

6. COMMEMORATIVE SITE – THE LATE BERNIE HANSEN

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of a site, which is considered suitable to commemorate the life and work of the late Bernie Hansen, a Sumner identity, who as an active member of the community campaigned vigorously on issues of the environment.

INTRODUCTION

Board members will recall the delegation to the 3 July 2002 Board meeting of Messrs Fairhall and Lascelles from the Sumner Residents' Association when the proposal of a suitable commemoration to Bernie Hansen was discussed. The principal idea on that occasion was to rename Scarborough Park Play Area, but at the time no discussion had taken place with Mrs Joan Hansen, wife of Bernie Hansen.

Recently, Mr John Freeman identified an area of land at the junction of Wiggins Street and Heberden Avenue in Sumner where Bernie Hansen during the past twenty years planted seedlings of native plants, which have now become well established.

DISCUSSION

The area is Council land on the southern side of Heberden Avenue. The area is 1386 square metres with 240 square metres of the area being the Onopoto Trail Reserve at the commencement of the Sumner heritage trail, which passes through the southwestern section of land. The site has a pleasant northwest aspect facing Heberden Avenue and is just 100 metres from the Hansen residence in Wiggins Street.

Native plants which have become established through Bernie Hansen's plantings include Cabbage Tree, Ake Ake, various Coprosmas and Hebes.

The opportunity exists for further planting, provision of seating and an appropriate plaque.

Mrs Hansen has been approached and is fully supportive of this site being recognised in a commemorative way, particularly as the plants that exist have been established and maintained by Bernie Hansen for so long.

A plan of the area is attached.

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That the area of land at the junction of Wiggins Street and Heberden Avenue, namely:

Lot 1 DP 47670 (240m²)

Sec 1 SO 19447 (797m²)

Lot 1 DP 49246 (349m²)

be identified as a suitable site to commemorate the life and work of the late Bernie Hansen.
 2. That an appropriate plaque be installed to give identity to the site.
 3. That further planting and seating be undertaken in keeping with the native plant theme.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the recommendation be adopted.