

Bridge Name Proposal – Mount Torrens

Community Engagement Outcomes Report

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1. Introduction

In May 2025, Council received a request from the Mount Torrens and Districts Community Association (MTDCA) to assign the name "Andy Bennett Bridge" to the bridge over the Angas Creek, located on Townsend Street, Mount Torrens.

This request was taken to the 24 June 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting, where a Motion on Notice was resolved by Council for the CEO to investigate the naming of the Department for Infrastructure and Transport's (DIT) bridge, located on Townsend Street, Mount Torrens and provide a recommendation to Council.

From the 10 to 30 September 2025, we invited feedback from local residents and the wider community, around the proposal to name the bridge on Townsend Street, Mount Torrens, Andy Bennett Bridge.

We received a total of 45 formal feedback responses via the online and hardcopy feedback form and email. During the engagement period a petition supporting the naming proposal was submitted by a Birdwood resident. This petition was signed by 263 community members.

Following the results of community engagement, a Report will be presented to Council. If Council decides to proceed with the name change, a request will be sent to the Surveyor General, who in turn will seek approval from the Commissioner of Highways.

2. Summary of Engagement

Engagement approach

The purpose of the engagement was to understand our communities' level of support for the bridge on Townsend Street, Mount Torrens to be named "Andy Bennet Bridge".

Council has a legislative process to review and address the naming of public places and road. While the bridge in question, does not technical sit under this policy as it is not a public or private road or a public place, we are choosing to follow the requirements of this policy due to the similar nature of the naming request.

Our engagement approach aimed to provide detail on the naming request that had been submitted to Council including information about who Andy Bennett was and why the MTDCA put this proposal forward.

The engagement process highlighted the steps that would be required for this name request to be approved by the Minister of Highways.

Questions were asked to determine participants level of support for the proposed bridge name and any additional feedback or comments they would like to provide. A feedback form was developed and provided online and in hardcopy format. It contained both closed and open style questions.

Feedback could be provided via any of the following options:

- Online submission form on Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub
- Email to engage@ahc.sa.gov.au
- Mail to Community Engagement Coordinator, 63 Mount Barker Road, Stirling SA 5152
- Phone 8408 0400

- Hardcopy feedback forms available from any AHC Library or Customer Service Centre

Distribution and promotion

The opportunity to provide feedback was promoted through a number of channels including:

- Courier Advertisement on 10 September 2025.
- Adelaide Hills Council Website and Community Engagement Hub Page.
- Email to engagement subscribers with relevant categories of interest.
- Email to relevant community and stakeholder groups.
- Letter to surrounding residents / businesses.
- Email to Elected Members to share.
- Social media promotion.
- Posters, hardcopy information and feedback forms available at Customer Service Centres and Libraries at Gumeracha, Stirling and Woodside

Email and social media promotion statistics are presented below:

Table 1 Promotional statistics

Media	Number of posts / emails / Newsletter	Reach	Engagement (reaction, comment, share or opening link)
Adelaide Hills Council Facebook	1	16,354 views, 98 interactions	69 link clicks
Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub email	1 email	30 sent, 22 opened	7 link clicks
Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub page	NA	145 views, 122 visitors	44 contributors, 3 followers

A copy of information provided on Council's Engagement Platform and feedback form is available in Appendix A.

All verbatim online feedback responses are provided in Appendix B.

All written submissions (emails and letters) are provided in Appendix C.

All e-newsletters, advertisements and social media posts are provided in Appendix D.

3. Participation

Participation source

The following table displays how participants provided feedback.

