



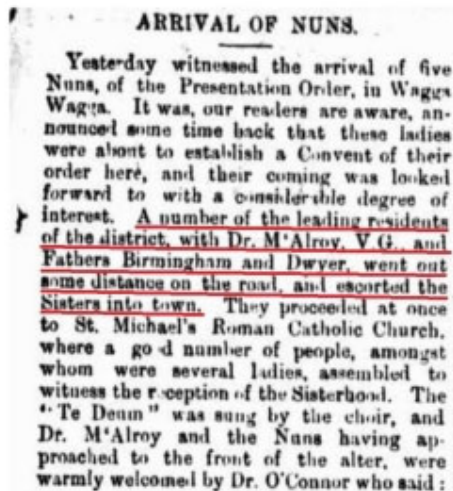
We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we live and work

A celebration of the Sesquicentenary Anniversary and the provision of a legacy piece marking the significant contribution to the city of Wagga Wagga and the Riverina by the Presentation Sisters (PBVM)

Background & Analysis

In 1874, five (5) Presentation Sisters proceeded into Wagga Wagga by horse and carriage on the Mangoplah entrance road leading into Bourke St. These courageous women came to establish Catholic education and a convent to introduce the charism of their founder *Nano Nagle*. This provided an opportunity for them to be the voice of the voiceless, to spread hope, to campaign for human rights and to pioneer Catholic education in the city and region.

Wagga Wagga Advertiser and Riverine Reporter (NSW : 1868 - 1875), Saturday 30 May 1874, page 3



The contribution from the Presentation Sisters in the Wagga Wagga Community is monumental and historic and is still felt today. The Presentation Sisters' founding schools in the Riverina are Mount Erin High School which is now Mater Dei Catholic College and Kildare Catholic College, Mount Erin Boarding School, Henschke Primary School, Sacred Heart Primary School, Koorringal, St Joseph's Primary School, Wagga Wagga, St Francis Xavier Primary School, Urana, St Columba's Primary School, Berrigan, St Joseph's Primary School, Lockhart, St Brendan's Primary School, Ganmain and St Mary's Primary School, Hay. The Sisters' mission in Catholic education also led them to found and work in schools in Young, Sydney, Canberra, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia.

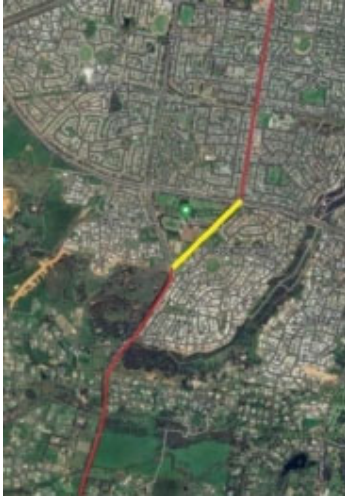
The Presentation Sisters are also the founders of ErinEarth, an ecological and spirituality centre that provides access and programs for the marginalised in our community. ErinEarth expresses the Sisters' current mission focus of Care for the Earth. The Mount Erin Heritage Centre, which has become a local and tourist attraction and a draw card for visitors to our city, tells the story of the presence and the mission of the Sisters since foundation 150 years ago.

Proposal

1. To plant an avenue of trees at the Mangoplah entrance to Wagga Wagga which is at the end of Bourke St, near Jubilee Park. The rationale for this particular street is to mark

and promote the route the Sisters took into Wagga in 1874. The trees could be Ironbarks or Claret Ash—2 species that have been suggested by the Sisters, or other species in consultation with the Wagga Wagga City Council.

2. Naming of the avenue of trees to tell the story of the arrival and significant contribution that the Presentation Sisters hold in the Wagga Wagga and surrounding Riverina communities. The proposed name of the road in that section would be *Presentation Way*.



Investment

It is identified that the proposed stretch of road is barren and does not provide for any shade or appeal to the community of Wagga Wagga, thus this avenue of trees would provide support to the Wagga Wagga City Council in the overall upkeep and beautification of our city.

The Presentation Sisters are willing to contribute to the purchase of the trees and of the signage and any other reasonable costs associated with the naming of a street. The purchase would be undertaken in partnership and consultation with the Manager of the Wagga City Council Parks and Gardens, the Director of People and Culture and any other Wagga City Council members as required.

Recommendation/s

The Wagga Wagga City Council recognize and support the two (2) proposed action items as a means of expressing gratitude, respect and appreciation for the tireless and selfless work that the Presentation Sisters have put into the establishment of Wagga Wagga and the Riverina.

The Wagga Wagga City Council approves this request and begins the consultation process with the Presentation Sisters and Sesquicentenary Committee members as listed below.

Please do not hesitate to reach out should you require any further information or areas of clarity.

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