

1. Governance and Infrastructure

1.1 Winchelsea Open Space Naming

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Council Briefing

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Officer Direct or Indirect Conflict of Interest:

In accordance with Local Government Act 1989 –
Section 80C:

Yes

No

Reason: Nil

Status:

Information classified confidential under Section 77
of the Local Government Act:

Yes

No

Reason: Nil

Purpose

To hear submitters following invitation of submissions in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 in relation to the proposed naming of ten reserves in the Winchelsea Township.

Summary

At its meeting on 25 November 2014, Council resolved to invite submissions in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 from the public on names proposed for ten reserves in the Winchelsea Township. Four written submissions were received with one submitter requesting to be heard.

Recommendation

That Council receive and note the submissions in relation to the proposed naming of ten reserves in the Winchelsea Township.

Council Resolution

MOVED Cr. Rose Hodge, Seconded Cr. Eve Fisher

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CARRIED 6:0

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Background

Council's Place Naming Committee has identified ten reserves in the township of Winchelsea that have either locally known names or no names, and consider they should be formally registered with Place Naming Victoria. This then ensures that they are registered with all relevant emergency services and authorities and the names cannot be used elsewhere in the district.

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Discussion

Four written submissions were received before the closing time of 5pm on 12 February 2015, and only one submitter requested to be heard.

The four submissions included are summarised below:

1. Submission proposing that only four reserves be named. This submitter has requested to be heard.
2. Making RH Bennett Reserve just Bennett Reserve in recognition of all the Bennett families in the district.
3. Adding Reserves out near the sewerage farm.
4. The Winchelsea Historical Society has provided a listing of suggested names.

Financial Implications

There will be a cost for providing signage at each location which can be covered under existing operational budgets.

Council Plan/Policy/Legal Implications

Council has a Place Naming Policy SCS-004 and the proposed naming follows the agreed process for reserve naming. The names will need to be registered with the Office of Geographic Naming in accordance with the Geographic Place Names Act 1998 once the proposed names are formally resolved.

Officer Direct or Indirect Interest

No officer involved in the preparation of this report has any conflicts of interest.

Risk Assessment

Following formal naming of the ten reserves, Council will advise emergency services and associated authorities. This would assist in locating these areas in an emergency situation.

Social Considerations

Members of the Winchelsea community have offered differing opinions about the names proposed by Council of some reserves. Council sought public feedback through a Section 223 submission process prior to formally naming any of the nine reserves.

Community Engagement

Public Notices were placed in local paper inviting the community to make submissions under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.

Environmental Implications

There are no anticipated impacts on the environment.

Communication

As included under the heading - 'Community Engagement'.

Conclusion

Four written submissions were received on the proposed naming of ten reserves in Winchelsea Township, and one submitter expressed interest in making a verbal submission as well. It is recommended that Council hear one submission in relation to the proposed naming.

APPENDIX 1: PLAN OF OPEN SPACE



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This map is produced on the Geocentric Datum of Australia (GDA94).
 GDA94 supersedes the Australian Geodetic Datum 1966 (AGD66).
 Surf Coast Shire uses the Map Grid of Australia (MGA94) Zone 55 projection.

APPENDIX 2: SUBMITTER WHO HAS REGISTERED TO SPEAK

REGISTERED SPEAKER

1. Stewart Mathison

Submission re Proposed Reserve Renaming

The number of different names proposed along a short stretch of river is confusing to both long time residents and new arrivals. The outstanding example is 3 small areas clustered around the road bridge with different names. The CWA and Lions parks have been named for service clubs but there is no sign of the playground equipment previously installed on either site. If historical use is to be a parameter in naming river side areas, naming of the area below St Thomas Anglican church should include consideration of its previous use as a botanical gardens established in the 1800s with Bunya Pines, Canary Island Pines and 3 other trees remaining today.

I propose a family/tribe theme in the naming of the reserves continuing the theme commenced with Guye, Bennett and Napthine.

Map areas B, F & G Albert Jacka Reserve

Named after the first Australian to receive the Victoria Cross and linked to the just announced Walk of Honour. Albert was born at Layard in 1893.

Smaller areas will be easy to describe eg. in Albert Jacka Reserve below the pool, below the mud hut, below the skate park, near the rail bridge, end of Armytage St etc.

Map area C Wito-wu-rrong Walk

I understand this is the name of aboriginal inhabitants of this area which would need to be confirmed as correct. The walk will become part of the walking loop between the bluestone bridge and the proposed Hesse St. bridge.

Map area E Stirling Park

When the land at the end of Palmer St is eventually subdivided, I expect the river frontage round to Hesse St will be reserved for public use. When this occurs, the Stirling naming can be extended to Hesse St. which will be adjacent to the site of his store and hotel.

Map area J Bennett Reserve [remove R H]

Further comments

The Mathison name is a worthy contender commemorating a pioneer family, three generations serving on local government, one for 50 years receiving an MBE and another as shire secretary for 20 years. One member served in WWI and 4 served with distinction in WWII

Planners who have come to Winchelsea in recent times have 'waxed lyrical' about the river. That there is so much enthusiasm for the beauty of the river between the highway and Hesse St is largely due to the efforts of the local Landcare group. Over some 20 years the group has removed willow poplar, elm, hawthorn and pine trees, dense blackberry, gorse and other woody weeds. This has been followed with ongoing maintenance and replanting with indigenous species.