Table 2 Participation Source

Activity	Number Participating
Online and hardcopy submissions	44
Written responses – email, letter	2 *1 completed another form of feedback.
Petition	264 *1 person signed Petition twice, 7 people completed another form of feedback.
Total Consultation Participation	301 With duplicates removed

4. Online and Hardcopy Feedback

Participation characteristics

Table 3 Survey Participant Suburbs

Suburb / Township	No. of Respondents	% of Participants
Mount Torrens	27	61.4%
Birdwood	5	11.4%
Woodside	5	11.4%
Bridgewater	2	4.5%
Charleston	1	2.3%

Forreston	1	2.3%
Forest Range	1	2.3%
Inglewood	1	2.3%
Norton Summit	1	2.3%
Total	44	100.2%

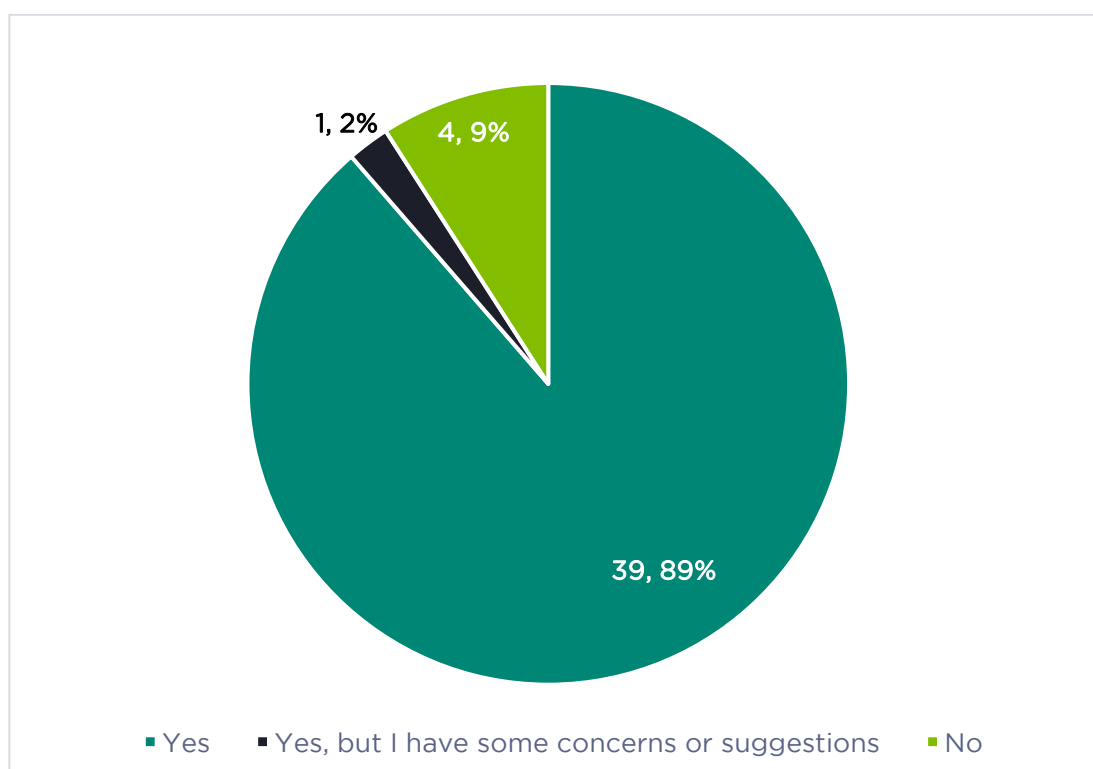
Support for proposed bridge name

Participants were asked if they supported the bridge located on Townsend St, Mount Torrens, being named "Andy Bennet Bridge". This question was mandatory and was answered by 44 recipients.

Do you support the bridge located on Townsend St, Mount Torrens, being named "Andy Bennet Bridge"?

- Yes - 89% / n=39
- Yes, but I have some concerns or suggestions - 2% / n=1
- No - 9% / n=4

Chart/graph 1: Respondents' support for bridge name proposal



Participants had the option to share further feedback or commentary about their response. 27 respondents chose to provide comments and the themes of these comments can be seen in the table below. Verbatim responses can be viewed in Appendix B.

