

## 9. PEACOCKS GALLOP RESERVE

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to advise the Board on the issue previously raised by the Sumner Redcliffs Historical Society about the naming of the Peacocks Gallop Reserve and to seek approval for funding from the Board's discretionary funds for two commemorative plaques.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. At the meeting of the Board on 24 May 2006, the Board received a deputation from Mrs Topsy Rule of the Sumner Redcliffs Historical Society requesting that the signage at this reserve be changed to remove the reference to "Peacocks Gallop". This request was based on the assumption that the reference to "Peacocks Gallop" was to the Hon John Thomas (J T) Peacock (1827-1905) who had no direct association with the reserve area as it was not formed until 1938/39, some 34 years after his death.
3. Subsequent investigation by Council staff, and also information provided from a descendent of the late John Jenkins (J J) Peacock (1798-1868) (father of J T Peacock) via the Sumner Redcliffs Historical Society has established that the reference refers to John Jenkins Peacock (sometimes known as Captain Peacock) who had a merchant and shipping business in Lyttelton. When travelling from Lyttelton to Christchurch he rode via Sumner and was so afraid of rocks falling on him from the cliffs between Sumner and Shag Rock that he galloped his horse over this part of the old road at the base of the cliffs. From this the name "Peacocks Gallop" arose.
4. As can be seen from the above there is a valid historical link to the name "Peacocks Gallop" for this area. The suggestion of the Sumner Redcliffs Historical Society is that this historical association be marked by a plaque at each end of the former old Sumner Main Road (see **attached** plan) recording the fact that this was the old Sumner Main Road from Sumner to Christchurch and the association with J J Peacock and the term "Peacocks Gallop".
5. In view of the fact that the Hon J J Peacock had no direct association with the current reserve, the Sumner Redcliffs Historical Society had advised that, in their view, the name "Peacocks Gallop" was not appropriate and had previously suggested that this reserve might be named Shag Rock Reserve instead.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

#### Cost

6. Funds are currently available in the Board's discretionary funds (balance \$57,229) to meet the cost of two plaques with a suitable inscription at an estimated cost of \$2,500.

#### Legal

7. The Board has delegated authority from the Council in respect to local park management and the naming of roads. It should be noted, however, that, in this instance, the intention is not to name the old Sumner Road, which is now stopped road but instead to simply record the previous historical association.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Board:

- (a) Note that a previous historical association exists with respect to the use of the name "Peacocks Gallop" for this reserve area.
- (b) Approves the expenditure of up to \$2,500 from its discretionary fund for the provision of two plaques with appropriate wording at each end of the old Sumner Main Road as suggested in this report.
- (c) Considers whether it wishes to remove the name "Peacocks Gallop" in respect to the reserve area and substitute this with a historical or local interpreted Maori name.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

For discussion.