

Boeing Reserve Oval 4



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Consultation Report

Renaming of Boeing Reserve Oval 4 to Chris Lane Field

March 2023



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1 Summary

On 31 January 2023 a report was submitted to Council requesting to commence a place naming process and to endorse the proposed new name for Boeing Reserve Oval 4 – Chris Lane Field. Assigning an official name to the facility ensures compliance with the *Geographic Place Names Act 1998* and the Naming rules for places in Victoria: Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities - 2022.

The field is proposed to be renamed in memory of young Essendon Baseball Club player and Moonee Valley resident Chris Lane, who was tragically killed in 2013 while in the USA on a baseball scholarship, aged 22.

The American Major Baseball League offered their support to build a Little League Field in Chris' memory. Funding contributions were also made by Moonee Valley City Council, Sport and Recreation Victoria as well as the Essendon Baseball Club. In addition, a lighting donation was received from Musco lighting.

Boeing Reserve oval 4 is adjacent to the new baseball pavilion at Boeing Reserve and was selected as the most suitable sportsground to be converted into a Little League Field. Once completed the field will offer a fully compliant facility for young baseballers and provide a valuable asset for the Moonee Valley community.

The project has been 9 years in the making with delivery planned for mid-2023.

This report shares findings from the community consultation on the proposed name change which took place from 10 February to 19 March 2023. The consultation allowed free text comments for community members to outline their reasons for their response. It also provided opportunity for those who did not support the choice of name to confirm their wish to formally object. Rationale and contact details were required in order for this to be followed through.

Overall, 378 responses to the survey were received. The results of this consultation highlight a range of views; however, it is clear the majority (97%) of respondents support the name Chris Lane Field.

2 Introduction

2.1 Key decisions and questions for engagement

The consultation sought to determine the level of community support for the proposed name change to Chris Lane Field.

Community members were also encouraged to provide comments supporting their preference.

There was opportunity for respondents to remain anonymous, however it was highlighted that if a respondent chose to remain anonymous, Moonee Valley City Council would not be able to contact them about their feedback or provide them with further instructions regarding the objection process.

3 Methodology

3.1 Participation

Respondents were encouraged to participate in a survey through Council's YourSay community engagement platform (*appendix 5.1*). The consultation was promoted through social media, a notice via Council's website (*appendix 5.2*) and a direct email to local sporting clubs.

The table below provides information about consultation participation. 42 blank responses were deleted. Blank responses are usually attributable to community members opening the survey to look at the information sought. Some chose to go back to it when they have thought about the issue, others decide they don't have strong views to contribute.

Consultation	Engagement Type	Participation
YourSay Moonee Valley	Aware participants (visited page)	652
	Informed participants (clicked link)	45
Survey	Shared through YourSay, community e-newsletters, social media posts and direct e-mail to local sporting groups and clubs.	420 surveys recorded 378 votes recorded (365Y / 13 N) *365/13 but one respondent's comments clearly support the proposed name change

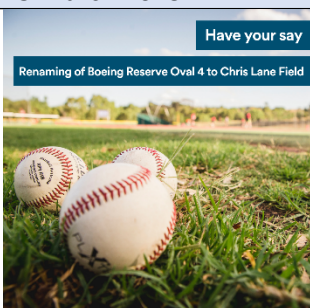
3.2 Promotion

Moonee Valley City Council conducted broad promotion of the community engagement seeking level of support for the naming of the reserve.

The Boeing Reserve Oval 4 to Chris Lane Field consultation was shared across Council's social media platforms. Council's primary platforms are Facebook and Instagram with a collective 16k followers. Social media posts reached over 8000k community members online. *Examples of the social media posts are provided at Appendix 5.3.*

Social Media Content Results

17 February 2023	Facebook		Twitter		Instagram	
	Clicks	594	Engagement	7	Impressions	968
	Comments	20	Impressions	246	Likes	20
	Impressions	8,794	Likes	0	Reach	903
	Link Clicks	226	Link Clicks	5	LinkedIn	
	Reach	7,975	Media engagements	NA	Clicks	33
	Reactions	42	Media views	NA	Impressions	1,366
	Shares	28	Retweets	1	Reactions	25

15 March 2023	Facebook		Twitter		Instagram	
	Clicks	26	Engagement	5	Impressions	969
	Comments	0	Impressions	128	Likes	5
	Impressions	1,440	Likes	0	Reach	939
	Link Clicks	13	Link Clicks	4	LinkedIn	
	Reach	1,376	Media engagements	NA	Clicks	NA
	Reactions	5	Media views	NA	Impressions	NA
	Shares	2	Retweets	0	Reactions	NA

This consultation was featured on Council's home page for the duration of the consultation to increase participation.

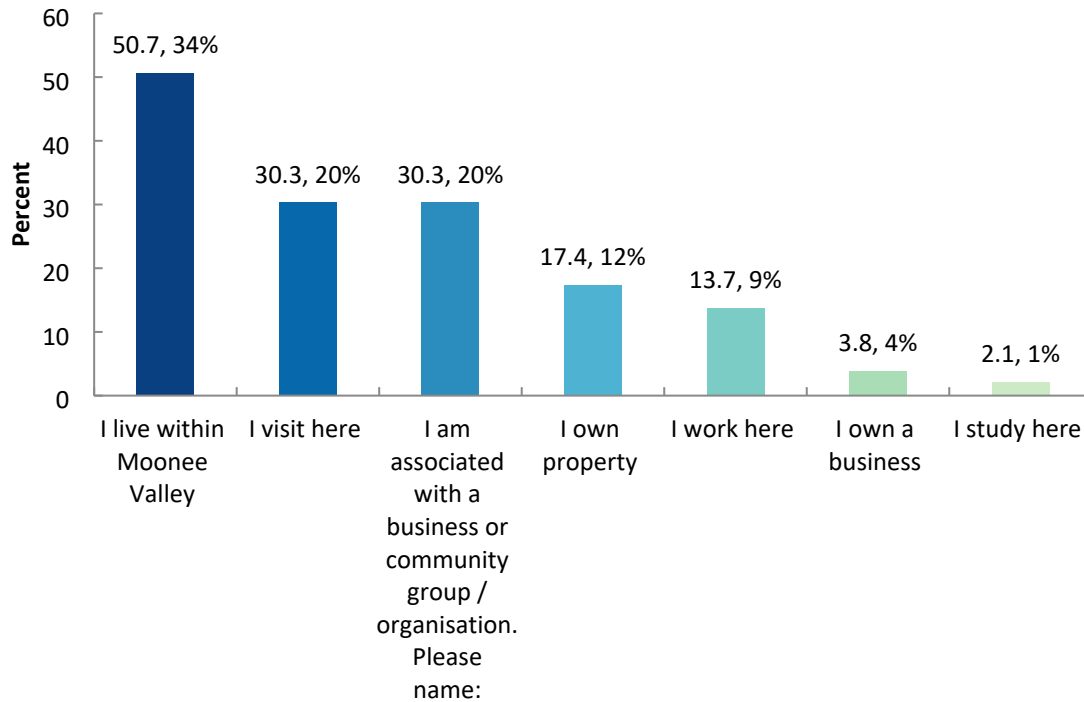
3.3 Survey respondent demographics

3.3.1 Connection with Moonee Valley

Survey respondents were asked about their connections with Moonee Valley. Of the respondents, almost 51% indicated they were local residents. An equal portion (just over 30%) indicated they visit the municipality and/or are associated with a business or community group. The majority of those who noted they were associated with a business or

community group were members of Essendon Baseball Club. Respondents could select more than one option to indicate their connection with Moonee Valley.