Table 4 Themes of participants comments

Theme/s	No. of Respondents
Commentary in support of the proposal and / or recognising the contributions of Andy Bennett to the Mount Torrens community.	23
Question about whether the bridge has an existing name that should be taken into consideration.	1
Comment about considering other potential names prior to making a decision.	1

5. Written Feedback

Two emails were received during the engagement period sharing feedback in support of the bridge being named Andy Bennett Bridge. One person had also completed a feedback form stating their support.

6. Petition

A petition was received by council staff at the Woodside Library on the 17 September 2025. The petition is in support of Council recommending to State Government that the DIT bridge over Angas Creek, located on Townsend Street, Mount Torrens be named Andy Bennett Bridge.

The petition has 13 pages and has been completed by 263 community members with one person having signed the petition twice. 7 people who completed the petition had also completed an online or hardcopy survey.

Majority of people who signed the petition reside in Mount Torrens (36.8% / n=123), or within the Adelaide Hills Council area (87.1% / n=229).

Table 5 *Petition Participant Suburbs*

Suburb / Township	No. of Respondents	% of Participants
Mount Torrens	123	46.8%
Birdwood	47	17.9%
Gumeracha	9	3.4%
Houghton	7	2.7%
Inglewood	7	2.7%
Kersbrook	7	2.7%
Forreston	6	2.3%
Lobethal	5	1.9%
Charleston	4	1.5%
Paracombe	4	1.5%
Woodside	4	1.5%
Kenton Valley	3	1.1%
Other AHC suburbs (1 each): Bridgewater, Lenswood, Upper Hermitage	3	1.1%
Outside AHC		
Mount Pleasant	9	3.4%
Nairne	5	1.9%
Tungkillo	6	2.3%
Williamstown	2	0.8%
Mount Barker	2	0.8%
Paechtown	2	0.8%
Lyndoch	2	0.8%
Other (1 each): Adelaide, Springton, Mypolonga, Mannum, Milendella, Vista	6	2.3%
Total	263	100.2%

The full petition wording is provided below:

PETITION TO THE ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL

We, the undersigned, being residents of the Adelaide Hills Council, request the Council to recommend to the State Government that the DIT bridge over Angas Creek, Townsend Street Mount Torrens be named the Andy Bennett Bridge.

The contact person for this petition is:

Name: _____

Address: _____

BIRDWOOD S A

P/C: 5234

Home telephone: _____ Mobile: _____ Email: -

7. Conclusion

Feedback received during the community engagement period is overwhelming in support of Council supporting the proposal to name the bridge over Angus Creek on Townsend Street, Mount Torrens, Andy Bennet Bridge.

40 community members shared their support for the proposal via feedback form or email, with an additional person answering yes, they did support the proposal, but they had some concerns or suggestions.

Commentary provided in support of the proposal, spoke about Andy's contributions to the local community and that the bridge being named after him would be a fitting recognition.

A further 263 community members signed a petition in support of the proposal to name the bridge Andy Bennett Bridge.

Four community members were not in support of the proposal and those that did provide commentary mentioned consideration for other potential names.

8. Appendices

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Appendix A – Information Provided and Feedback Form

Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub page



Home / Bridge Name Proposal - Mount Torrens



What's happening

In May 2025, Council received a request from the Mount Torrens and Districts Community Association to assign the name "Andy Bennett Bridge" to the bridge over the Angas Creek, located on Townsend Street, Mount Torrens.

This request was taken to the 24 June 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting, where a Motion on Notice was resolved by Council for the CEO to investigate the naming of the Department of Infrastructure and Transport's (DIT) bridge, located on Townsend Street, Mount Torrens and provide a recommendation to Council.

Council has a legislative process to review and address the naming of public places and roads and the policy can be viewed on the [Adelaide Hills Council website](#) or under our Document Library. While the bridge in question, does not technically sit under this policy as it is not a public or private road or a public place, we are choosing to follow the requirements of this policy due to the similar nature of the naming request.

