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Winchelsea Historical Society
Naming of Reserves in Winchelsea Township
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Response to Submissions made to Council regarding the naming of reserves.

1. The Historical Society is supportive of using the family name only rather than the addition of the first name and /or initials.
2. As the First World War memorial is to be placed on the other side of the highway the naming of the Jacka Reserve is inappropriate. It may be appropriate to name the small circular area where the memorial is now going as either Memorial Reserve or Heritage Reserve depending on the future development of the site.
3. Area G Platypus Park. The logic behind the naming of this park is that platypus are frequently seen swimming in this area. Given that the vast majority of Victorians have never seen a platypus in its natural environment, this park could have the potential of being a significant asset with regards to tourism development.
4. Area C Mathison Reserve. The naming of this area was to reflect the contribution of the many members of the family who have made a great contribution to the development of Winchelsea and, in particular, Geoff Mathison who was instrumental in clearing what had become an very overgrown reserve. The very small number of trees remaining from the original establishment of a Botanical park is not seen as justification for naming it as such unless there is a substantial desire in the community and a commitment from the shire to fund and support the creation of such a park.
5. CWA Park. The CWA has made a very significant contribution to the social development of Winchelsea. Is it practical for the Shire to consider the establishment of a children playground in this area?
6. Napthine Reserve. The original definition of this reserve commenced just to the North of the swimming pool area. On what basis was the reserve changed to commence beyond the Railway bridge?
7. Aboriginal Inhabitants. We acknowledge that there is currently no formal recognition within the Winchelsea area. This failure could be addressed in a number of ways. It may be that the future naming of a sporting or civic area in Winchelsea could be a possible way of addressing this issue. It is my understanding that the River was a boundary of several clans and that care would need to be taken to ensure that the correct name was used.

8. **Area E Lions Park.** Once again the Winchelsea Lions Club has been, and still is, an important part of our history. To remove this name would create a lot of ill will within the community. It may be that the Shire should work with the Lions Club to explore how this area can be developed to achieve its future potential.



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