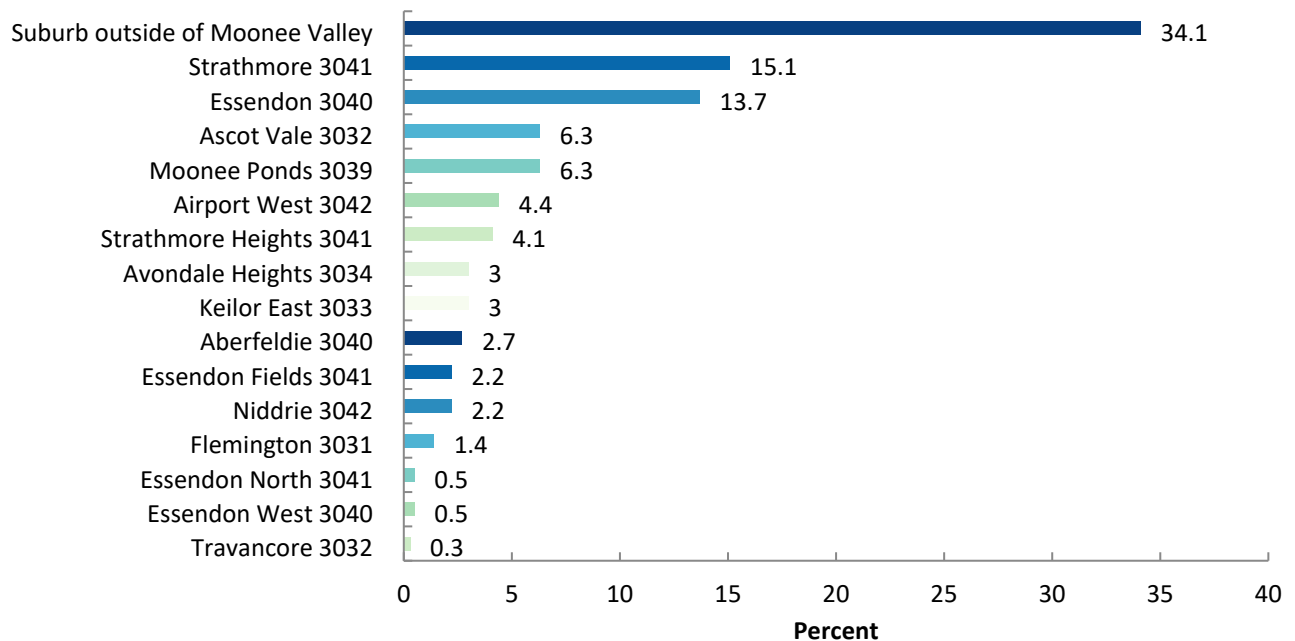
Figure 1 Connection with Moonee Valley



3.3.2 Suburb

There was a notable representation (34%) of respondents living outside of Moonee Valley. This is understandable given that baseball is a community of interest that has broad geographic reach. The remainder of respondents lived across a broad range of suburbs within the municipality, with 15% in Strathmore and almost 14% in Essendon.

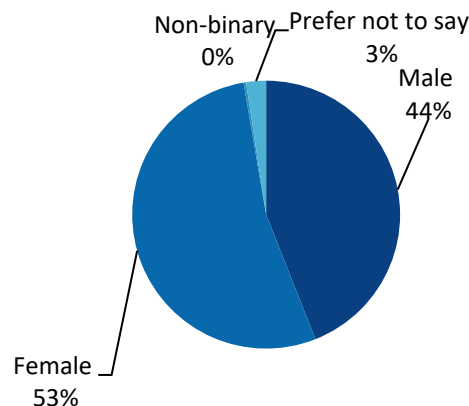
Figure 2 Suburb



3.3.3 Gender

Responses were gathered from slightly more females (53%) than males (44%).

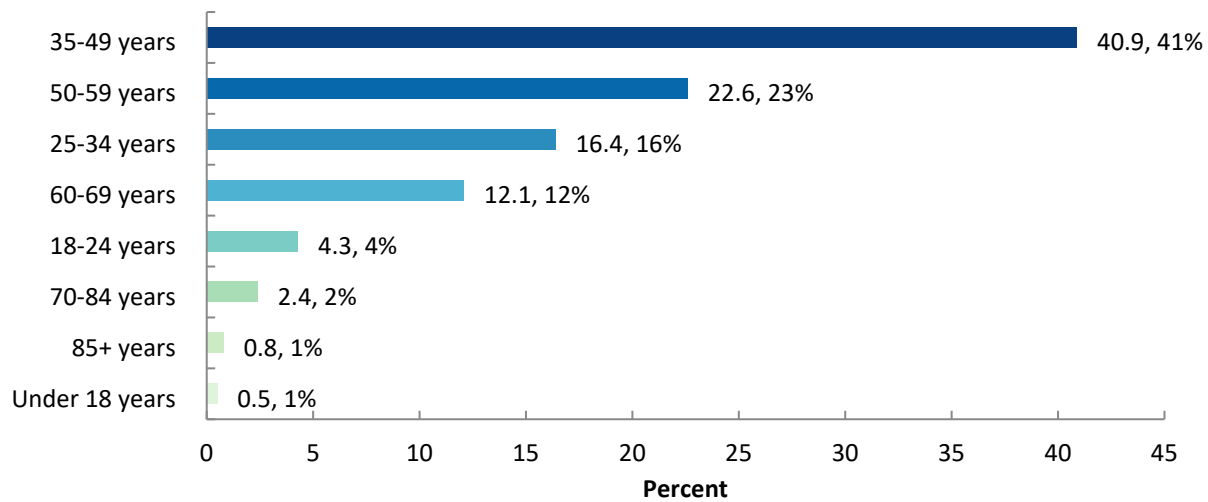
Figure 3 Respondent Gender



3.3.4 Age

The majority of respondents were 35-49 years of age (41%). Not many respondents were below twenty-five (5%). 38% of respondents were aged over 50.

Figure 4 Age

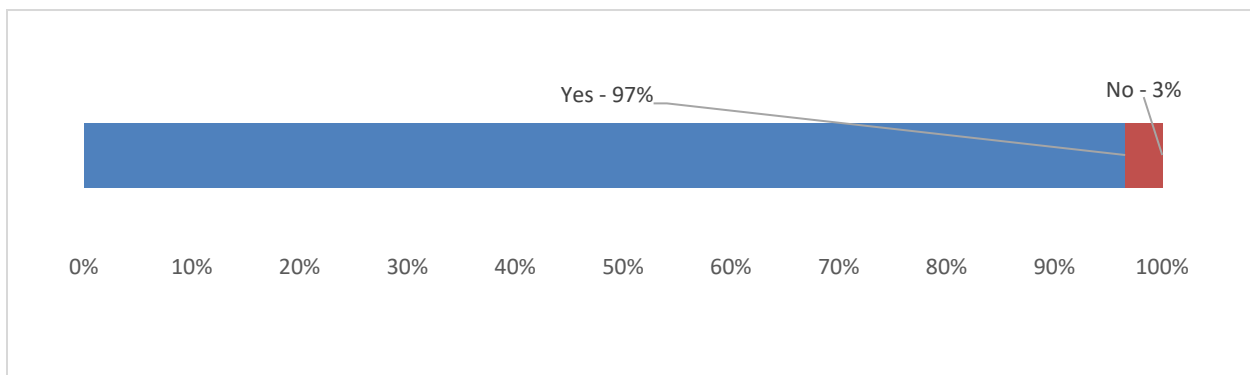


4 Findings

4.1 Support for proposed name

Respondents were asked if they supported the proposed name change. Of the 378 responses to this question, 97% (365 people) voted 'yes'.

