

Officer responsible Parks Manager	Author Area Parks Officer, Robyn Robinson
Corporate Plan Output: Consultation and Advice 9.4 text 6	

The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Council following public consultation regarding the naming of Ernlea Reserve.

Background

Ernlea Reserve is located along the southern riverbank of the Heathcote River between Colombo and Barrington Streets. It also connects with Majestic Lane via a pedestrian walkway and Thorrington Road through Thorrington Reserve. A walkway meanders through a corridor of predominantly exotic woodland growing on the river floodplain and opens out to a glade which is central to the reserve. Couling Creek runs through the Ernlea Reserve glade with residential housing adjacent.

Reserve Name

As part of a public information leaflet which was recently circulated, residents were asked for their ideas as to what the main part of Ernlea Reserve should be called. Seven submissions made comment as to their preference for the name of Ernlea Reserve. The results of this are as follows:

Reserve Naming Options	Preferred Option
Ernlea Reserve	4
Ernlea Clark Reserve	2
Thorrington or Somerfield	1
Maori name	1

As shown above, Ernlea Reserve was the name favoured by the small number of submitters who made comment. Ernlea Reserve is the name currently used to refer to the area. With the majority of people also favouring 'Ernlea' Reserve it is timely to endorse this name.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the name of the reserve land between Ernlea Terrace, Cashmere Road and Majestic Lane be confirmed as "Ernlea Reserve".
 2. That steps be taken to stop any surplus road reserve adjoining Ernlea Reserve.

(Note: Some associated decisions made by the Board under delegated power regarding the future development and planting of Ernlea Reserve appear in clause 11 of the Board's present report.)