

**REPORT 6***(1215/12/IM)*

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**PROPOSAL TO NAME OPEN SPACE AT FYVIE AVENUE**

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**1. Purpose of Report**

To seek the Community Board's agreement to recommend to Council the proposed name for an open space situated at:

- Fyvie Avenue, Tawa

**2. Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Community Board:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Recommend that Community Board agree that the open space at Fyvie Avenue, Tawa be named Charles Duncan Reserve.*

**3. Background**

Council's Open Space Naming Policy (adopted in 2001) guides the way Council determines names for open spaces.

The Open Space Naming Policy has been used for the sites investigated in this report. This is the sixth time the policy has been used to name open spaces – most recently the policy has been used to name Mercy Park, Brandon Rock, and Waitangi Park.

**4. Discussion****4.1 How the Policy Works**

Under the policy, when a new or unnamed open space has been identified, the Council will, in the first instance, discuss with iwi whether the site is of significance to them. If it is, an appropriate name will be determined in conjunction with iwi.

If the open space holds little or no significance for iwi, or if iwi wish to consider the possibility of joint Maori-European naming, then the policy provides a process for recommending an appropriate name for consideration. In addition, the policy allows for some special conditions to apply if the open space has been gifted to the Council or to facilitate commercial involvement in name association in certain circumstances.

All names should have formal approval by resolution of Council. Once the name has been approved it will remain in perpetuity. Council will not consider renaming already approved names for open spaces.

This will ensure that the title is officially recognised and will guard against future debate, criticism and claims for name change.

The trigger for the application of the framework will be when a new open space has been identified or the Council receives land through one of the means listed in section 3 of the policy.

Once Council has approved a name, appropriate signage will be implemented to identify the open space.

#### **4.2 Iwi Significance**

The Wellington Tenth Trust and Ngati Toa been consulted on the naming and have no objections to it.

#### **4.3 Decision Making Framework**

Since iwi do not oppose the naming of the site, the next stage of the Open Space Naming Policy's decision-making framework requires officers to:

- i. Determine if there are names in common usage.  
'Common usage' is defined as:
  - name used by more than one community of interest (for example community groups, schools, businesses); and
  - name referred to in local documentation (for example local newsletters).
- ii. Determine if any names have already been suggested.
- iii. Seek additional suggestions through targeted consultation, having regard to Council's Consultation Policy, with:
  - Local historians
  - Local community groups
  - Community Boards (Makara/Ohariu and Tawa) in their respective areas
  - Developer where appropriate.

The suggested names are then considered in the policy's Style Guide (Appendix 1) and ranked against the weighted selection criteria (Appendix 2).

#### **4.4 Fyvie Avenue, Tawa**

The land is legally described as Lot 1 DP 51563. The land was vested in Council as Recreation Reserve in 1981.

The land was previously owned by a long time resident, Charles Duncan. Charles Duncan arrived in Wellington in 1850. After spending time in Australia in the gold fields he returned to Wellington to marry Catherine Mitchell in 1856.

Charles and Catherine purchased a 120 acre property, Section 52 of the Porirua District, in 1866. As a trained horticulturalist, Charles continued his trade on their farm 'Linden Vale' – constructing a garden and nursery around their home.

Stuart Duncan, Charles Duncan's Son, was born on and lived on the property from 1920, and by 1932 had acquired the 120 acre farm, along with an adjoining 76 acres of Section 49. Stuart donated land for public purposes, which included the reserve area in question. After Stuart's death in 1960 the Duncan Estate began subdividing the old farm.

The land has been gazetted as Recreation Reserve

Council has received one suggestion for a name for the site.

(i) ***Charles Duncan Reserve***. In 2005 the Tawa Historical Society suggested this name to the Council in recognition of the influence that Charles Duncan, his Son Stuart, and Charles's grandson Don had on the development of northern Tawa area.

**Assessment against style guide** – When assessing a suggested name against the style guide a number of points need to be taken into consideration. This name fulfils all of the criteria listed.

- In use elsewhere in the city No
- Possessive form (for example John Smith's Park) avoided Yes
- Contains hyphens No
- Spelt correctly Yes
- In poor taste or likely to cause offence No
- Established geographic name No
- Incorrect name in established local usage No

Charles Duncan Reserve is therefore a suitable name according to the style guide criteria.

**Ranking against Weighted Criteria** – This suggestion also meets two of the nine criteria – local usage (3 points) and historical person or event (2 points) for a total of 5 points.

## 5. Conclusion

The Wellington Tenth Trust and Ngati Toa support the proposed name for the reserve. Following research and consultation, this report identifies ***Charles Duncan Reserve*** as the recommended name under Council's Open Spaces Naming Policy. A fitting memorial can be investigated for reserve area one the proposed name has been approved.

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## Supporting information

### a) Strategic fit

*This project supports outcome 5.4:*

#### **5.4 Landscape and Natural Heritage**

*Features of Wellington's landscape and natural environment with special importance are recognised and, where appropriate, protected.*

### b) Annual Plan reference

*There is no specific Annual Plan reference relating to the naming of open spaces. Naming is undertaken under the Open Space Naming Policy.*

### c) Annual Plan and Long Term Financial Strategy implications

*There are no implications for the Annual Plan and LTFS.*

### d) Treaty of Waitangi implications

*The report discusses the Treaty of Waitangi implications, as the process has been agreed in Council's Open Space Naming Policy.*

### e) Consultation

*Consultation has been undertaken with the Tenth Trust, Ngati Toa and local residents' groups. The Friends of Tawa Bush and the Tawa Historical Society also support the name. No further consultation is required.*

### f) Legal implications

*The names, once approved by Council will remain in perpetuity, as outlined in Council's Open Space Naming Policy.*