

Chairperson and Community Board Members
WAIKANAE COMMUNITY BOARD

3 DECEMBER 2013

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

**ROAD NAMING - WAIKANAE NORTH PARATA STREET
BLOCK**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report requests the Board's consideration of, and decision on, the name of a new road in the Waikanae North subdivision running parallel to Parata Street and State Highway One, and also the confirmation of the name for the small extension to the already named Waipunahau Road.

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION

- 2 This report does not trigger the Council's Significance Policy.

BACKGROUND

- 3 Under Council's policy, developers are required to submit three suggested names in preferential order for any public road that they will vest in Council.
- 4 Supplementary information in support of the names is to be provided by the developer, and this may be consistent with marketing themes, historical connections, or names of previous owners.
- 5 The Community Board has a responsibility to ensure road names are unique to the district. This is for reasons of public safety and avoidance of confusion for emergency and utility services, particularly as call centres are located away from the district or region.

CONSIDERATIONS

Issues

- 6 The location of the new roads is shown in Attachment 1 to this report.
- 7 The roads are yet to be formed but the short piece marked as orange on the location map is directly opposite the so far unformed, but named, Waipunahau Road. Four or five parcels will use it as an address.
- 8 The new road to be named is marked in yellow on the location map. It has three access points, but the name will apply to the whole road area. All properties will gain access directly from the long stretch which runs southwest-northeast.
- 9 The theme of the new road names in this development continues to recognise important ancestral links from the history of the area, which was previously named Parata Township. This name acknowledged Wiremu Te Kākākura Parata, who in the 19th century was a leading chief, a politician and a farmer who

owned large blocks of land. He donated land for the railway line and re-establishment of St Luke's Church.

- 10 Some other road names recognisable as part of this theme are Parata, Winara, Pehi Kupa, Hemi Matenga, Hira, Henare, Utauta and the more recently named Metapere, Waipunahau and Pohe streets which are part of this development.
- 11 The developer has consulted with representatives from the relevant iwi and the historical society, regarding suggested names. All have agreed that one of the following names, which are in no particular order, would be suitable -
 1. **Huria** Lane – Huria was the wife of Hemi Matenga, who was the brother of Wi Parata. In the book "Waikanae" by Chris Maclean (2010), it is said that, in 1863, she and Hemi swam half a mile in heavy seas to help rescue the crew of the brig *Delaware*, which had run aground on Pepin Island, near Nelson. Following this she became known as 'New Zealand's Grace Darling' after the famous Victorian lighthouse keeper's daughter who helped her father save shipwrecked sailors.
 2. **Mahia** Lane – Mahia was a daughter of Metapere, who was the high ranked eldest daughter of Wi Parata. Other daughters of Metapere have had roads named after them and it is considered appropriate that Mahia does too.
 3. **Makenu** Lane – The Māori word for track. In Te Ara Māori Dictionary online, makenu is described as: **(noun)** track, trace, trail.
- 12 As an enduring name in our district, Council staff have recommended "Huria" or "Mahia", as they both have more historical value than "Makenu".
- 13 The most appropriate descriptor for the new road is "**Lane**". "Lane" describes a narrow roadway between walls, buildings or a narrow country roadway.
- 14 All three names are unique to the district. Though there is a 'Huria Lane' in the Waimakariri District, this is far enough away to not cause confusion.

Financial Considerations

- 15 The cost of signage is paid by the developer as a condition of the resource consents for this subdivision.

Legal Considerations

- 16 The Council and its Community Boards can name roads pursuant to Sections 319 and 319A of the Local Government Act 1974.

Delegation

- 17 Under Section 10.24 of the Road Naming and Street Numbering Policy 2011, the Council has delegated the authority to Community Boards to:

accept or reject staff recommendations on: road names; or the alteration of the name of any road; or part of any road within the Board's community area. If all names are rejected the Board may request a further report.

The Community Board can either choose one of the names proposed in this report, or reject them and ask for other names to be proposed.

Consultation

- 18 Consultation has occurred with the developers, and representatives from Kāpiti Historical Society and Te Āti Awa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust.

Policy Implications

- 19 All of the suggested names are in line with the Council Road Naming and Street Numbering Policy 2011 objectives.

Tāngata Whenua Considerations

- 20 There are no iwi or Treaty of Waitangi issues resulting from this report.

Publicity Considerations

- 21 There are no publicity issues resulting from this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 22 That the piece of road shown in orange and labelled “Waipunahau Road” on Attachment 1 Corp-13-1026, be named as a continuation of Waipunahau Road.
- 23 That the Waikanae Community Board approves **either** “Huria Lane” **or** “Mahia Lane” for the road labelled ‘new road’ on Attachment 1 Corp-13-1026.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1. General location

Attachment 1 to report Corp-13-1026. General location



-  extension to Waipunahau Rd
-  new road to be named
-  new parcel boundary