Figure 1 Level of support for proposed name change



4.2 Reasons provided for preference

Respondents were asked to briefly describe the reason for their response to the previous question. A complete list of full comments is presented in [Appendix 4.4].

Support for proposed name change

327 individuals provided further feedback to express their support for this name change. The reasons for their support of the proposed name change were varied, but common themes were identified in the free text responses. This question was optional.

Some examples of comments fitting these themes are below.

A fitting legacy, tribute & memorial

- *My family are members of Essendon Baseball Club & feel we should honor the memory of Chris Lane. This will be a phenomenal little league field & naming it in Chris's memory will do much for the sport & help create a legacy. Naming it Chris Lane Field pays respect & is a much more appropriate option than just the plain Oval 4 title.*
- *A tragedy that took a talented sportsman at a far too young age and renaming the field would be an excellent way of honouring him and his legacy.*

Meaningful for the community

- *I think it is a wonderful legacy for the area that is now well known for its baseball community.*
- *Providing recognition and commemoration for the community.*

Meaning and inspiration for young players

- *It's a fitting way to honour Chris and ensure he is remembered by future young players.*
- *This name holds greater significance than "Oval 4" as it not only remembers a great man & player, but gives younger players a role model who focused on enjoyment of the game*

Important for the Lane family

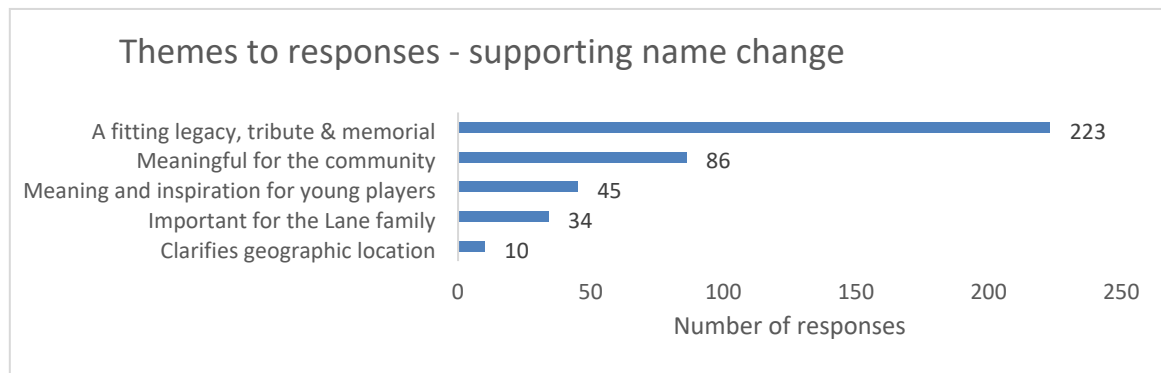
- *To support the family and give recognition of a life that could've been.*
- *I think its a great idea to have somewhere dedicated to someone taken so young. It's a horrible story and hopefully brings some comfort to family and friends that Chris will never be forgotten.*

Clarifies geographic location

- *For purpose of location being easily identified by the Essendon Baseball members and other competing clubs on training and game days... Ease of identification for the local residents and the shire employees, as its one of four fields in the same precinct. This would include Triple O emergency services such as Police/Ambulance/Fire etc and for tradesmen or council workers.*
- *The baseball community all pulled together when Chris died. It is a big deal for all involved in baseball that this field is finally going to happen. It will always be referred to and known as the Chris Lane field to all who will use it. It will be called the Chris Lane Field on*

fixtures and schedules etc, and would be terribly confusing if maps etc did not call it the name we will all know it as.

Figure 7 Common themes to support for proposed name change



Non-support for proposed name change

Of the 17 respondents who expressed non-support of the proposed name change, 11 provided reasons. This question was optional. A list of full comments is provided in in section 5.6.

Themes within reasons for not supporting the name change included –

Concerns around expenditure – *This is a cost that is not required. If it's not broken don't fix it Stop wasting money.*

The absence of an Indigenous name – *Why not an Aboriginal place name? and There have been many incidences of unfortunate circumstances that have occurred to Moonee valley residents. To choose one over others is a poor choice. The land actually belongs to The Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people, therefore this should be reflected in the choice.*

Whether a memorial plaque would be more appropriate (eg Leave as it is. Do a statue or plaque somewhere).

4.3 Objections

Those 13 respondents who expressed non-support of the name change were asked if they would like to object to the proposed name. Of those who expressed non-support of the name, eight wished to object, however only two provided contact details.

In the survey it was specified that a reason must be provided, along with contact details if a respondent wished for their objection to be formally heard.

Reasons for objections included were based on absence of Indigenous respect and the belief that it was not necessary to spend money to change the name of the field.

5 Appendices

5.1 Boeing Reserve Oval 4 Your Say page



Home / Renaming of Boeing Reserve Oval 4 to Chris Lane Field

Renaming of Boeing Reserve Oval 4 to Chris Lane Field

[Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [LinkedIn](#) [Email](#)

Thank you to the 420 people who took part in this survey. A consultation report is being finalised and will be made public soon.

Context and purpose

Council is seeking to understand the level of support from the community to officially change the name of Boeing Oval 4 to the Chris Lane Field. This new name will then be registered with Geographic Names Victoria and will be reflected in all mapping and official documents.

This field is proposed to be renamed in memory of young Essendon Baseball Club player and Moonee Valley resident Chris Lane, who was tragically killed in 2013 while in the USA on a baseball scholarship, aged 22.

The American Major Baseball League offered their support to build a Little League Field in Chris' memory. Funding contributions were also made by Moonee Valley City Council, Sport and Recreation Victoria, and the Essendon Baseball Club. In addition, a generous lighting donation has been received from Musco lighting.

Boeing Oval 4 is adjacent to the new baseball pavilion at Boeing Reserve and was selected as the most suitable sports ground to be converted.

Once completed, the field will offer a fully compliant facility for young baseballers and provide a valuable asset for the Moonee Valley community.

The project has been nine years in the making with delivery planned for mid-2023.

Process

Please cast your vote by 19 March 2023. All votes will be counted, and the official name will be based on the majority preference to either change or keep the existing name, subject to Moonee Valley City Council approval.

Assigning an official name to the facility will ensure compliance with the [Geographic Place Names Act 1998](#) and the [Naming rules for places in Victoria](#).

If you wish to object to this naming proposal, please do so by making comment in the survey link below, by writing to Council or by email to governance@mvcc.vic.gov.au. Please provide your name, address and contact details and you must explain why you do not support the name.

How to vote

	Complete a brief survey to provide your vote and feedback by 19 March 2023 - SURVEY CLOSED
	Email: governance@mvcc.vic.gov.au
	Write to us: Boeing Reserve Oval 4 Renaming, Advocacy, Grants and Engagement Team, Moonee Valley City Council, PO Box 126, Moonee Ponds, VIC 3039.

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FAQs

Who is Chris Lane?

Why is the name proposed to be changed?

Why does it need to be changed officially?

Where is the Oval located?

