

17. NAMING OF RUTLAND RESERVE

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The purpose of this report is to formally name the new park adjacent to Paparoa School as Rutland Reserve.

Background

In 1996 the Council purchased approximately two hectares of land near the intersection of Rutland Street and Tomes Road for the purpose of a Recreation Reserve (the location is shown on the attached plan). The purchase was in response to residents' requests for additional land to address open space deficiencies in their local community.

In August 1998 the Parks Unit circulated a concept plan for the new park to local residents seeking their comment and input.

The information included a section where residents were asked to indicate their preference for the name of the new park from a list of potential names.

Response

The Parks Unit was delighted with the response which saw a total of 215 residents responding with their preferred name and comments on the plan, including a very good turnout to a public meeting at the St Albans Baptist Church on 23 September 1998 to discuss the proposal (minutes attached).

The section relating to the suggested park name showed the following results.

Park Names

<i>Rutland Reserve</i>	86
<i>Rutland Street Park</i>	9
<i>Paparoa Park</i>	44
<i>Kenwyn Park</i>	12
<i>Pember Reeves Park</i>	29
<i>The Poplars</i>	12
<i>Poplars Park</i>	2
<i>Kenland Park</i>	2

Current

In November 1998 the Parks Unit wrote to all respondents thanking them for their input giving them the results of the questionnaire.

Rutland Reserve was clearly the local residents preferred name.

The Parks Unit informed the residents' that they would be putting the naming of the park as 'Rutland Reserve' to the February 1999 meeting of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board for formal approval and adoption by Council.

Conclusion

The landscape architect has now made amendments to the plan following residents input and a copy of the amended plan will be sent out in the near future to all those who responded.

There will also be a final meeting at the St Albans Baptist Church to present the plan to the community with opportunities to carry out some fine-tuning to the plan, if necessary. The time and date for the meeting are yet to be decided.

Recommendation: That the Shirley/Papanui Community Board formally name the area of land at the corner of Tones Road and Rutland Street as Rutland Reserve in recognition of local residents' preferred name.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted and that a further public meeting be held as agreed with the residents and that residents be thanked for their input.