

ELIZABETH QUAY — STREET NAMES

854. Ms E. EVANGEL to the Minister for Planning:

I understand that some interesting names have been chosen for the new streets created at Elizabeth Quay. Could the minister please advise the house how the new names have been selected?

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Willagee, I want to hear the minister. New streets—minister.

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

The Elizabeth Quay development is a significant opportunity to reflect some of the history of Perth, both Aboriginal and post-European settlement. I am pleased to advise that the government has determined the names of five new streets within Elizabeth Quay. Given the location of the project on the Swan River and the strong connection between the history of the development of Perth and the use of the Swan River, which, of course, played a strong role in trade, transport and recreation, we have decided that a boating theme will be chosen. The new streets will be named after boats that operated on the Swan River in the late 1800s and early 1900s, including popular ferries, paddle-steamboats and leisure boats.

Ms M.M. Quirk: That's right; get rid of all the heritage and put names there instead.

Mr J.H.D. DAY: I think the member for Girrawheen is the shadow Minister for Heritage; if she actually listened, she would hear that this is a reflection of Western Australian and Perth history. The names of these streets will be Enchantress Way —

Ms M.M. Quirk interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Girrawheen, I call you to order now for the third time.

Mr J.H.D. DAY: The names of the streets will be Enchantress Way, Duchess Way, Zephyr Place, Valdura Place and Ophir Walk. Just to give a bit of background on the history of those boats, the *Duchess*, of which I have a picture with me, was quite a famous Swan River ferry having been one of the first passenger ferries to transport people from the Barrack Street jetty to South Perth between 1898 and 1927. It made its inaugural run to Mends Street jetty on 11 December 1898, two months after Perth Zoo was opened. The crossing from Perth to the Zoo then became very popular. The *Enchantress* was a paddle-steamboat built in Perth in 1875. The *Zephyr*, of which I also have a picture, was another popular ferry. The *Valdura* started its Coode Street service in 1913 and was one of several boats in the "Val" fleet, including *Valhalla*, *Valdana* and others that were named by a Scandinavian immigrant to Perth. The *Ophir*, 1, 2 and 3, one of which I have a rather hazy picture, were part of a fleet of pleasure boats operated on the Swan River by the Royal Ophir Pleasure Boat Company. Using these names will help to provide a sense of place to the Elizabeth Quay development. They are fairly small streets.

I think it would be a good thing if members of the Western Australian Parliament actually took an interest in Western Australian history.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, member for Kwinana. Member for Wanneroo, I call you to order for the first time. I call the member for Kwinana for the first time. Thank you, minister; a quick answer.

Mr J.H.D. DAY: I have nearly completed it, Mr Speaker. It is good to have some of that history recorded in the *Hansard* of the Western Australian Parliament.

As I said, these are all fairly small streets but they will be significant names. They are in addition to the name of the main central street, which I announced last year will be named after the late Emeritus Professor Geoffrey Bolton in recognition of his very significant role in conserving, recording and teaching the history of Western Australia. I am very pleased that he was aware of that honour being paid to him before his recent passing.