Stages

- 31 January 2023**
Report to Council requesting to commence a place naming process and to endorse the proposed name, Chris Lane Field
- 10 February - 19 March 2023**
Public Notice published on Council's website and Your Say consultation period open for community feedback
- April 2023**
Report back to Council following the completion of the community consultation process with feedback and recommendations to endorse proposed name if supported. If Council elects to proceed with the naming proposal, submitters will be advised of the outcome and any objectors to this naming proposal will have appeal rights to the Registrar of Geographic Names Victoria.
- May - June 2023**
New name gazette/registered by Geographic Names Victoria
- October 2023**
Official Opening of the new field

Who's Listening

Lori Bourke
Sport Infrastructure Officer
Moonee Valley City Council



Phone 9243 1037
Email reprojects@mvcc.vic.gov.au

5.2 Notice on website

Home → Renaming of Boeing Reserve Oval 4 to Chris Lane Field

What you need to know

Renaming of Boeing Reserve Oval 4 to Chris Lane Field

Last Updated February 15, 2023
First published October 24, 2022

Renaming of Boeing Reserve Oval 4 to Chris Lane Field

Moonee Valley City Council is proposing to rename Boeing Reserve Oval 4 in Strathmore Heights to Chris Lane Field, in memory of the late Chris Lane.

Chris Lane was a resident of Moonee Valley and an active member of the Essendon Baseball Club who was successful in obtaining a Baseball Scholarship to the Major League Baseball in the United States. In 2013 whilst on his Scholarship in the USA, Chris was tragically killed at the young age of 22.

In recognition of Chris Lane's talent and commitment to baseball, Moonee Valley City Council, the Major League Baseball USA, Sports, Recreation Victoria and the Essendon Baseball Club have committed funding to establish a new little league field at Chris's home baseball club in Strathmore Heights.

Assigning an official name to this oval will ensure public safety and compliance with the *Naming Rules for places in Victoria 2022*. Signage on the ground is proposed to be Chris Lane Field.



Feedback on the proposed naming of this oval can be by one of the following options:

- phone 03 9243 8888 (request to speak to the Senior Governance Advisor)
- mail PO Box 126 Moonee Ponds, Vic 3039
- email council@mvcc.vic.gov.au
- Your Say page – [Renaming of Boeing Reserve Oval 4 to Chris Lane Field | Your Say Moonee Valley City Council \(mvcc.vic.gov.au\)](#)

All submissions must comply with *Naming rules for places in Victoria – Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities – 2022*.

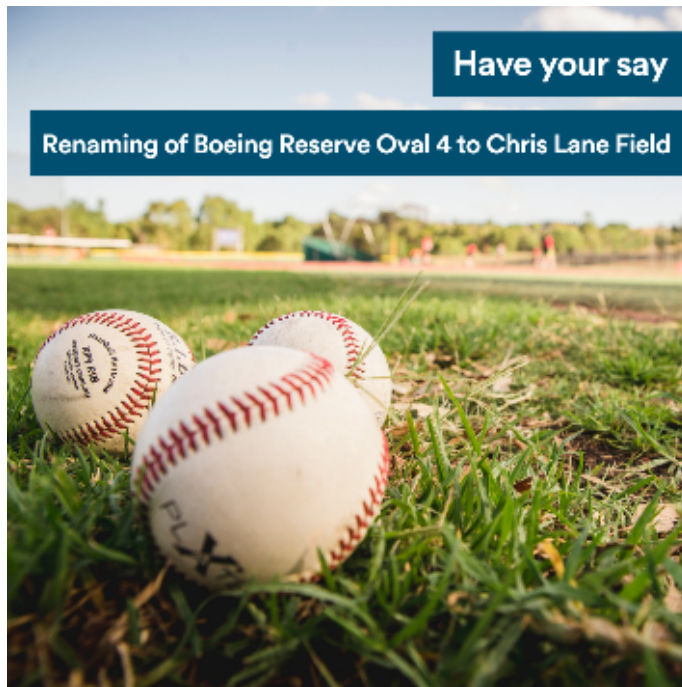
All submissions must be **received** within 30 days of this notice or by 19 March 2023.

5.3 Social media content

17 February 2023 – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn



15 March 2023 – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn



5.4 Social media comments

Done

*GROUND # 4 was a CRICKET GROUND, unless it has changed.
Not relevant to Baseball; although Chris would be commemorated.*

Baseball utilises the Pavilion? Why not name the Pavilion the Chris Lane Pavilion?

*Moonee Valley City Council : Thank you for the UPDATE.
I certainly agree there should be a local commemoration for Chris.
Kind regards to his family & friends who are still missing him into eternity.*

*Surely there can't be many people who are opposed to changing from the current name of Boeing Oval 4.
Anything is an improvement from that!*

I say yes.

I thought this had already been proposed. Can't believe it hasn't been done yet. Get it done NOW.

If the current name is Boeing oval 4 I think you probably should have already done it...

*With due respect there is a park and club already named after this young man RIP
Council has to dig deeper and
Honour the diversity of the municipality and naming streets, parks, ovals etc that represent the broader
non Anglo members. I'm sure the council has a diversity and inclusion policy, let's see this everywhere*

A definite yes!

Hope this brings a little joy to the family . Painfully almost 10 years

Yes from me.

Dont forget to vote. Simply saying yes on this post does not count.

Yes.

5.5 Survey tool

Renaming of Boeing Reserve Oval 4 to Chris Lane Field

Do you support the proposed name change for Boeing Reserve Oval 4 to the Chris Lane Field?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Briefly describe the reason for your preference

Do you wish to object to this proposed name?

☐ Yes

☐ No

You must explain why you do not support the proposed name.

Do you wish your feedback to remain anonymous? (Please note that if you choose to remain anonymous, we will be unable to contact you about your feedback or provide you with further instructions re the objection process.)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please provide your contact details below*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

About you

What is your connection to Moonee Valley?

☐ I live within Moonee Valley

☐ I work here

☐ I study here

☐ I visit here

☐ I own property

☐ I own a business

☐ I am associated with a business or community group / organisation. Please

name: _____*

Suburb

☐ Aberfeldie 3040

☐ Airport West 3042

☐ Ascot Vale 3032

☐ Avondale Heights 3034

☐ Essendon 3040

☐ Essendon Fields 3041

☐ Essendon North 3041

☐ Essendon West 3040

☐ Flemington 3031

- ☐ Keilor East 3033
- ☐ Moonee Ponds 3039
- ☐ Niddrie 3042
- ☐ Strathmore 3041
- ☐ Strathmore Heights 3041
- ☐ Travancore 3032
- ☐ Suburb outside of Moonee Valley

Do you usually speak a language other than English at home?

- ☐ No. I speak English only at home.
- ☐ Yes. I usually speak another language at home.

The main language I speak at home is:

Do you identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander?

- ☐ Aboriginal
- ☐ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
- ☐ Torres Strait Islander
- ☐ Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander

Age Group

- ☐ Under 18 years
- ☐ 18-24 years
- ☐ 25-34 years
- ☐ 35-49 years
- ☐ 50-59 years
- ☐ 60-69 years
- ☐ 70-84 years
- ☐ 85+ years

Gender

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Thank You!

