

## 10. NAMING OF A WALKWAY

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The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the naming of a pedestrian access which runs between Leaver Terrace and Effingham Street via Sea Eagles Reserve in North New Brighton.

### CONTEXT

The North New Brighton Residents' Association has been researching the history of the residents and landmarks of the North Beach area and are applying to have an historic name of a walkway formally adopted.

The Community Board has the delegated authority for naming of roads, streets and parks. The walkway is not considered to have significant impact beyond the local area.

### RELEVANT CURRENT POLICY

This community driven initiative fits well with the strategic objective of democratic governance and encouraging citizen participation in decision-making. The Naming of Reserves and Facilities policy outlines a code of practice for the naming of parks and reserves.

### DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

The pedestrian access that runs between Leaver Terrace and Effingham Street is reported to have been commonly known as "Richards Lane". Local lore indicates it was so named after the Richards family who lived in the first house in the area, which was located between Cygnet Street and Leaver Terrace, from before 1925 until World War II. The pedestrian access currently has no name attached to it and the North New Brighton Residents' Association requests that the original and historic name be reinstated.

Richards Walkway signage would be erected at both ends of the walkway. With further research an interpretation panel could be provided in the future describing how the name came about and outlining some history of the area.

### ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

"Richards Walkway" is considered a more appropriate name than "Richards Lane" as the word lane usually implies vehicle access. The North New Brighton Residents' Association supports the use of the term walkway.

The North New Brighton Residents' Association has been unable to trace any descendents of the Richards family. There appears to be no known descendents living in the area.

### RESULTS OF CONSULTATION

Part of the pedestrian access is administered by the Parks and Waterways Unit as an extension of Sea Eagles Reserve, and part of it is administered by the City Streets Unit. Both Units are supportive of the pedestrian access being named after the Richards family.

The North New Brighton Residents' Association reports that the overwhelming opinion from adjacent neighbours has been positive. All the adjacent neighbours, except one who was unable to be contacted, have signed in support of naming the accessway "Richards Walkway". Most people have expressed the feeling that it would be good to have an identity for the walkway as at present there is no point of reference. The scout group occupying a hall adjacent to the accessway at 74 Leaver Terrace is especially supportive.

### CONCLUSION

The naming of the walkway is a community initiative that reflects the history of the area. Both units responsible for administration of the walkway support the proposal to name it "Richards Walkway".

**NATURAL + PEOPLE + ECONOMIC STEP ASSESSMENT**

#	CONDITION:	Meets condition ✓✓0*	HOW IT HELPS MEET CONDITION:
<b>The Natural Step</b>			
N 1	Reduce non-renewable resource use	0	
N 2	Eliminate emission of harmful substances	0	
N 3	Protect and restore biodiversity and ecosystems	0	
N 4	People needs met fairly and efficiently	NA	NA - See People Step + Economic Step
<b>The People Step</b>			
P1	Basic needs met	0	
P2	Full potential developed	0	
P3	Social capital enhanced	✓	The recognition and naming of the accessway helps develop a sense of community and identity. The community has identified and pursued their own needs for the accessway.
P4	Culture and identity protected	✓✓	Naming of the accessway reflects the historic significance of the site and provides a sense of identity.
P5	Governance and participatory democracy strengthened	✓✓	The local residents have actively participated in making a decision for the community. Their efforts in gauging community support have ensured that people have been made aware of the proposal and have had some input.
<b>The Economic Step</b>			
E1	Effective and efficient use of all resources	✓	The cost of meeting the community needs in this case are very low and the benefit to be gained is community pride and increased awareness of history.
E2	Job rich local economy	0	
E3	Financial sustainability	0	

**Staff**

**Recommendation:** That the name "Richards Walkway" be approved for the accessway.

**Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.