21. NAMING OF RESERVES – STANMORE ROAD

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The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with the opportunity to name two new reserves in Stanmore Road.

Board members will recall that this matter was before the Board at its meeting on 23 March 2000. The previous report to the Board is attached.

At the 29 March meeting the Board deferred consideration of the report until wider consultation on possible names had been carried out by writing to interested persons and groups in the surrounding area, inviting suggestions for the naming of these reserves. This consultation has now taken place. Letters inviting the suggestion of names have been sent to former library staff, to the Linwood Community Arts Centre, to the Linwood Neighbourhood Committee, to Te Whare Roimata and to the Christchurch East School.

One of the reserves to be named is located at the corner of Stanmore Road and Tuam Street. The other is to be developed in a vacant section at 84 Stanmore Road, adjoining the Linwood Community Arts Centre.

The following suggestions have been received:

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The Linwood Neighbourhood Committee offers the following suggestions:

- (a) Essex Reserve In recognition of the prominent role played in the community by both the Essex Bakery and Essex Hospital.
- (b) Welcome Rest Reserve Because this small reserve provides a welcome rest during a busy day for many of our local workers.

84 STANMORE ROAD

The Linwood Neighbourhood Committee suggests:

(a) Allen Boyce Reserve (or Park) in recognition of the efforts of Mr Boyce who, as chairperson of the Linwood Neighbourhood Committee, galvanised public opinion to secure the preservation of the former Linwood Borough Council Chambers. These chambers became the local library and now house the East Side Gallery. (b) Eastside Reserve: Because this area could act as an extension of the East Side Gallery to be available for the exhibition of works of art in an external setting.

Mrs Mary Robertson, a former librarian, offers the following suggestions:

- (a) Richardson Reserve: Mr Richardson was president of the Linwood Citizens' Association which campaigned to establish a library at Linwood. Mr Richardson was active on the Library Committee until at least 1928.
- (b) Tanner Reserve: Mr W Tanner, another founder of the Linwood Library was MP for Linwood for 18 years and was still a co-trustee of the Library in 1928.
- (c) Marshall Reserve: Mr A Marshall was on the Committee from its beginning and had been mayor of Linwood in 1896 and 1897, thereby having an association with the area when the building was a Borough Council building as well as when it was the Library.
- (d) Burson Reserve: Mr H Burson was an early member of the Library Committee and was still on the Committee in 1928. Mr Burson's grandson was still living near the library in the early 1980's. The family has a long association with the area.

Copies of the letters submitted offering these suggestions are attached.

Chairman's Recommendation: For discussion.