The policy states that any renaming of private or public roads or public places requires:

- Notification to councillors in relation to the proposal. (Report to Council)
- Notification to residents/property owners within a defined catchment of the reserve or public place, or



- Notification in the local press and via social media, inviting public comment on the proposal will occur.

Following the results of community engagement, a Report will be presented to Council. If Council decides to proceed with the name change, a request will be sent to the Surveyor General, who in turn will seek approval from the Commissioner of Highways.

Who was Andy Bennett?

Andy lived on Townsend Street, Mount Torrens until the eve of his 93rd birthday, running his mechanic business there for decades. Known for his skill in fixing anything, from machinery to musical instruments, he became the “go-to” man for community groups including the Mount Torrens and Districts Community Association, Centenary Park, Soldiers’ Memorial Hall and the CFS.

Beyond his talents, Andy was remembered as kind, helpful and devoted, caring for his mother until her passing. His funeral tribute recalled him as “forever remembered for his sharp mind, kind heart and tinkering hands.”

The naming of the “Andy Bennett Bridge” stands as a fitting memorial to this legendary local.

How can I provide feedback?

We are seeking your feedback on the proposal to name the DIT bridge located on Townsend Street, Mount Torrens to Andy Bennett Bridge.

You can provide your feedback by:

- Completing the online feedback form below
- Sending an email to engage@ahc.sa.gov.au
- Posting your feedback to 63 Mount Barker Road Stirling SA 5152
- Giving us a call on 8408 0400
- Collecting a hardcopy feedback form from Woodside or Gumeracha Library during opening hours.

Engagement feedback closes at 5pm, Tuesday 30 September 2025.

If you need assistance to provide your feedback, or have any questions about this engagement, please email engage@ahc.sa.gov.au or call 8408 0400.

Feedback Form

Location of bridge

Open

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Feedback Form - Bridge Name Proposal, Mount Torrens

Do you support the bridge located on Townsend St, Mount Torrens, being named "Andy Bennet Bridge"

Required

- ☐ Yes
☐ Yes, but I have some concerns or suggestions
☐ No

Please provide any further feedback or comments

Your name

Your suburb, township or locality Required

Email address

mclarke@ahc.sa.gov.au

Submit

Documents Library

Public Place and Road Naming Policy

PDF (1.29 MB)

Feedback Form - Bridge Name Proposal, Mount Torrens

PDF (91.91 KB)

Factsheet - Bridge Name Proposal, Mount Torrens

PDF (1.16 MB)

Poster - Bridge Name Proposal, Mount Torrens

PDF (1.73 MB)

Links

[Council Meeting Agenda - 24 June 2025](#)

[Council Meeting Minutes - 24 June 2025](#)

FAQ

? **Who was Andy Bennett?**

? **Who are Mount Torrens and Districts Community Association?**

Who's Listening

Craig Marshall

Manager Civil Services, Adelaide Hills Council

Melissa Clarke

Community Engagement Coordinator, Adelaide Hills Council

Email: engage@ahc.sa.gov.au

Bridge Name Proposal, Mount Torrens Submission Form



This submission form is also available
online at engage.ahc.sa.gov.au
or you can scan the QR code

Please submit your feedback by 5pm, Tuesday 30 September 2025

1. Do you support the bridge located on Townsend St, Mount Torrens, being named "Andy Bennet Bridge"

☐ Yes ☐ Yes, but I have some concerns or suggestions ☐ No

2. Please provide any further feedback or comments

Your Name

Your Email

Your Suburb/Township

Thank you for providing your feedback!

Your feedback will be considered by the project team. You can find out more about this project and register to become an engagement subscriber of our Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub at: engage.ahc.sa.gov.au.

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Bridge Name Proposal

Townsend Street, Mount Torrens



We have received a request from the Mount Torrens and Districts Community Association to assign the name "Andy Bennett Bridge" to the bridge over the Angas Creek, located on Townsend Street, Mount Torrens. We are seeking community feedback on the name proposal.