5.6 Full comments on reason for preference

Support for 'Chris Lane Field'

Briefly describe the reason for your preference
As a purpose built Little League field, clarity in naming and location is important as the field will be visited by young baseballers and their families from across the state. Renaming Boeing Reserve Oval 4 to 'Chris Lane Field' will leave a wonderful legacy of a young man following his passion.
1.For purpose of location being easily identified by the Essendon Baseball members and other competing clubs on training and game days. 2.Ease of identification for the local residents and the shire employees, as its one of four fields in the same precinct. This would include Triple O emergency services such as Police/Ambulance/Fire etc and for tradesmen or council workers. 3.To keep the memory of a young local resident who was destined for international success in the Baseball world. 4.To encourage the youth from the sporting community to aspire to greatness which Chris Lane was never able to fully realise. 5.For tourists/river walkers/runners as a meeting point - easily recognisable by name as opposed to a field #.
A beautiful memorial
A fitting memorial
A fitting tribute
A fitting tribute to a young man whose life was so tragically cut short.
A gesture to honour him.
A great honour
A great honour for someone who was tragically killed in the US following his dreams to play baseball. The naming of the field will give meaning to other young ball players
A great memory for the club and his family from the tragedy he had
A great way to honour a great person
A great way to honour Chris whose life ended too soon
A local resident who followed his dream - a great tribute
A lovely honour for Chris Lane and his family. Great to acknowledge his dedication to his sport.
A significant amount of money has been raised based on the Chris Lane name. It would be unfair to contribute that money to build the field and not have it called the Chris Lane field. The amount of community spirit that has been generated following Chris's tragic passing had been inspirational and this field will continue to do that providing An association with Chris's name.
A significant way for Moonee Valley, family and aspiring baseball players to remember Chris Lane
A tragedy that took a talented sportsman at a far too young age and renaming the field would be an excellent way of honouring him and his legacy.
A wonderful memorial to a young man just trying to live his dream.
A wonderful tribute to a wonderful young man
Adds more meaning and respect to the family of Chris Lane
An Australian who played baseball at the location, one of the few Australians to get a baseball scholarship and play at the home of baseball America. Someone who's story and tragic passing affected the whole community, I think it would inspire more people to try baseball and apply for baseball scholarships.

Briefly describe the reason for your preference
An avid talented baseballer who spent who spends yrs playing there . Tragically taken too early and deserves the posthumous recognition
An oval with a number is not significant to the community whereas naming the oval after a local member of the community is a meaningful tribute to his memory
Anything is better than 'Boeing Reserve Oval 4'. But seriously let's get it done so the community can be reminded of Chris.
Appropriate name and fitting tribute
As a close resident of Boeing Reserve I could not think of a more appropriate name for the Baseball Field. To honour this young man in this manner would be a great memorial.
As a tribute to a past Essendon Baseball Club player and his family, who tragically lost his life while pursuing his baseball dream.
As it will mean more to the community that it is named after someone from the community who contributed to the sport and its people than anything else
As per other council areas that are named after people, it is significant name for baseball, Chris Lane died doing to sport he loved he was a junior baseball player in this area
As this is in memory of someone with funding coming from several sources including American Baseball I believe this is fitting.
As this will be a dedicated baseball field in his honour, it only shows the councils and communities support to Chris lanes memory.
Baseball is a fringe sport but growing in stature and popularity. Chris was a very talented and skilful young man who gave his all to the sport. To have his name remembered on what will be the best junior baseball diamond in Australia will mean so much to the baseball fraternity and for those following in his footsteps
Because he was a young lad exploring his dreams and his life was cut short. Also he was a friend of my niece.
Because his name should never be forgotten
Because it makes sense and it would be great for the memorie of Chris Lane
Because it seems far more fitting, and will keep Chris Lane's memory going.
Because it was Chris loved
Better than it's current name. Nice way to remember someone e taken too soon in tragic circumstances
Better than oval no 4
By all accounts Chris was a fine young man who should have had many more years to live. I went to school with his father Peter and understand the pain that Chris' death has caused him and his family. Naming the reserve Chris Lane Field would be a fitting memorial.
By renaming the oval, we are able to hold his legacy for all youth baseballs and aspirant sports people throughout the Moonee Valley community. A classy gesture.
Cause it's a field in his honour
Changing this will be meaningful to the whole baseball community not just Essendon
Chris (& his family) was an integral part of the EBC during his years as a member. It would be a fitting tribute to a man taken so tragically who lived his sport.
Chris contributed a great deal to the local the local baseball community and naming the field after him would be a much deserved way of remembering a young man who was killed too soon while pursuing his dreams.

Briefly describe the reason for your preference

Chris Lane deserves to be immortalized after his tragic death in the USA cut short such a wonderful life that Chris no doubt had ahead of him. This would inspire the next generation of baseballers with hope and joy. Do it!

Chris Lane Field is the logical name for the Field. The current name gives ZERO association to what is proposed.

Chris Lane grew up in the area and I believe it's a fitting tribute to such a senseless death. Would be great to watch baseball there too - might get some people more interested.

Chris lane is an inspiration to so many people, he deserves this

Chris Lane is my husband's cousin

Chris Lane should be held in high esteem for his success and dedication to his sport. Sadly for him it was not to be, however young people could aim to be the sportsman he was and will be remembered for. Amazing achievement. His family and community are proud of him.

Chris Lane was a good representation of a local resident making a success out of baseball and good representation of the Essendon Baseball Club

Chris Lane was a long time junior at the Essendon BBC. He lost his life playing and promoting the sport and club he lover in the US. Naming the fields in his hounor just makes sense.

Chris Lane was a long-time member of the Essendon Baseball Club who was tragically killed while in the USA on a baseball scholarship in 2013. When this tragic event occurred the baseball community rallied support around the family. Funding contributions were received from Moonee Valley Council, Sport and Recreation Victoria and the Essendon Baseball Club. Donations from the baseball community at home and abroad were also made. The American Major Baseball League offered their support to build a Little League Field in Chris' memory. Additionally, a generous lighting donation was made by Musco lighting. The Essendon Baseball Club made the decision to have a field built in his honour. The club were relentless in their pursuit of this dream. To have the field come to fruition and name it anything but "The Chris Lane Field" would be an injustice to all of the baseball community at home and abroad

Chris Lane was a much loved member of the community and this field being named after him is a fitting tribute to his life.

Chris Lane was a valued member of Essendon Baseball Club who died in tragic circumstances in America while on a baseball scholarship.

Chris Lane was a young Essendon baseballer tragically robbed of his life in USA I have been a life long fan of the game played by my children and now my grandchildren at EBC

Chris Lane was an amazing inspiring young man. The new name will help inspire new young baseball players to follow in his footsteps

Chris lane was an influential player at the essendon baseball club, he was a player I always looked up to as a junior and it would be a great honour to himself and his family to have this field named after him

Chris Lane's legacy is the reason this field is being built

Chris' life was and is still inspiring to young sportsmen and women. He achieved so much for baseball in his short life and should be honoured in this way.

Chris was a much loved member of essendon baseball club. His commitment to supporting kids in the sport will never be fulfilled, as he was shot dead in random drive by attack. Renaming the field reminds us all to look out for our kids.

