

9. ANZAC RESERVE AND AMELIA ROGERS RESERVE DEVELOPMENT PLANS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to:
 - (a) Approve the development plan of Anzac Reserve following community consultation.
 - (b) Approve the development plan of Amelia Rogers Reserve Extension following community consultation.
 - (c) Adopt the name Dixon Reserve for the land referred to as Amelia Rogers Reserve Extension.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. At the Board's seminar held on 19 July 2006 Council officers provided information on the proposed landscape developments for Anzac Reserve and Amelia Rogers Reserve Extension.
3. A preliminary development plan was circulated to key stakeholders in October 2006 to obtain feedback on design work. The final plans (**attached**) aim to reflect the views of the community and have been refined in response to community feedback.
4. One factor arising strongly in the community consultation was the desire to have the land consulted on, as Amelia Rogers Reserve Extension, to become officially named the Dixon Reserve. Council officers have consulted internally on this consideration and are happy for the proposed names to acknowledge the Dixon family and for the actual name to be decided upon by the Board.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. There is \$30,000 available, in the Transport and Greenspace Unit budget, for this current financial year to complete design and consultation work on Anzac Reserve. \$60,000 is available in 2007/08 financial year for planting specimen trees, swale and wetland plantings, swale walkway, grassing, seat and table provision. Another \$50,000 is available in 2008/09 to begin the conservation area and in 2009/10 \$46,000 to complete the conservation zone and boardwalk. This amounts to a total cost of \$186,000.
6. Likewise for Amelia Rogers Reserve there is funding available over five consecutive years to complete this project. Beginning with \$20,000 available this financial year for design and consultation. \$80,000 is available during 2008/09 financial year for earthworks, island formation, regrading, grassing and margin planting. \$70,000 is available during 2009/10 for bridges and pathways. In 2010/11 \$35,000 is available for planting, grassing, seats, tables and more margin planting. Finally \$35,000 during 2011/12 to complete car park, slip lane and planting specimens. This amounts to a total of \$240,000.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board approve:

- (a) The Anzac Reserve Development Plan.
- (b) The Amelia Rogers Reserve Extension Development Plan.
- (c) The name Dixon Reserve for the land referred to as Amelia Rogers Reserve Extension.

BACKGROUND

7. Anzac Reserve and Amelia Rogers Reserve extension are both currently undeveloped pockets of land. For many years this land was formerly farmland owned by Edith Amelia Donnell who purchased the land in 1945. When Edith Amelia Donnell passed away the land was inherited by her daughter Norma Civilis Dixon. Norma owned this land as a trustee for 24 years. Norma still resides in the immediate vicinity of this reserve and has done so for 58 years. The land for the two proposed developments was given to Council, by Norma and her husband, as part of the reserve contribution when Longview Estate subdivision was developed.
8. Council Officers briefed Board members on upcoming upgrades programmed for Anzac Reserve and Amelia Rogers Reserve extension at a seminar held on 19 July 2006. The enhancements will be delivered in stages over the next five consecutive years as funding becomes available. Please see staging listed under financial considerations.
9. A public information leaflet seeking responses on the preliminary plan was distributed to residents and key stakeholder groups in October 2006. Residents were asked to indicate their acceptance/non-acceptance of the plan and were given the option to comment. In total, 92 response forms have been received from the 300 consultation packages delivered. 93% of respondents supported the Anzac Reserve development plan. 95% of respondents supported the Amelia Rogers Development Plan. For both developments there were an overwhelming number of positive comments received.
10. A minor number of suggestions and comments were made for changes to the development plan. These have been considered and where appropriate integrated into the design. These changes include:
 - The proposed name of Dixon Reserve for the area consulted on as Amelia Rogers Reserve.
 - Thinning of the proposed tree planting along Avon River to maintain sight lines across from Hulverstone Drive.
 - Increased planting as a buffer between houses on New Brighton Road and Anzac Reserve.

OPTIONS

Anzac Reserve Development Plan

11. There are two possible options:
 - (a) Do nothing or maintain the status quo. This option is not practical as the land is currently undeveloped and overgrown.
 - (b) Accept the Anzac Reserve Development Plan with its minor changes to the original plan in recognition of residents' feedback.

Amelia Rogers Reserve Extension Development Plan

12. There are two possible options:
 - (a) Do nothing or maintain the status quo. This option is not practical as the land is currently undeveloped and overgrown.
 - (b) Accept the Amelia Rogers Reserve Extension Development Plan with its minor changes to the original plan in recognition of residents' feedback.

Proposed Names

13. There are many possible options: The following is a list of names put forward by family members.
 - (a) Amelia Rogers Reserve Extension
 - (b) Dixon Reserve
 - (c) Dixon Riverside Reserve
 - (d) Norma and Ian Dixon Reserve
 - (e) Dixon Walkway
 - (f) Edith Amelia Donnell

PREFERRED OPTION

Anzac Reserve Development Plan

14. To adopt option (b) and accept the plan, thus providing area enhancement for passive recreation. Residents also gain connected footpath access between the river and QEII Park.

Amelia Rogers Reserve Extension Development Plan

15. To adopt option (b) and accept the plan. This will greatly enhance the area. Provision of neighbourhood reserve, recreation areas, boat access to the water improved fishing/whitebaiting access, and picnicking areas provided.

Proposed Names

16. To adopt option (b) naming the reserve Dixon Reserve. There is currently a reserve in the nearby vicinity called Donnell Sports Park. For this reason, and to save confusion, Council Officers thought it would be more appropriate to acknowledge the Dixon name and incorporate Dixon into the reserve name. The actual name format is a decision for the Board Members to decide upon.