

PROPOSED ASPINALL AND KIRKPATRICK STREET, POTTS HILL

As a family member with four generations employed by the MWS&DB (now Sydney Water) we have a personal connection with Potts Hill..... Our family are all Bankstown residents. We sincerely would appreciate Aspinall and Kirkpatrick used as Street/Reserve Names in recognition of all the years of work and dedication within the Bankstown Area.

My Grandfather Edward James Frank ASPINALL (also a WW1. 1st Light Horse Veteran) was employed at Potts Hill Reservoir from 1920 until his retirement in 1953. As the Valve Controller residing with his wife and daughter in the Water Board Cottage No 26 for 33 years.

My mother Joan Edith KIRKPATRICK nee Aspinall was born in 1921 and spent 30 years at Potts Hill until her marriage in 1951. Mum always spoke of her 30 years living at Potts Hill Reservoir as a very special time with the wide open spaces and wild flowers that grew each year. She attended Regents Park Public School travelling by horse and cart, then the newly built Bankstown North Public School usually walking and then Marrickville Girls High School s from Bankstown station travel to Marrickville daily. The only "local" high School to be able to award the Leaving Certificate. After attaining this she was employed in Sydney at the Transport Department, still travelling by train to the city. Mum lived within the Bankstown Municipality all her 87 years, until her passing last year. Mum had previously entered the Bankstown Councils short stories competition writing of her memories from Potts Hill Reservoir and 80 years residing within Bankstown.

My Father Robert John KIRKPATRICK was employed by the MWS&DB from July 1945 (after 4 years war service) until his retirement in 1980. Dad worked at Potts Hill Reservoir from 1946 – 1956 as a Maintenance Man on No. 2 Reservoir, this is where my parents Joan and Bob met.

My Uncle JAMES WILLIAM KIRKPATRICK (Engineer) was employed by MWS&DB, FOR 40 YEARS., when the pipeline was built from Guildford to Potts Hill Reservoir he was the Chief Engineer to oversee its completion.

Thanking you

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