Briefly describe the reason for your preference
Chris was a talented and loved Moonee valley local. The tragic circumstances of his death and the impact on our community - and indeed Australia - as well as the close tie to baseball should mean this is a no brainer.
Chris was a valued young member of the Essendon Baseball Club furthering his baseball career in America. This is the least we can do in remembrance of him.
Chris was a very much loved Essendon Baseball player living his dream whilst getting an education in America. He can inspire other young people that dreams are possible. He loved being around young people and is a great role model.
Chris was a young man taken from us way too early. I think the Essendon baseball club are doing a fantastic thing but building this addition to their facility and naming it after Chris in his honour.
Chris was an amazing young man who lead his peers through kindness and courage. His work ethic was impeccable.
Chris was an inspiring young players and his story can be told to other young players when they play there
Chris was an outstanding member of the community, and an accomplished member of Essendon Baseball Club. I support his influence living on as an inspiration to anyone who uses these grounds.
Chris was an outstanding young baseballer for Essendon BC. Despite being older than him, his love and enthusiasm for the club always stood out, as did his willingness to support his peers and younger children at the club improve their game. He was a natural leader and someone who was destined for greater things.
Chris was the cousin of my very close friend & it would mean so much to their family
Chris was the inspiration for the field upgrade. It would be a great honour to him and his family.
Chris was tragically taken and was an exemplary person that has inspired many it's fitting to name the field after him
Chris was tragically taken away from us far to early. The name change will help keep him in our mind now and for generations to come.
Chris, and his beautiful family, deserve this fitting tribute for all they have given baseball and their community. An enduring reminder of goodness and opportunity, to ensure something positive comes out of tragedy, for young people who are engaging in their chosen sport.
Chris's death was a tragedy
Commemorate locally
Commemorating a relevant Essendon Baseballer's life and honouring his love for the sport. A positive influence for future baseballers.
Deserves to be about a local who achieved so much. A lovely tribute for his family to always cherish.
Fabulous idea. We should never forget him.
Fitting tribute to Chris
For the family
Friends with Chris older sister and I think it's a beautiful way too support this grieving family that had such a tragic loss
Gg
Gives the little league field significance and acknowledgment of why it was built
Goes without saying.
Good example of a young persons dedication to junior sport and family
Good idea as a memorial

Briefly describe the reason for your preference
good show of respect
Good way to honour him.
Great for remembrance of a good person
Great tribute
Great tribute to a fantastic young man taken too soon. He loved the game and gave so much to it in the area.
Great way to remember someone who gave so much for and was a big part of the club
Great way to remember such a wonderful person who was part of the local and baseball communities
great young man who encompasses everything our community is about
Having died in tragic circumstances it seems fitting that he be remembered for what he loved.
Having taught the Lane children at St Francis de Sales School, this is a wonderful tribute to Chris and his loving family who have used this tragedy to support future young baseball players.
He deserves to be honoured
He played the sport, and his death impacted the community as a whole. Much of the donations to complete the field was done in his name
He represents young people who would use the oval
he was a great kid
He was a great man and deserves recognition
He was a local and this would honour him.
He was a pleasant junior in the times I umpired games he participated in. His death was worthless while he was attempting to accomplish his dream. It would be a fitting reminder for others also attending college in the USA.
He was a star and should be remembered with such a tragic loss of his life too early
He was an Australian living out a dream.
He was an outstanding member of the community, a great leader, and he deserves recognition.
He was an up and coming star, and would have made it to the big time, and was killed in the worse possible way, This should be renamed no question,
Highlight that dreams can come true for the younger players
His name live in perpetuity to represent the privileged life we have in Australia with our stance on guns and gun crime
History of and love of the game for Chris, legacy for his family. A fantastic opportunity to remember how important local sport is, and how valuable life is
Holds huge significance to the Essendon baseball club as well as many others who knew this player and is a great way to continue his legacy
honor Chris
Honor his life given to the sport whilst over in USA
Honors the memory of a loved community member tragically killed by violence
Honour a local person who had strong ties to the local baseball community
honour Chris Lane
Honouring a player and member of the community. Personalising a sports field gives character and a story to the space.
Honours the life of a fine young man.

Briefly describe the reason for your preference
I am a life member of the Essendon baseball club and would greatly appreciate the field to be changed to Chris Lane field to keep his memory alive.
I am a member of EBC and the renaming is a fair and reasonable memorial gesture to Chris's impact at the club and in the community.
I am friends with his brother in law and friends from Essendon Baseball Club and feel that it is essential that we honor his life and memory.
I believe changing the name highlights the impact of community on individuals who are involved in sports. Without the Essendon baseball community, Chris never would've achieved his dreams of playing baseball in America. I think this is a great reminder of his legacy and how community had shaped him.
I believe it is a fitting tribute to the young man passionate about baseball who was tragically gunned down in his prime -
I believe it would be a fitting gesture for the family to honour Chris Lane in this way.
I believe this is an amazing idea.
I feel that the name reflects this young man's attitude to baseball and he is a deserving recipient of this honour.
I grew up playing baseball with Chris and saw how much he enjoyed passing on his love for the game. This will be a great way to pass on his passion to future generations.
I had the pleasure of coaching Chris in the U18 Victorian team which lead to his successful college baseball career. Chris was the team captain of that U18 Victorian team and his ability to lead young men was of the highest order. Chris was an amazing young man who's life should be celebrated and his memory should most definitely be recognised officially. His passing started a movement at the Essendon Baseball Club called "EBC love" it is an ethos that every new player and member is governed by, it is in short a love of community, the community that Chris loved.
I knew Chris Lane when he was in primary school; my children attended the same school. He was so passionate about his baseball. I was devastated when he was murdered and that his dream was shattered. Having this field named after him will show the young baseball players what they can achieve.
I know the beautiful family and it would be a honour to them
I lived next door to Chris when he was a young boy and know how much his baseball meant to him. He was a natural at all sports, but baseball his true love. He was taken far too soon and deserves the honour of the field named in his memory.
I love that we can honour Chris Lane this way.
I lovely and lasting commemoration to a local athletes life taken far too soon
I prefer it to the current name and think its a nice tribute to his memory
I think it is a fitting tribute to Chris who contributed to the community and baseball
I think it is a wonderful legacy for the area that is now well known for its baseball community.
I think it is an amazing way to honour the memory of Chris - naming the field after him, so kids can play baseball there - a game he loved so much. I think it is a way for the baseball community to give his family comfort and a sense of continued support.
I think its a great idea to have somewhere dedicated to someone taken so young. It's a horrible story and hopefully brings some comfort to family and friends that Chris will never be forgotten.
I think it's a great way to honor him

Briefly describe the reason for your preference
I think it's a great way to honour a young person whos opportunity to fulfill his dream in baseball was tragically cut short
I think it's a wonderful way to honour Chris Lane properly by having the name used for the field in all official forms, i.e, it is only ever referred to Chris Lane Field by all.
I think it's fitting in remembrance and representation of a great club player of passed in a tragic accident in the US. It shows the support the club has as a whole towards its members and Chris Lane would have done great things.
I think it's fitting that the field name be changed as a lot of work has been put into getting the field built to commemorate the loss of a young man and Essendon baseball club member under very tragic circumstances.
I think the name of the oval should be changed after the tragic event that happened to Chris Lane and his family.
I think this is a great opportunity to ensure Chris' legacy remains apart of the Moonee Valley community
I wholly support the name change as it is encouraging to see the council honouring a young man whose life was so tragically ended.
I'm a baseball player who feels that he deserves to properly be remembered
I'm a close friend of Donna Lane and feel something nice should come from such a tragedy..
I'm a Life Member of the Essendon Baseball Club, & I'm also a family man. I know Chris's father well & I also knew Chris, there is no more fitting tribute than to name the field after him.
Important way to help young baseballers and the wider community remember a young man who achieved a great deal and was taken too early. Will also increase discussion when people research why the ground has been named this. Important memory for family too.
in honor of a great baseballer tragically taken away way too soon
In honour of Chris' memory and legacy.
In loving memory of a very talented player and beautiful person
In memory & honour of Chris Lane as a baseball field for little league players/games.
In memory of a young strathmore player who was tragically killed whist pursuing his dreams
In memory of Chris
In memory of Chris Lane who tragically was murdered following his dreams
In memory of Chris Lane.
In memory of Chris who was tragically murdered in the US
In memory of Chris, taken too young
In remembrance and respect t of Chris
In support of a great initiative by the Essendon Baseball Club
In tribute to a young Aussie
Incredibly important and symbolic to Essendon Baseball and the wider community.
Inspiring young man who despite life being cut short is still making a difference to youth in sports
It a great idea in remembering Chris Lane
It celebrates the life of a great local talent who tragically never had an opportunity to fulfill their potential

