

10.6 Naming of a Portion of Killarney Heights Oval as Ellis Park and Renaming of Dorothy Reserve to Annes Reserve

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose

To notify Council of the assigning of the name Ellis Park to a small portion of Killarney Heights Oval by the Geographical Names Board (GNB) and recommend supporting a current proposal to rename Dorothy Reserve, Dorothy Street Cromer, to Annes Reserve being advertised by the GNB.

Summary

An application was submitted to the Geographical Names Board (GNB), which is responsible for assigning names to parks under the *Geographical Names Act 1966*, to name a portion of Killarney Heights Oval as Ellis Park. This application was to recognise the community involvement of Mr Bob Ellis who passed away earlier this year. Mr Ellis and his wife Patricia provided volunteer maintenance for this area of the park for 20 years. Mr Ellis was also involved with Meals on Wheels and part of a group that cared for gardens of the elderly. The naming was supported by staff as it was in accordance with Council's *Naming of Parks & Reserves Policy*. The name was assigned to the portion of the park by the GNB on 30 September 2011 following public exhibition.

Council also received correspondence from local residents in Dorothy Street, Cromer, requesting to rename Dorothy Reserve to Annes Reserve in memory of Anne Buller and Anne Sadler. The reserve provides informal access between Dorothy Street and Cromer Public School. Both women were valued and respected members of the Cromer Public School and wider community, who spent many hours volunteering their time to assist students and other volunteer organisations such as Merry Makers NSW. The two ladies passed away in 2010 from cancer. The residents have submitted the renaming proposal to the GNB. This renaming proposal is currently on exhibition with the closing date for submissions being 5 December 2011. If there are no objections to the proposal the GNB assigns the new name via the Government Gazette.

Financial Impact

Funding of the fabrication of new signage will be undertaken using existing operational budget.

Policy Impact

The naming of these parks is in accordance with Council's *Naming of Parks & Reserves Policy* and the Geographical Names Board *Guidelines for determination of placenames*.

RECOMMENDATION OF DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

- A. That Council note the assigning of the name Ellis Park to a portion of Killarney Heights Oval.
 - B. That Council support renaming of Dorothy Reserve to Annes Reserve if no objections are received on the proposal.
 - C. That, should the Geographical Names Board forward objections to Council regarding renaming of Dorothy Reserve, a further report to Council will be provided on the objections and proposed responses.
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Figure 2 – Location of Dorothy Reserve

The request was to commemorate the efforts of two ladies, Anne Buller and Anne Sadler, who both passed away from cancer in 2010. The ladies were very active in the community and were residents of Dorothy Street.

Anne Buller was a volunteer at Cromer Public School being involved in committees, assisting in reading and in the school canteen, and also assisting at Balgowlah Boys High School in a similar manner. She actively took part in any fundraising activities in the school, including trivia nights and bus shopping trips.

Anne Sadler's involvement included supporting and working with special needs students as a teacher's aid at both Cromer Public School and Narrabeen Lakes Public School. Anne was also involved in Merry Makers NSW, a cause she supported and promoted by assisting in fundraising events, which teaches dancing and movement to children with disabilities.

The proposal is consistent with Council's *Naming of Parks & Reserves Policy*. It was given in principle support by staff as an initial investigation was not able to identify any specific information or reason behind the name of Dorothy Reserve, other than being adjacent to Dorothy Street. Discussions with a representative of the GNB also indicated that they were unable to identify a historical reference for the current reserve name.

An application has subsequently been submitted to the GNB by the residents in Dorothy Street with supporting letters from the principal of Cromer Public School and other residents in the street. The application has been submitted in accordance with the GNB's *Guidelines for the determination of placenames* and is currently on exhibition, with advertising having begun on Friday 4 November 2011. The closing date for submissions is Monday 5 December 2011. If there are no objections to the proposal the GNB assigns the new name, which is formalised through notification in the Government Gazette.

If objections are received the GNB forwards them to Council for consideration and response. The GNB then forwards the Council feedback to the Minister to make a final decision on the name.

Consultation

The Geographical Names Board (GNB) placed an advert of the renaming proposal for Dorothy Reserve in the Manly Daily on Friday 4 November 2011. Council staff placed a link to the GNB website on Council's internet site on the same day. Advertisements for the proposal were also placed in the Civic Centre and council libraries, and a mail out was sent to surrounding local residents.

The Geographical Names Board (GNB) placed an advert of the renaming proposal for Ellis Park in the Manly Daily on Friday 19 August 2011. The proposal was advertised for a period of four weeks and no objections were received.

Timing

The closing date for submissions to the Geographical Names Board on the proposal to rename Dorothy Reserve is Monday 5 December 2011.

The name Ellis Park was assigned to the relevant portion of the reserve by the GNB on 30 September 2011.

Policy Impact

The naming of Ellis Park and the renaming of Dorothy Reserve to Annes Reserves are in accordance with Council's *Naming of Parks & Reserves Policy* and the Geographical Names Board *Guidelines for determination of placenames*.

Financial Impact

Funding of the fabrication of new signage at both locations will be undertaken using existing operational budget.

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