

**Mayor and Councillors**  
COUNCIL

27 AUGUST 2015

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

**RENAMING OF COUNCIL RESERVE FROM NIKAU RESERVE  
TO BARRY HADFIELD NIKAU RESERVE**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1 This report seeks Council's approval on changing the name of the Nikau Reserve to the Barry Hadfield Nikau Reserve.

**DELEGATION**

- 2 Council has the authority to make this decision.

**BACKGROUND**

- 3 The Nikau Reserve is identified as Lot 1 DP 32725 and is designated as a Scenic Reserve.
- 4 The Hadfield family have a long history in the District, starting with the Right Rev. Octavius Hadfield, an English Born missionary who arrived in New Zealand in 1838. He set up a mission in Kapiti-Waikanae and continued to live and work in the district for the majority of the next 30 years, becoming proficient in te reo Maori, being instrumental in the raising of Rangiatea Church, brokering relationships between Maori and European, championing Maori land rights and becoming well-known in New Zealand and Church society.
- 5 Barry Hadfield, a great-grandson of Octavius Hadfield, was heavily involved in local body politics. Elected to the Hutt County Council in 1965, he served as councillor until 1973, when Kāpiti Borough Council was formed. Barry Hadfield then became the first elected mayor of Kāpiti in 1974, serving for two terms before declining to stand for a third after being appointed to the Local Government Commission in 1978. As mayor, he oversaw many changes and improvements to the area including development of a new sewage plant and town water supply.

In the late 1980's Barry Hadfield developed the Lindale Centre on family land. The farm covered both sides of the current SH1 and the family donated the land which became the Nikau Reserve. He also served as the Deputy Chair of the Kāpiti District Trust Board, was a life member of the Paraparaumu Cricket Club and a Rotarian. He was inducted into the Kapiti Business Hall of Fame in 2011. In 2012, at the Kāpiti Community Awards, he was presented with a Mayoral Award in recognition of his significant contribution to the district over a number of years. Barry Hadfield sadly passed away in November 2012.



Kapiti Borough Mayor Barry Hadfield (on left) accepts a cheque from the Manager of the Bank of New Zealand. The cheque is for a water loan to bring water reticulation to the Kapiti Coast.

- 6 Councillor Ammundsen and Council's Community Services Group Manager, Tamsin Evans, met with the family of the late Barry Hadfield in March 2015. It was agreed that consideration would be given to renaming Nikau Reserve in honour of the Hadfield family and their contribution to Kāpiti.
- 7 The renaming of the reserve would be in keeping with Council's desire to honour past Mayors of Kāpiti as seen in some current street names across the district.
- 8 If the reserve was renamed it would also include an informative Heritage Trail sign including the story of the Hadfield family, created in association with Andrea Hadfield (daughter of Barry). The family will donate a seat displaying a plaque dedicated to Nina and Barry Hadfield to be placed at the top of the Nikau track.

## ISSUES AND OPTIONS

### Issues

- 9 Within the Kāpiti District there are four roads named Hadfield.
  - Hadfield Court, Ōtaki;
  - Hadfield Place, Paraparaumu;
  - Hadfield Road, Peka Peka; and
  - Hadfield Street, Otaki.
- 10 These road names are not directly associated with Barry Hadfield, but with other members of the Hadfield family.

## **CONSIDERATIONS**

### Policy considerations

- 11 This issue falls under Council's Reserves, Structures and Commemorative Places Naming Policy: 2011. The proposed new name complies with this policy.

### Legal considerations

- 12 The New Zealand Geographic Board (NZGB) has confirmed that Council is exempt from having to submit a proposal, consult with or inform NZGB in regards to naming a reserve such as this that is vested in a local authority
- 13 Therefore Council is able to make a decision to rename the reserve with no further considerations.

### Financial considerations

- 14 Replacing the current "Nikau Reserve" sign with a "Barry Hadfield Nikau Reserve" sign will cost approximately \$1,800 - \$2,200.
- 15 A heritage trail sign similar to other Council signs in parks would cost approximately \$2,500 - \$3,000.
- 16 These costs would be met from existing budgets.

### Tāngata whenua considerations

- 17 Approval for this name change has been given from the Te Atiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust Board.

## **SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT**

### Degree of significance

- 18 This matter has a low level of significance under Council policy.

### Consultation

- 19 There has been no consultation undertaken on this matter.

### Engagement planning

- 20 An engagement plan is not required.

### Publicity

- 21 An event to acknowledge the renaming of the reserve will be arranged with the family in November 2015 to coincide with the third anniversary of Barry Hadfield's death. The event will include the 'opening' of the commemorative seat at the top of the track and the updated heritage trail sign.
- 22 A media advisory will be written if the name change is approved.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- 23 That Council approves changing the name of the land described in Lot 1 DP 32725 from Nikau Reserve to Barry Hadfield Nikau Reserve.

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## ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Nikau Reserve Location

Appendix 1 - Nikau Reserve Location