Briefly describe the reason for your preference
It creates positivity out of an horrendously emotional event. Many people knew & loved Chris - this gives them a space to come together & connect their memories at a place that was home twice over - in his home address & in his baseball loving heart.
It gives the oval a proper name and is a fitting tribute to Chris Lane.
It has more substance than the original name.
It is a fitting tribute
It is a fitting tribute to a young man taken too young
It is a great legacy to be able to honour the field after Chris for the club and for his family.
It is a great thing to recognize and remember someone, especially considering the external funding sourced for this reason
It is a memorial field and should be named that way
It is a more appropriate name to the baseball community (than Oval 4). He was also a resident
It is a wonderful way to remember a wonderful member of the baseball community.
It is an appropriate way to remember who and what Chris Lane valued and how he lived his life.
It is appropriate and more meaningful
It is appropriate to honour a resident who sadly was taken too young. The improvements at the field are a result of community action because of Chris so it should be renamed
It is better to recognize Chris Lane's legacy.
It is great to name the field in Chris Lane's honour
It is honouring a local young man whose life was tragically taken away too soon. Whilst embracing his values & the values of our community in providing a positive sporting pathways for our youth participate in.
It is important for the oval to be correctly named in accordance to what is referred too for both ease of finding out, emergency services etc and also to keep the recognition for Chris and have it made official
It is important the name change to honour the memory of Chris Lane
It is in honour of an Essendon baseball player and is absolutely appropriate
It is in keeping with the naming of other fields in other councils after people of significance to the clubs that have been long term tenants
It is the logical choice.
It is the reason all the funds raised
It is the right name for the little league field and honors Chris. It gives meaning to the area.
It is the right thing to do, to honour Chris Lane.
It is very meaningful
It just makes sense
It makes it clear what ground is being referred to on game day as the ground is known by the name people use day to day - Chris Lane field, and to honor his memory for ever.
It makes perfect sense to me - a great way to commemorate someone who would have spent a great deal of time here.
It means a lot to me and the people within my sport and my community
It seems fitting considering the circumstances.

Briefly describe the reason for your preference
It was built as a memorial field and all the funding was sought with this purpose. It will be used by juniors
It will give a lasting memory of a young Australian baseballer who was tragically killed.
It will honour him I think it's a no brainer
It would be a great way to honour Chris's legacy
Its a fitting name for a great person who deserves it
It's a fitting tribute to a sportsman who had such a big impact on the sport of baseball, the community he was apart of and it would be a great sign of respect.
It's a fitting way to honour Chris and ensure he is remembered by future young players.
It's a great idea
It's a great way to commemorate such a good human being.
It's a memorial to a tragic loss and provides meaning to the facility.
its a must for Chris
It's a nice honour to Chris and his family.
It's a no brainer. Why wouldn't you honour a local that was so tragically taken away.
It's a very worthy cause.
It's a wonderful way to memorialize him
It's an inspiring name for a feild for young baseball kids to play and train on, gives them bit of hope and shows them that they can succeed in going professional or to college which is extremely hard for aussies in american baseball to do and a fitting tribute to a skilled, humble and kind human who lost their life for no reason. Could also provide family and friends of Chris with a place to go to be with him for any reason they need.
It's appropriate
It's extremely important to honour Chris who was local to the area. Creating a sense of name instead of a generic placeholder makes total sense
It's for a good cause. It's an absolute tragedy what happened to him
It's important for the kids playing baseball on this field to know Chris' story and naming the field after him will evoke questions
It's important to remember a young person after a tragic loss of life.
It's in honour of a fine young sports person (base baller), with an aim to play on the World stage, and tragically had his life cut short. Serves as a poignant reminder to live life to the fullest, and dream big.
Its only fitting to have this field named Chris Lane for convenience and for emergency services to find
Its perfectly fitting, anything else will be Council clowns being Council Clowns.
It's very fitting
Keep Chris's memory alive. Lovely for the family and friends of Chris.
Knowing the Lane family they deserve this in chris' honour
Lasting memory of a fine young adult
Local kid that did so well and was tragically murdered
Local resident who was tragically killed
Love the idea of supporting local community and the whole reason the field was made was in honour of CHRIS
Lovely tribute

Briefly describe the reason for your preference
Makes sense to do it
My child plays baseball for EBC, I think it's important they remember past members. And keep the community feel within the club, all clubs that participate at our grounds and within the sport of baseball and all sports.
My family are members of Essendon Baseball Club & feel we should honor the memory of Chris Lane. This will be a phenomenal little league field & naming it in Chris's memory will do much for the sport & help create a legacy. Naming it Chris Lane Field pays respect & is a much more appropriate option than just the plain Oval 4 title.
Name appropriate, family raised funds, current name generic
Name has much more meaning and is a good tribute to a local
Name of significance to the community. Boeing 4 means nothing
Nice gesture and memory of Chris who was a local
Nice tribute
Nice way to honour an athlete passionate about his sport
Not only was Chris Lane a baseball player he was also apart of the community and for that his memory should be acknowledged and remembered
Outstanding tribute to a great young man supported by his favorite sporting club
Positive way to support community & development, honouring young man & his legacy
Providing recognition and commemoration for the community
Recognising a sporting talent posthumously by naming an oval after him is better than a run of the mill name
Remembering a local person who was on an elite sportsperson's path is very important to acknowledge and inspire others. Such a tragic end to his short life.
Remembering Chris Lane
Renaming it this honours Chris and all the people who have rallied around doing something meaningful after something so dreadful
Respect
Should have been done years ago
So Chris' memory lives on.
So Chris will not be forgotten
Sounds like a great name change - has purpose and legacy for those in the baseball community and local community.
That is the reason the project was ever started
The baseball community all pulled together when Chris died. It is a big deal for all involved in baseball that this field is finally going to happen. It will always be referred to and known as the Chris Lane field to all who will use it. It will be called the Chris Lane Field on fixtures and schedules etc, and would be terribly confusing if maps etc did not call it the name we will all know it as.
The building and renaming of the field will provide a lasting legacy!
The community support of Chris's family at the time of his passing shows the support that this project has generated.
The current name is dreadful anyway and it's an appropriate recognition by the local community of this young man.