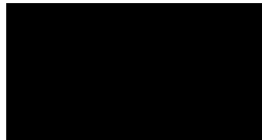
Further reserve or park naming opportunities will occur.

- The Landcare group has cleared the gorse and blackberry from the river below the golfcourse and is in the process of replanting.
- Future subdivision upstream of Hesse St on the West side of river I expect an area will become available to public use when the impenetrable forest of hawthorn is removed.
- Similarly upstream from Batson St where the Town Plan shows the next subdivisions will occur.

Platypus...reference to the established population of this species would be better delivered on information boards on the riverbank and on the proposed observation platform below playground or on the bluestone bridge.

I request to be heard in support of this submission.

Stewart Mathison



APPENDIX 2: COPY OF ALL OTHER SUBMISSIONS

Lisa Robinson

From: Michele Bennett [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 20 January 2015 7:49 AM
To: Info
Subject: Re reserve

Categories: Purple Category

My name is Michele Bennett and I live in [REDACTED] Winchelsea.
I,d like what is now the R H Bennett reserve to be simply named The Bennett reserve, as there has been a lot of the Bennett family over the generations having input into this town.
Thanks Michele.

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February 15, 2015

Mr Peter McLean
Manager Engineering Services
Surf Coast Shire
1 Merrijig Drive,
Torquay Victoria, 3228.

[Reference D15/11642](#)

Dear Peter,

Thank you for your letter of February 11, regarding the naming of parks in Winchelsea.

As far as I am aware, the only parks left out of the current naming process are the playground near the golf course on Dwyer Street, and the park I mentioned in the submission, near the sewerage treatment works.

It seems prudent to include those now and have the whole process over and done with. There seems no rational explanation as to why all reserves in Winchelsea shouldn't be included and named in one operation?

I would also like to point out continuing errors in maps of Winchelsea. The map used by 'Growing Winchelsea Summary Brochure' shows blocks of land along southern portion of the sewerage treatment land; no parkway along this portion of the land joining Sussex Street; and no Bennett Reserve. Can the Shire maps please be brought up to date?

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John and Jan Broadrick".

John and Jan Broadrick

Lisa Robinson

From: Ken Daniels [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 18 February 2015 11:51 AM
To: Info
Subject: Naming of Reserves within Winchelsea Town Boundaries
Attachments: Naming of Reserves 040814.doc

Att: Manager Engineering Services.

The Winchelsea Historical Society made a submission to the Shire on 4th August 2014 regarding the naming of reserves within the Winchelsea Town Boundaries.

Point 9 of this submission (copy attached) relates to an area that extended from the rear of the hotel towards Hesse St along the river frontage. Our recommendation, which was not adopted, was that this area should be named Stirling Park.

I understand that there are issues regarding this area in that portions are privately owned and that the entire area cannot be declared at this time however the Growing Winchelsea documentation shows a pathway along the full length of the area to Hesse St.

The Historical Society would like the portions currently under the shire's control to be named Stirling Park or, if this is not possible at this time, we would like to have confirmation that the area will be identified as Stirling Park as the land is acquired.

I look forward to your response

Ken Daniels

President Winchelsea & District Historical Society

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Naming of Existing Reserves within Winchelsea Town Boundaries
4th August 2014
Recommendations from the Winchelsea Historical Society

1. The Naphthine Reserve should be retained as already named.
2. The Barwon River Reserve should retain the name and thus reflect its status as the key river reserve in Winchelsea.
3. The Barwon River West Nature Reserve should be named Platypus Park reflecting the frequent sighting of Platypus in this section of the river.
4. The Hesse Street Reserve should be restored to its original name of Winchelsea Cricket Ground as per the attached extract from the Victorian Gazette and as strongly support by the Winchelsea Cricket Club in the attached documents.
5. The area marked as Stirling Park was originally known as the CWA Park and is still known by this name by many of the older residents. This name should be retained as respect for the work done in the past by the CWA in Winchelsea.
6. The Barwon River East Nature Reserve was, for many years an overgrown area of assorted introduced species. Mr. Geoff Mathison, who is recently deceased, laboured for many years to clear the area and is recognized as the driver of restoration of the area. He was, of course, also involved in many other activities within the Winchelsea community.
7. The Guye Reserve should be retained as already named.
8. Lions Park should be retained as already named.
9. There is an area, not marked on the map, which runs from the Lions Park, across the back of the hotel, through to the end of Hesse St. It is believed that this area should be identified and named as Stirling Park, The Stirling family owned the hotel for many years as well as operating a general store. The also owned the land on the east side of the river opposite this area.
10. As mentioned in several of the other attachments there is also a reserve known as the R. H. Bennett Reserve located in the area of Neilson, Cooper and Sussex Streets.

The Historical Society is also aware of the recommendation regarding the recognition of John Rowley. The opportunities discussed at the Historical Society included splitting the Barwon River East Nature reserve into 2 sections at a point near the Guye Reserve and naming the Southern section of the reserve in honour of John Rowley.

Ken Daniels
Vice President
Winchelsea and District Historical Society