Australian Capital Territory

Public Place Names (Whitlam) Determination 2024 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2024–17

made under the

Public Place Names Act 1989, s 3 (Minister to determine names)

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Public Place Names (Whitlam) Determination 2024 (No 1)*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after its notification day.

3 Determination of Place Name

I determine the place name as indicated in the schedule.

Ben Ponton Delegate of the Minister for Planning 2 February 2024

Division of Whitlam – Arts and culture

The location of the public place with the following name is indicated on the associated diagram.

NAME	ORIGIN	SIGNIFICANCE
Pixie O'Harris Street	Pixie O'Harris MBE	Children's book author and illustrator
	(Rona/Rhona Olive Pratt née Harris) (1903–1991)	Migrating from Wales to Australia with her family in her teens, Rona (Rhona) Harris was given the name 'Pixie' during the voyage. She adopted the surname 'O'Harris' later as a <i>nom</i> <i>de plume</i> . Living at first in Perth, she re- located to Sydney in 1921, joining John Sands Ltd as a commercial artist and studied for a short time at Julian Ashton's Sydney Art School. She later drew fashion illustrations for Anthony Hordern and Sons Ltd. Her first book commission was the illustrations for Maud Liston's <i>Cinderella's Party</i> (1923). <i>The Pixie</i> <i>O. Harris Fairy Book</i> followed in 1925. Her elaborate children's book <i>Pearl Pinkie and Sea</i> <i>Greenie</i> was published in 1935. Selections of her work were reprinted as the <i>Pixie O'Harris</i> <i>Story Book</i> (1940) and the <i>Pixie O'Harris Gift</i> <i>Book</i> (1953). Between 1941 and 1947 she published the Poppy Treloar trilogy. Alongside these works, O'Harris illustrated the books of many authors and worked as a freelance illustrator for numerous magazines. O'Harris is renowned for the murals she painted on the walls of many hospitals and other institutions in New South Wales. Awarded the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal in 1977, O'Harris was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire in 1976 for services to the arts. The Australian Publishers Association presents the annual <i>Pixie O'Harris Award</i> for distinguished and dedicated service to the development and reputation of Australian children's books.

