's to serve in the Archdiocese. When he died Fr. Michael Kyumu, (parish Priest of Brighton) Fr. Philip Marshall, (Vicar General) Gen Traynor (Carer and distant cousin) and Fr. Kevin Taylor had gathered around his bed. Fr. Michael reflected on the mutual friendship they shared, "He came from a land far away and I came from a land far away, we shared the common bond of missionary zeal, a love of the Gospel and a love of God's people."

Fr. Kevin Taylor told the congregation, "On the 20th December 2019 I had spent most of the day with Gen and Fr. Sean at their home. Throughout the day I prayed parts of the Divine Office with Sean, frequently I prayed the Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary and Glory Be. At about 8:30 pm I whispered into his ear "When the Lord Jesus comes, you go with him. Everything will be fine. Gen will not be alone." I then decided to pray (Compline) the Night Prayer of the Church with Sean and at the conclusion I sang the Salve Regina. Now I am not sure if it was my singing that caused Sean to die or if he simply said, 'I am not hanging around for too much more of this'. But he simply slipped away.... Now I have been worrying myself sick for the past two weeks that my singing may have been the final straw, But I suddenly realised that it was a few days before

Christmas and Sean mistook my singing for the Angelic Choirs who came to the shepherds in the field around Bethlehem and he longed to be with them, so he went to God for Christmas.”

In conclusion Fr. Kevin said, “Every life that has ended in a position of fidelity to God, through personal struggle and shortcomings and weakness, is a victory. Today we can join with Fr. Sean to proclaim: ‘I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race.’” With deep affection and a cheeky smile, he added, ‘Sean, may you be in heaven half an hour before the devil knows you are dead! And may you find yourself on the right side of God in His eternal kingdom.’

Fr. Sean was repatriated to Ballivor for the celebration of the Funeral Mass and burial on 22nd January 2020. Fr. Kevin Taylor travelled with Fr. Sean’s carer and distant cousin Gen Traynor to Ireland for the funeral celebrations. At the ceremony to receive Fr. Sean’s body at the Ballivor Church, Fr. Kevin spoke on behalf of the Archdiocese of Adelaide. He said: “I would like to begin by thanking Fr. Sean’s family for the nurturing of his vocation to the priesthood, the love of his family was always present in his life, the spirituality of family life was always present. I would also like to acknowledge and thank his family for the sacrifice they made in letting Fr. Sean leave his beloved homeland of Ireland and go to Australia to bring the Gospel message ‘to the ends of the earth’. Finally, I would like to thank the Bishop’s and Priest’s of the Diocese of Meath for giving the Church in Adelaide a wonderful missionary, a man of prayer, a man of the Gospel and for me personally a kind and generous friend. It is with a heavy heart at Sean’s passing but with deep gratitude to all the family, Clergy and People of God in Meath, that we return to you Fr. Sean. There will always be a link between the Archdiocese of Adelaide and the Diocese of Meath because of the life and ministry of this good and generous minister of the Gospel.”

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam. (May his soul be on the right side of God.)

Colleen Joan Dennehy

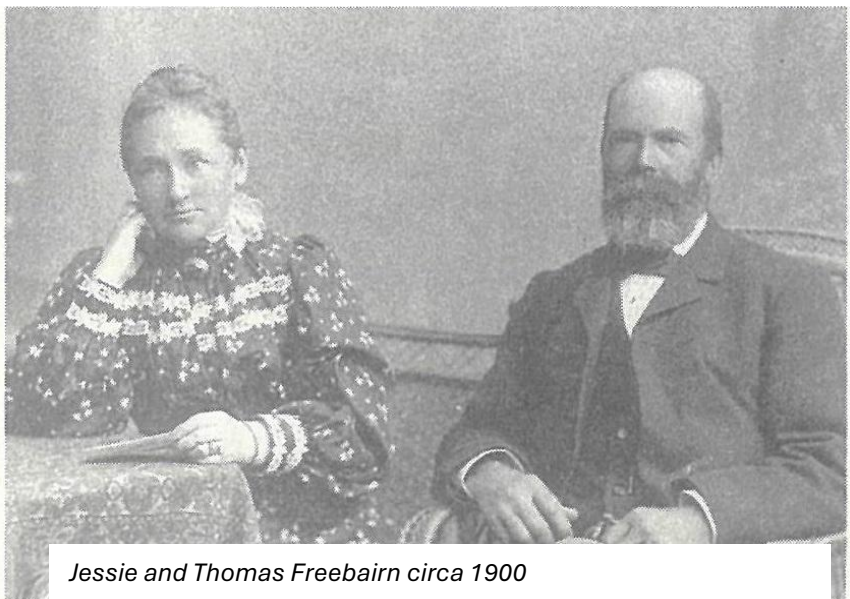
Mrs Dennehy was born on 29 March 1934 and is a Seacliff Park resident with a lifelong connection with the City of Holdfast Bay. Mrs Dennehy volunteered in the Minda Op Shop for over 40 years, leaving an indelible legacy of service that continues to inspire others today. Mrs Dennehy was awarded the Commonwealth Centenary Medal in 2001 for her service to people with disability, and she was made an Honorary Life Member of Minda in 2016. Mrs Dennehy represents a generation of women who formed the social fabric of Seacliff Park and Holdfast Bay generally, giving their time to causes that have built a community of supporting people. Now in her 90s, Mrs Dennehy continues to be a Seacliff Park stalwart, maintaining close connections with her community and the Council, attending the library and church as she has done for decades past.



