

6.4 NAME CHANGE TO THE MONASH SEMINAR & TRAINING CENTRE

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MOTION

That Council change the name of the 'Monash Seminar and Training Centre' to 'Oakleigh Chambers'.

INTRODUCTION

The 'Monash Seminar and Training Centre' is located at 1A Atherton Road, Oakleigh. Its name does not reflect its history nor its current use. This report proposes to change its name to 'Oakleigh Chambers' to reflect its 100 year history.

DISCUSSION

The building was renamed the 'Monash Seminar & Training Centre' after the amalgamation of the City of Oakleigh and the City of Waverley in the 1990s into Monash City Council.

The building was first opened in 1921 as the 'Oakleigh Borough Council Chambers' and was the 'Oakleigh City Council Chambers' in 1927 until 1994. The building served as the primary Council meeting venue for the former City of Oakleigh and was also host to the 50th (in 1941) and 100th (in 1991) anniversary celebrations of the City of Oakleigh.

The 'Monash Seminar and Training Centre' has more recently been used as a public meeting space and a polling place for elections.

In addition to acknowledging that the current name does not accurately reflect its current use, it is appropriate to recognise the history of the building and the municipality by reinstating its former name.

Informal consultation has occurred with individuals who are knowledgeable and passionate about the history of Oakleigh. They are supportive of this change.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council approve a change of name for the building from the 'Monash Seminar & Training Centre' to 'Oakleigh Chambers'.