For further details and the opportunity to provide your feedback, please visit engage.ahc.sa.gov.au or contact us at:

-  8408 0400
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Provide your feedback by 5pm Tuesday 30 September 2025



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Townsend Street, Mount Torrens



We have received a request from the Mount Torrens and Districts Community Association to assign the name "Andy Bennett Bridge" to the bridge over the Angas Creek, located on Townsend Street, Mount Torrens.



Background

In May 2025, Council received a request from the Mount Torrens and Districts Community Association to assign the name "Andy Bennett Bridge" to the bridge over the Angas Creek, located on Townsend Street, Mount Torrens.

This request was taken to the 24 June 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting, where a Motion on Notice was resolved by Council for the CEO to investigate the naming of the Department of Infrastructure and Transport's (DIT) bridge, located on

Townsend Street, Mount Torrens and provide a recommendation to Council.

Following the results of community engagement, a Report will be presented to Council.

If Council decides to proceed with the name change, a request will be sent to the Surveyor General, who in turn will seek approval from the Commissioner of Highways.

Who was Andy Bennet?

The Bennett family were residents in Mount Torrens from the early 1860's with the settlement of Andrew David Bennett's (Andy's) direct ancestor John Sherry Bennett.

Andy lived in Townsend Street, Mount Torrens until the eve of his 93rd birthday. He provided decades of service to the community with his remarkable ability to fix anything, running his mechanic business from Townsend Street. He was always able to invent solutions for any problem large or small.

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Bridge Name Proposal

Townsend Street, Mount Torrens



Local community groups such as the Mount Torrens and Districts Community Association, Mt Torrens Centenary Park, Mount Torrens Soldiers' Memorial Hall and the CFS (including its precursor the EFS) all used Andy as their "go to" mechanic for any repairs or for novel solutions to mechanical problems.

Andy loved vehicles and he acted as a fire spotter on his trusty motor bike for the then EFS (emergency fire service) and the AMSCOL provided fire service before it – before the groups had radio communication.

Andy's family felt that "Andy Bennett Bridge" was a humbling memorialisation of this legendary man.



How can I provide my feedback?

We are seeking your feedback on the proposal to name the DIT bridge located on Townsend Street, Mount Torrens to Andy Bennett Bridge.

Share your feedback via one of the following ways:

- Complete the online feedback form at engage.ahc.sa.gov.au or via the QR code below
- Email engage@ahc.sa.gov.au
- Mail Community Engagement, 63 Mount Barker Road, Stirling SA 5152
- Phone 8408 0400
- Collect a hardcopy feedback form from Woodside or Gumeracha Library during opening hours.
 - Woodside Service Centre, 26 Onkaparinga Valley Road, Woodside
 - Gumeracha Civic Centre, 45 Albert Street, Gumeracha

This engagement closes at 5pm Tuesday 30 September 2025.

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Appendix B - Verbatim comments from online and hardcopy feedback responses

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Please provide any further feedback or comments
I would consider it a fitting memorial to Andy (Bennett). He was almost a part of the structure of the Mt Torrens township, known & respected by most of the Mt Torrens population.
A wonderful tribute to a character larger than life in Mt Torrens
Great idea to honour a very genuine person.
I fully support the proposal to name the bridge on Townsend Street, Mount Torrens, as the "Andy Bennett Bridge." Andy Bennett was clearly a remarkable member of our community, whose skill, generosity, and dedication had a lasting impact on local residents and community organizations. Naming the bridge in his honor is a fitting tribute to his life and contributions. It will serve as a meaningful reminder of his commitment to helping others and his enduring presence in the community. Recognizing local heroes like Andy strengthens our community identity and ensures that future generations remember those who helped shape Mount Torrens. I commend Council for following a thorough and inclusive process to ensure the community has the opportunity to provide input, and I fully support this initiative.
Whilst I never met Andy personally, residents who have thought this was a great idea
Very fitting.
Andy was such a key figure in our town. He represented our history, our culture and we want his memory represented by the bridge he crossed every day of his life.
Well deserved name, to honour Andy
Andy was an icon of the town and crossed that bridge everyday going from his house to his garage/workshop. He would always greet you with "how ya going lad". Naming this bridge is a fitting and well deserved tribute to a man who helped many around the area.
For those in the community this is favored by everyone I have spoken to. Please make this happen!!

