

1. PROPOSED NEW RIGHT OF WAY NAMES

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's approval to a new right of way name. The Board's decision on another new right of way name is recorded under Part C, clause 9 of this report.

Right of way name approvals are delegated to Community Boards. However, this report is referred to the Council because the Board's preferred name of Ching Gardens does not comply with established Council policy. The Council policy on roads and rights of way naming requires that all new private rights of way are to be called "Lane".

It is important that approved names will not duplicate or be similar to existing names. The names submitted have been checked by the Council and New Zealand Post for duplication.

98 Kingsford Street, Sustained Yield Exporting Ltd (Burwood Ward)

This subdivision will create nine new residential allotments, to be served by a formed and sealed right of way. Kingsford Street was named to commemorate Charles Kingsford-Smith's flight in the 'Southern Cross' from Mascot Airport in Sydney, to Wigram Aerodrome on 11 September 1928. Other streets in close proximity to Kingsford Street also commemorate the flight: Mascot Place for the airport, Tasman Place for the ocean they flew across and Ulm Place for Flight Lieutenant CTP Ulm who along with the navigator HA Litchfield, and the radio operator from New Zealand, TH McWilliams, assisted Kingsford-Smith on the flight.

Three names in order of preference were proposed by the developer to continue the theme of Kingsford-Smith and pioneering aviation:

1. **Altair Lane** - The Lockheed Altair (named "Lady Southern Cross") was the aircraft used by Kingsford-Smith on his last flight, from England to Australia. The plane disappeared off the coast of Burma.
2. **Moncrieff Lane** - Moncrieff and Hood were also pioneering aviators who perished in their attempt to fly across the Tasman.
3. **Smithy Lane** - Kingsford-Smith's nickname.

While Altair Lane was the developer's first preference, Moncrieff Lane may be the more appropriate option of these three names as Moncrieff and Hood had earlier planned a similar Tasman crossing, but had died in the attempt.

At its meeting on 27 August 2003, the Board suggested use of the name of Mr and Mrs **Ching**, the previous landowners and market gardeners, in place of the three names having links with Charles Kingsford-Smith. It is understood that the Ching family would be honoured by such recognition.

The developers were advised of the Board's suggestion. While they accepted that recognising the name of a previous landowner is a worthy suggestion for a name, they were disappointed that the proposed names commemorating Kingsford-Smith's flight were declined on the eve of the 75th anniversary of the flight. The developers requested that the Board reconsider the use of one of the three aviation theme names provided.

A deputation was made to the Board by one of the developers (refer Part B, clause 4 of this report). The developer's principal concern was the way the naming process had been handled. The use of the Ching name had been one of his original suggestions.

The Board supported the name Ching Gardens rather than one of the aviation theme names because of the greater local significance of the Ching name. The Board's preference is use "Gardens" rather than "Lane" in this instance, because the use of "Gardens" adds to the recognition of the Ching family's market gardening of the land.

Recommendation: That the Council approve the name Ching Gardens for the new right of way at 98 Kingsford Street.