

Chairperson and Community Board Members
PARAPARAUMU/RAUMATI COMMUNITY BOARD

1 FEBRUARY 2011

Meeting Status : Public

Purpose of Report: For Decision

**TO NAME A RESERVE AS A MEMORIAL TO THE LATE JOAN
SHERLEY QSM**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 To name a reserve as a memorial to the late Joan Sherley QSM.

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION

- 2 The recommendations of this report do not trigger Council's significance policy.

BACKGROUND

- 3 Under Council's Naming of Reserves Policy, (Attachment 3) most reserves are named after the adjacent or adjoining street as a local indicator.
- 4 Any proposed name should be unique to the district, in order to assist emergency services and Council in identifying the reserve. The proposed name should also reflect the character and history of the site.
- 5 Consideration will be given to public or developer requests made in writing. Two formal requests in writing to consider a memorial to Joan Sherley have been received by the Mayor.
- 6 Joan Sherley's contribution to the community was recognised with a Queen's Service Medal. The Honours List of 2005 states:

Joan Sherley (Raumati Beach): has been recognised in the New Year Honours list with a Queen's Service Medal for community service (QSM). Mrs Sherley has been involved in her community in a voluntary capacity for over 40 years. She has been on the committees of Plunket, Kindergarten Parents' Association, several primary schools and the Kāpiti College Parents Association. She has been on the committee of the Kāpiti Arts & Crafts Society, Kāpiti Playhouse, Kāpiti Coast Community Arts Council, Kāpiti Noise Abatement Group, the Kāpiti District Trust Board, Foundation for the Blind and the Save the Children Committee. She was the chair from 1996 to 2003 of the June Oakley Memorial Trust, on the fundraising committee for the Kāpiti Community Centre, the Friends of the Library and the Kāpiti Historical Society. She has been a marriage celebrant and a funeral celebrant for many years.

CONSIDERATIONS

7 Two reserve sites are attached to this report for consideration:

- i) The triangular road reserve in Raumati Road, which has the Crossroad Trust as occupiers, previously the Plunket Society. This site was the location of the original Raumati Community Hall which was demolished in 1979 and had a later proposal for a fern house (1979) which did not proceed.
- ii) The recreation reserve adjacent to Hydes Road, which is of fairly hilly terrain with a plateau area at the seaward end, and which originally had the Sea Scouts building as occupants. This area has two seats already installed, one donated by the Anderson family and the other by Council.

This is the preferred site, as the adjacent property had ties to Joan Sherley's family when she was a child, and became a favourite location to her in later life.

Two residential properties have informal right of way access through this reserve. The owners of these properties will be informed by Council staff should the Community Board select this reserve.

Financial Considerations

8 The cost of signage would be funded by Council.

Delegation

9 The Community Board has the delegated authority under Part D – Parks and Reserves 7.9 of the governance structure, which states:

7.9 Authority to consider and either approve or reject officer recommendations regarding the naming of council parks and reserves.

Consultation

10 Consultation has occurred with Joan Sherley's daughter as to the reserve sites that are available and the approach taken in honouring Joan Sherley's name.

Policy Implications

11 There are no policy implications.

Publicity Considerations

12 There will be a press release on the matter and an unveiling of the reserve sign.

RECOMMENDATIONS

13 That the Community Board approve the naming of the reserve as shown in Attachment 2 tyo report Corp-11-108 as the:

“Joan Sherley Reserve”.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Raumati Road Reserve
2. Reserve adjacent to Hydes Park
3. Naming of Reserves Policy