Personally, I could not think of ANYONE better to name a local bridge after. Being a past resident of Mt.Torrens in my earlier years, Andy was a gentle, kind, and caring gentleman to everyone who knew him, NOTHING was any trouble to him, helping out many in times of need, and never a problem to go out of his way. It was always a pleasure to receive a friendly 'Hello or G'day' from him when walking home either from the local primary, or high school/s after being dropped off of the bus, or anywhere else in the district for that matter. He serviced ALL of my families cars, and diligently, for some time before we re-located to elsewhere in the hills, and was, and always will be long remembered. A true gentleman, and to learn of his passing was simply, a very sad day. The humble little township of Mt.Torrens will never be the same without him. And, I think that the garage in which he worked for so many years, should also bear his name, as a very fitting tribute/memorial to a man who loved his community.

Andy was a lovely man. He absolutely deserves his name on that bridge. He would have crossed it thousands of times in his lifetime. Well deserved.

Andy was a wonderful man. This will be a beautiful tribute to the man who cared so deeply for our town and spent so much of his 93 years here !!

Andy was known far and wide for his skills. Andy would always help out if he could. Bennetts had a long association with Mt Torrens. Many years ago Andy and his mum had several concrete ornaments in their front garden. One was an elephant with its trunk up and a man standing in front of it, the others were flamingo's I think. They were stolen and Andy was very upset about it. Giving him a concrete bridge is something that the town can do that can never be taken away. The "Andy Bennett Bridge" is the best name because I cannot think of anybody more deserving to have their contribution to Mt Torrens recognised more than Andy deserves to. Andy himself deserves to be remembered.

I fully support this proposal. Andy Bennett was a really nice and funny man and it would be lovely to see his name live on.

If not Andy Bennet, the MOTH suggests "Bridgey McBridge face"..

Brilliant idea for a wonderful man

He lived in Mount Torrens for a long time and had his garage which was his place of work. For any member of the community who lives in a town for so many decades I believe something should be named after them so we all can remember them and for future generations to know who our community were. This would be a lovely gesture for him.

He had a really good heart for the community, we need to acknowledge contributors like himself to the community because without them the community isn't as good/strong

I havent lived in Mt Torrens for many years (my mum and family still do) but growing up, stopping by Andy Bennet's Garage, walking across the bridge to a "Hello Girly" was a very fond memory, Andy was and is a massive part of Mt Torrens, would love to see his memory honored with this!

Andy lived right next to this bridge & he was a valued member of the Mt Torrens community.

Given that this name was suggested by the local community. It seems very appropriate.
This sounds like a fitting tribute to someone who has served the local community. He sounds like a regular 'good bloke' who might otherwise not be honoured.
A thoroughly appropriate proposal which would be much appreciated by residents of Mt Torrens and all those who had come into contact with Andy.
What was it named prior? If bridge had a name then it should stay that name! If not then name it after Andy.
Just seems like any working class guy in the town.
That is just one idea, but what other worthy names should be considered? I'm not in favour of a single choice like this. I'm sure Andy Bennet was a decent bloke but anothe old white male. how about a Peramangk name for example?

Email 1

I completely agree with the proposal to name said bridge the "Andy Bennett Bridge". Andy was so well known and respected in the area and had helped out many people. He would always come to the assistance of Mount Torrens Centenary Park whenever urgent mechanical help or advice was needed.

The use of his given name, Andy, is important.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Regards

[Redacted Signature]

Mount Torrens SA 5244

Email 2

I would like to give my vote a an affirmative 'YES' in the naming of the Bridge to 'Andy Bennett Bridge' at Mount Torrens.

A man who was the epitome of active Citizenship and deserves to be recognised and honoured.

