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Subject: Comment re Cox/Corangamite change proposed - Ok with, but alt name suggestion
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Dear Sir/Madam,

As a resident of the Bellarine Peninsular I welcome the proposed changes to the Corangamite Electorate outline. It has always been confusing to have a long sliver of the Bellarine / City of Greater Geelong as part of Corio electorate, while the rest of the Bellarine Surf Coast was in Corangamite.

Re re-naming as "Cox" ?

Firstly I think the AEC should have decided long ago whether to go place/location name OR name electorates only after "People" - probably too late to do much about that now !

I can live with the name "Cox", however if it is judged as unsuitable - I would like to put forward the following suggestions:

1. A name that reflects Victoria's Aboriginal origins - perhaps "Kulin" or "Buckley" after William Buckley who lived on the Bellarine with the local clans for decades from 1830s or "Barack" after William Barack a Victorian Aboriginal Leader who deserves on going recognition.
2. I would like you to consider a local WW1 Victoria Cross and Military Cross Winner Captain Percy Herbert **CHERRY**, 26th Battalion, 7th Brigade, 2nd Division AIF. Killed in action on 27 March 1917 at Lagnicourt, Western Front. Captain Cherry was born in Drysdale on the Bellarine Peninsular, and in this time of WW1 Centenary remembrance, I would see this as a fitting tribute to Cpt Cherry VC and this name in particular has a much stronger link to the district than that of Mabel Cox.

Info attached -

Description

Percy Cherry was born at Drysdale, Victoria. He spent his youth in Tasmania, where he served in the militia before enlisting in the AIF in March 1915. He was sent to Gallipoli, where he was wounded and shortly afterwards commissioned. In 1916 he was promoted to command an infantry company.

On 26 March 1917 Cherry's battalion, 26th Australian Infantry Battalion, was ordered to capture the village of Lagnicourt, and his company had the task of sweeping into the village. There was strong enemy opposition, and soon all of the officers in the company became casualties. Cherry organised machine-gun and bombing parties, sent back frequent reports of progress, and, when wounded later in the action, refused to leave his post. Late in the afternoon, however, a single shell killed him instantly.

Cherry never learnt of the honours bestowed upon him: a Military Cross won earlier and the Victoria Cross for Lagnicourt were both announced after his death. He is buried in the Queant Road Cemetery, Buissy, France.

Sincerely
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