Colleen Joan Dennehy (seated at the front) is pictured here with other Minda Op Shop volunteers Courtesy Minda Inc. 2016

Thomas and Jessie Freebairn

Thomas and Jessie Freebairn moved to Seacombe House, having assumed residency from the original inhabitants, Edward and Emma Stephens. Thomas and Jessie Freebairn pledged for a new suburb by commissioning a subdivision by renowned Government Town Planner, Charles Reade. At the time, the allotments were advertised as being in the 'Riviera of the South' in recognition of the views across Gulf St Vincent. Following the subdivision, Thomas and Jessie Freebairn



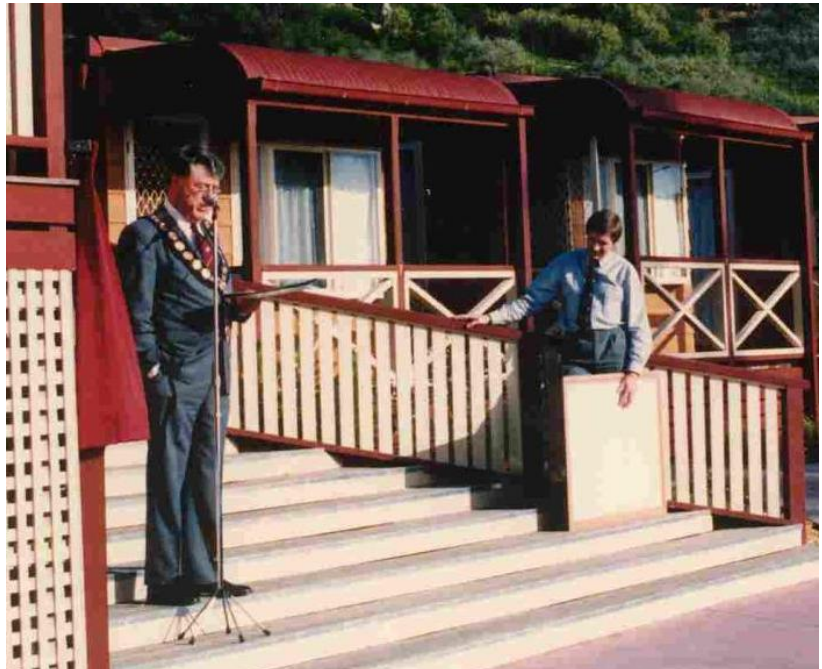
Jessie and Thomas Freebairn circa 1900

went on to live at Dunluce Castle, Brighton, from 1921 onward, maintaining close connections with the Seacliff Park community. Both Thomas and Jessie Freebairn were laid to rest at St Jude's Cemetery.

Glen Millar

Local Seacliff Park resident Glen Millar worked for Brighton Council followed by Holdfast Bay Council for a combined thirty years. Instrumental in protecting the coastal sand dunes and establishing significant relationships with Kaurna elders that have grown in recent years. Active in the establishment of Brighton Jetty Sculptures and having a long association with and in support of the Brighton Rugby Club, Mr Millar was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in 2006 for his outstanding service to the community. Mr Millar remains an avid City of Holdfast Bay volunteer despite his current ill health.

The History Centre has recently completed an oral history with Mr Millar given his longstanding connections with both the social and administrative history of Holdfast Bay. There are no existing monuments to Mr Millar in the City of Holdfast Bay, including Streets.

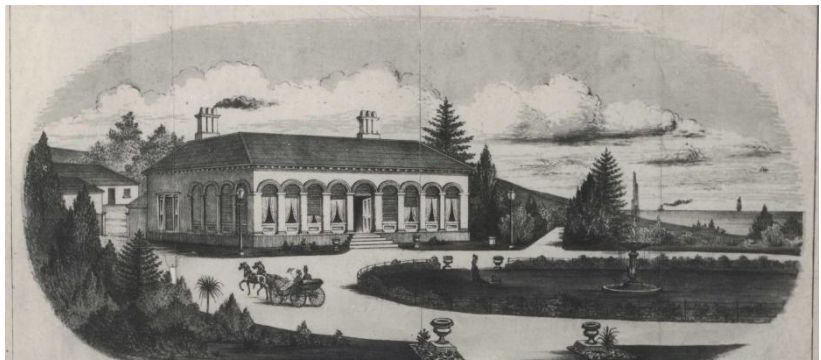


Mayor Ian MacLeod (left) and Glen Millar (right) at the opening of newly refurbished cabins at Kingston Park, Circa 1993. Holdfast Bay History Centre, PH-KP-0046.

Edward and Emma Stephens

Edward and Emma Stephens and their family were the first owners of historic Seacombe House, located in the suburb that is today known as Seacliff Park. They arrived in South Australia in 1838 aboard the Coromandel. At the time, Edward Stephens was the first Adelaide Manager of the South Australian Banking Company.

A devastating earthquake hit in Adelaide in March 1954, severely damaging Seacombe House and forcing its demolition a few years later. A remnant cottage associated with Seacombe House still stands along Mann Street, Seacliff Park today. There are no existing monuments to the Stephens family in the City of Holdfast Bay, including Streets. Emma Stephens is laid to rest at St Jude's Cemetery.



Seacombe House Circa 1880, Holdfast Bay History Centre PH-AH-