Yours Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Courier Ad – 10 September 2025

Public Consultation: Bridge Name Proposal Mount Torrens

Adelaide Hills Council is seeking feedback on the proposal to name the bridge over the Angas Creek located at 2 Townsend Street, Mount Torrens the **Andy Bennett Bridge**.

In May 2025, Council received a request from the Mount Torrens and Districts Community Association to assign the name "Andy Bennett Bridge" to this bridge.

We'd like to find out if our community are supportive of the name.

For more information on the proposal and to provide your feedback, please visit engage.ahc.sa.gov.au before 5pm on Tuesday 30 September 2025.

For more information contact Adelaide Hills Council on 8408 0400 or email engage@ahc.sa.gov.au



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 **Adelaide Hills Council**
September 14 at 6:20 PM · 🌐

Have your say on a bridge name proposal in Mount Torrens. 🗨️ We received a request from the 'Mount Torrens and Districts Community Association' to name the bridge over Angas Creek on Townsend Street the "Andy Bennett Bridge."

We'd like to hear your thoughts on this proposal.

📅 Feedback closes: Tuesday 30 September
👉 Share your feedback: <https://ow.ly/JwFR50WTGoe>



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👍 Like 💬 Comment ➦ Share

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Share your feedback on the proposal to rename a bridge in Mount Torrens.

Sent : 10/09/2025 10:30 am by System

Preview



New project launched on Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub

Hi {{username}},

A new project has launched on [Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub](#) that matches your interests:

This consultation relates to Roads, footpaths and trails, Mount Torrens.

Bridge Name Proposal - Mount Torrens

Share your feedback on the proposal to rename a bridge in Mount Torrens.

Learn more about the project engage.ahc.sa.gov.au/bridge-name-proposal-mount-torrens

You have received this notification because you have opted to receive notifications when new projects are published that match your interests. Manage your interests and notification preferences in your [user profile](#).



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24 September 2025

Dear Resident,

Proposal to assign the name "Andy Bennett Bridge" to the bridge over the Angas Creek, located on Townsend Street, Mount Torrens.

I am writing to you to inform that we received a request to assign the name "Andy Bennett Bridge" to the bridge over the Angas Creek, located on Townsend Street, Mount Torrens.

Background

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The Process

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Yours sincerely



Jade Ballantine
Director Environment and Infrastructure



Request to name Mt Torrens bridge

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The Adelaide Hills Council is seeking feedback on a proposal to name a bridge at Mt Torrens after community stalwart Andy Bennett, who passed away in February.

The Mt Torrens and District Community Association (MTDCA) has requested the bridge over the Angas Creek on Townsend Street be named the Andy Bennett Bridge.

In a letter to council chief executive Greg Georgopoulos, the MTDCA said Andy lived at his Townsend Street address until he was 93 and "provided decades of service to the community".

"With his remarkable ability to fix anything, running his mechanic

With his remarkable ability to fix anything, running his mechanic business from Townsend Street, (Andy Bennett) was always able to invent solutions for any problem, large or small

— Mt Torrens and District Community Association

business from Townsend Street, he was always able to invent solutions for any problem, large or small," the letter said.

"Local community groups such as ours, Mt Torrens Centenary Park, Mt Torrens Soldiers' Memorial Hall and the CFS all used Andy as their go-to mechanic

for any repairs or for novel solutions to mechanical problems."

In June, councillors voted to ask Mr Georgopoulos to investigate the proposal.

Although the bridge is owned by the Department for Infrastructure and

Transport, the assignment of a name to a public place or road requires council approval under the council's Public Places and Roads Naming policy.

That policy requires a community engagement process to be undertaken, the findings of which will be delivered to council.

The council can then decide whether to proceed with the name change and send an official request to the Surveyor General, who will then seek final approval from the Commissioner of Highways.

Mr Bennett's family was contacted in regards to the naming of the bridge in his honor and were supportive.

To give feedback on the proposal by September 30, visit tinyurl.com/andybennettbridge.



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