Briefly describe the reason for your preference
The current name Oval No. 4 is meaningless. Note: I assume that Boeing Reserve will be retained as the overall name for the reserve precinct.
The death of this young man was a tragedy, and his potential lost to us, and to his sport. The name change is more meaningful than the rather anonymous existing name.
The explanation given has more meaning than "Boeing Oval".
The ground is a great idea, the name is icing on the cake honouring a great kid.
The ground will be a memorial for Chris Lane, and will assist juniors to love the game of baseball as he did
The majority of work completed to get this field up and running was due to support from people within the baseball industry under the proviso that it was to be the the Chris Lane Field
The memorial is an important site to be recognised
The money for the field came from his memorial so it's appropriate to acknowledge this.
The name change is justified in a sign of respect for someone taken so soon before his time
The name means something to the people who loved him and who want to honour his memory and passion
The original name holds no significance. The new name is a way to honour someone from the community.
The people and facilities associated with Boeing Reserve afforded Chris the opportunity to pursue his dreams. Chris Lane field will provide an important facility for the next generation to pursue theirs. Essendon Baseball Club and MVCC are both proud of their association with Chris and his family. The name change will help to enshrine these connections.
The project to develop a junior baseball field is to memorialise the "Chris Lane" story. This is a story of a valued and promising young local athlete, who travelled to the USA in pursuit of his dream to play professional baseball. He was so tragically killed by an unprovoked and casual drive by shooting. The project would be incomplete if the field was not named in his behalf.
The reserve is called Boeing so why wouldn't you the field be changed to a fallen baseball stars name who played at the club
The significance to those who use this new field is of great importance. It will help the junior community understand that out of great pain, sometimes there can be a positive
The tragic murder of Chris Lane saw the coming together of community local and world wide, council and MLB, one of the largest sporting bodies in the world, to create a memorial to always remember Chris. Using this space to engage kids in sport is a lasting legacy which will benefit all.
There are other Boeing Reserve Ovals around - so changing the name of one should not obliterate the Boeing name. Good way for people to remember him and where he was from - I read about his tragic death on the news many years ago but did not know his baseball roots or that he was local. I hope there will be many more Aussies who will be inspired to obtain baseball scholarships in US and springboard into the Major League. Would like to know how much funding are the MBL offering the Council to build the Little League.
There are so many names of streets, parks, centres that were named in ancient history and have lost relevance. Its a no- brainer to name something after a relevant human to our contemporary consciousness.
This field has been built in memory of Chris. All money raised and efforts to build it is because of having a place to remember Chris.
This field is being built in honour of Chris. It should be named so

Briefly describe the reason for your preference

This field is being built in memory of a wonderful young man take from us too soon. This field is years in the making for him

This field is up to be renamed because of a little league diamond being built on it. This field has been partially funded by the greater baseball community and MLB under the understanding they were building a field for and in honour of Chris. Big this ground is not renamed to Chris Lane oval, people would've donated to something that never comes to fruition. We would rather have Chris than a baseball diamond, but he was taken from us. North is memory shine

This is the perfect way to honour Chris and the sportsman he would have been today. A young local talent taken way too soon.

This name holds greater significance than "Oval 4" as it not only remembers a great man & player, but gives younger players a role model who focused on enjoyment of the game

This will be a great way to honour Chris Lane following his tragic death.

This will be a lovely gesture to honour Chris' life.

This will provide a landmark and ease of locating for community. It will be colloquially referred to as Chris Lane Field, so it would be wonderful to have this as the official name and remove any potential confusion.

This would be a beautiful a tribute to a local young man whose life was taken to soon.

This would be a fitting way to honour a wonderful young man who exemplified all of the qualities you would want to see in young people enjoying sport and the outdoors with their friends. Obviously with his life being cut far too short, the impact on future generations would have undoubtedly been immeasurable and this re-naming would pay the smallest of respects in comparison to the person he was and will also allow or promote people to ask, who is Chris Lane and be fortunate enough to hear a bit about him.

This would be a great way to honour Chris Lanes memory

This would be an honourable tribute to a life tragically taken. His family truly deserves this

To commemorate Chris Lane

To honor a tragic loss

To honor Chris Lane

To honor Chris' legacy

To honor his memory and contributions to Essendon Baseball Club

To honour a local young person after a tragic death

To honour a much loved & talented member of the Essendon Baseball Club & local community.

To honour a young local lad who was tragically killed

To honour and respect Chris

To honour Chris for his contribution to baseball

To honour Chris Lane

To honour Chris would give such meaning to this oval. I would be happy for the whole precinct to be renamed in his memory.

To honour the life of a young man who was pursuing his dream and to inspire other young kids in the area to do the same, I think it's a no-brainer to name the field after Chris.

To honour the life of a young man whose life was cut short through no fault of his own.

To honour the memory of a young man who tragically lost his life pursuing his dreams.

To honour the memory of Chris

Briefly describe the reason for your preference
To honour the young man who lost his life
To officially identify the field as the 'Chris Lane' field and provide a lasting legacy to the young man who lost his life while following his dream overseas.
To remember chris
To remember Chris
To remember Chris Lane
To remember Chris Lane and Boeing Reserve Oval 4 is a boring name.
To support the family and give recognition of a life that could've been.
To support the memory of Chris Lane
Tribute and acknowledgement
Tribute to a wonderful baseballer who supported younger players and whose life was cut short
Very fitting. But I wonder if it could be a hybrid name. Like chris lane "indigenous name" field. ie Chris Lane Wooi Wurrung field. An indigenous name that highlights something significant to First Nation in the area. Ask Lane family for thoughts?
Very good idea in support of a great cause and in memory of Chris Lane.
Was on his way to establishing a great legacy before his tragic incident. Renaming in his honour preserves his memory in something close to what represents him
We knew the family and feel it's a beautiful to remember and honour Chris legacy and love for baseball
We should acknowledge the talent and contribution to the sport he had. More people found out about this baseball club because of him.
Well Chris Lane played as junior baseball player and worked his way through the seniors. He was a very good player and gained a baseball scholarship in America until the time he was gunned down in the street while on a morning run. Major League Baseball in America started the ball rolling by donating x amount of money to start the proses of the field and its honour In Chris Lane.
What a beautiful honour to commemorate a passionate sporting soul taken too soon. We honour all types of sporting personalities as a state, why not see the same modelled in our local communities.
What a great way to remember such an amazing human - and for the young up and comers to preserve his name
With honour and respect
Would be a lovely way to support the local community who knew this young man
Would mean so much to his beautiful family who been through so much and to the community he was apart of

Opposition to 'Chris Lane Field'

Briefly describe the reason for your preference
Boeing makes sense. Been there for years. The airfield is near by. Other names like Councillors names from way back mean nothing to most people. Boeing is more a forever name. Zooming along near the airfield. Great. Nice.
Inconsistent with naming of other facilities. Connection with Chris becomes more tenuous/relevant with time. A memorial plaque would acknowledge Chris
It's a personal touch but I would make sure the family are cool with this also
Leave as it is Do a statue or plaque somewhere

Briefly describe the reason for your preference

My son is part of the Baseball community and i think that it is a great honour to have the field named after Chris Lane. It would be a great tribute for his family, friends and the community to have this the field named "Chris Lane" & leave a legacy for years to come.

Not necessary

The facility should represent all those who have and will use it.

There have been many incidences of unfortunate circumstances that have occurred to Moonee valley residents. To choose one over others is a poor choice. The land actually belongs to the The Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people, therefore this should be reflected in the choice.

There is already something named after the boy There are other people also lost to families can't name things after them all We don't want to loose our local identity either I'm sure there was a reason the original name was given to the sight Disrespectful to coincided that not important

[redacted inflammatory]

This is a cost that is not required. If it's not broken don't fix it Stop wasting money

Why not an Aboriginal place name?

Reasons for objections to 'Chris Lane Field'

You must explain why you do not support the proposed name

Leave ss it is

I think a memorial plaque in the Boeing Reserve area is very appropriate. I do not support the facility to be named in honour of a singular person, rather should be dedicated to the community who will use it. Generally speaking, facilities are named after those who have done or have championed causes for the greater good. I don't think Chris's unfortunate accident does either of those things.

The Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung are the traditional owners of the land and should be recognised. The name should be honouring someone indigenous from the community who has passed rather than a resident who moved to the USA.

As I stated in previous question

see above

Leave it as it is

Support for First Nations people who never ceded this land.