

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.



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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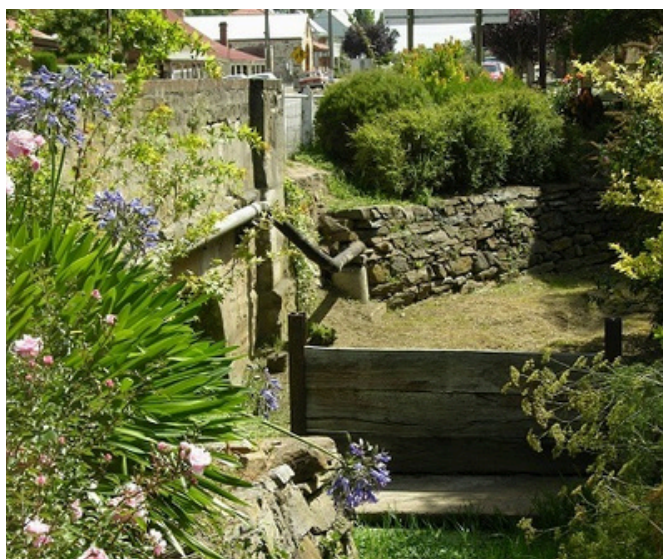


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Local community groups such as the Mount Torrens and Districts Community Association, Mt Torrens Centenary Park, Mount Torrens Soldiers' Memorial Hall and the CFS (including its precursor the EFS) all used Andy as their "go to" mechanic for any repairs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

If you need assistance to provide your feedback, please email engage@ahc.sa.gov.au or call 8408 0400.

