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REPORT 2  
(1215/53/IM)

## APPROVAL OF NAMES FOR NEW ROADS IN WOODRIDGE: RED BEECH, LACEBARK AND TEA TREE

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### 1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the names for three new roads as shown on Plan F 3045.

### 2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to give approval for the names Red Beech, Lacebark and Tea Tree for the new roads built as a result of residential development off Woodridge Drive in Woodridge, as shown on Plan F 3045 (Appendix A).*

### 3. Background

The Woodridge Estate Subdivision has been in staged development for the last twenty five years. Three new streets are to be developed as part of Stage 14B of the Woodridge Estate development.

Street naming in this subdivision has followed an arboreal theme. Examples of some street names already approved and in use in this subdivision are:

Pigeonwood Lane  
Black Pine Road  
White Pine Road  
Peppertree Lane

### 4. Discussion

Wayne Wright on behalf of Woodridge Developments has proposed a list of names using the arboreal theme. The choice of these names stemmed from a search for possible native tree names which fit with other names used for several streets in this area.

The proposed names in order of preference are:

Red Beech  
Lacebark  
Tea Tree  
Five Finger  
Kanuka

All proposed names have been checked against the Council's Road Naming Policy, however, on consultation with Wellington Regional Council it emerged that Kanuka has already been used. This name was therefore rejected by Regional Council.

Red Beech, Lacebark, Tea Tree and Five Fingers are the English names for these New Zealand Native trees. Information on these names has been appended (*Appendix B*). The first three names can be allocated to the streets in stage 14B and Five Finger can be reserved for future use in Woodridge.

These names also accord with the Council's Road Naming Policy Approval criteria for the naming theme of a suburb:

### **3.4B An Established Theme**

*If a naming "theme" is already established in a suburb, the names for that suburb should remain consistent with the theme.*

## **5. Consultation**

These names have been checked for duplication, similarity and suitability by the Wellington Regional Council, which has advised that it has no objection to the use of these names in the Wellington Region (with the exception of the name Kanuka).

After the initial consultation with Wellington Regional Council, the proposed names were sent to Liz Mellish, representative of Local Iwi for consultation. Liz Mellish proposed the following names:

1. Matangi: The name of an ancestor who resided at Ngauranga; he was a first cousin to Wharepouri.
2. ruhe: Is the root of the fern and used as a staple food. The area of Woodridge was earlier part of Horokiwi, a known habitat of Kiwi; the kiwi would have fossicked amongst the fern root for food.
3. Tiaki: Relates to the habitat for the kiwi - in other words the area that looked after the kiwi. The word Kaitiaki means guardian and often guardianship.

These names were then checked with the Wellington Regional Council for use in the Wellington region. Matangi and Tiaki were rejected because similar names are already in use and their use could possibly cause confusion. They approved

the name Aruhe, and officers forwarded the suggested name to Woodridge Developments. Wayne Wright on behalf of Woodridge Developments disagreed with the proposal and their comments are:

*“This would terribly digress from the theme and direction that Woodridge has had for 25 years.*

*Woodridge has created its own identity over a long period and certain uniqueness such as street names are large contributing factors.*

*Particularly in this stage of the development we are increasing our efforts on streetscape design and extensive planting compared to other residential areas which will complement the Woodridge theme.*

*After reviewing the names again Red Beech, Lacebark and Tea Tree and comparing them to existing Woodridge names we believe that they blend in with this theme completely.”*

Officers have requested the Regional Council to reserve the name Aruhe to be used in future for Wellington City, preferably in an area where there is no existing theme.

## **6. Conclusion**

The Enterprise Data Management Team recommends that the names *Red Beech, Lacebark and Tea Tree* be approved for the new streets to maintain the arboreal theme in Woodridge suburb.

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## **Supporting Information**

### **1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome**

Allocation of street names is a statutory function under section 319A of the Local Government Act 1974.

### **2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact**

No relevant annual plan project reference.

### **3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations**

There are no obvious Treaty of Waitangi implications in this proposal.

### **4) Decision-Making**

The proposal to name is in accordance with Section 319A of the Local Government Act.

### **5) Consultation**

#### **(a) General Consultation**

Consultation with Woodridge Developments has taken place. They have proposed the names of native trees to maintain the suburb's arboreal theme.

Consultation has taken place with Regional Council as to the suitability of the name.

#### **(b) Consultation with Maori**

Consultation with Liz Mellish representative of Local Iwi has taken place. Of the names proposed by Local Iwi, two names were not suitable to be used in the Wellington region and one name has been reserved with the Regional Council for future use. There are no known Maori precincts, tracks or sites near this development.

### **6) Legal Implications**

There are no legal implications.

### **7) Consistency with existing policy**

This report is consistent with the Council's Road Naming Policy.