

Reserve & Walkway NAMING POLICY

Adopted by the Palmerston North City Council on 26 August 2009



This policy will be used to name parks, reserves and walkways but could also be used to name or dedicate particular features within a park or reserve e.g. a lookout.

1. Park Or Reserve

Where land is vested as a Recreation Reserve, the area should be known as a "Park".

Where the area has been classified for another purpose e.g. scenic or local purpose, the area should be referred to as a "Reserve".

2. Bilingual and Dual Naming

Like many public institutions throughout the country the Council uses Maori and English-Maori signage, for example in the internal public areas of buildings such as the Civic Administration Building, or the exterior of the Ongley Park changing facilities. We also utilise te reo on our reserves, such as Matheson Reserve, particularly in the associated interpretative signage. The Council recognises that there may be opportunities to promote not only te reo but multiple languages in the future to enhance meaning and understanding, especially as our community becomes more diverse. These opportunities will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Council will consider dual naming on a case-by case basis. Council recognises the Treaty of Waitangi settlement process can include requests for dual naming and Council will work to facilitate any requests that may arise.

3. Consistency and Practicality

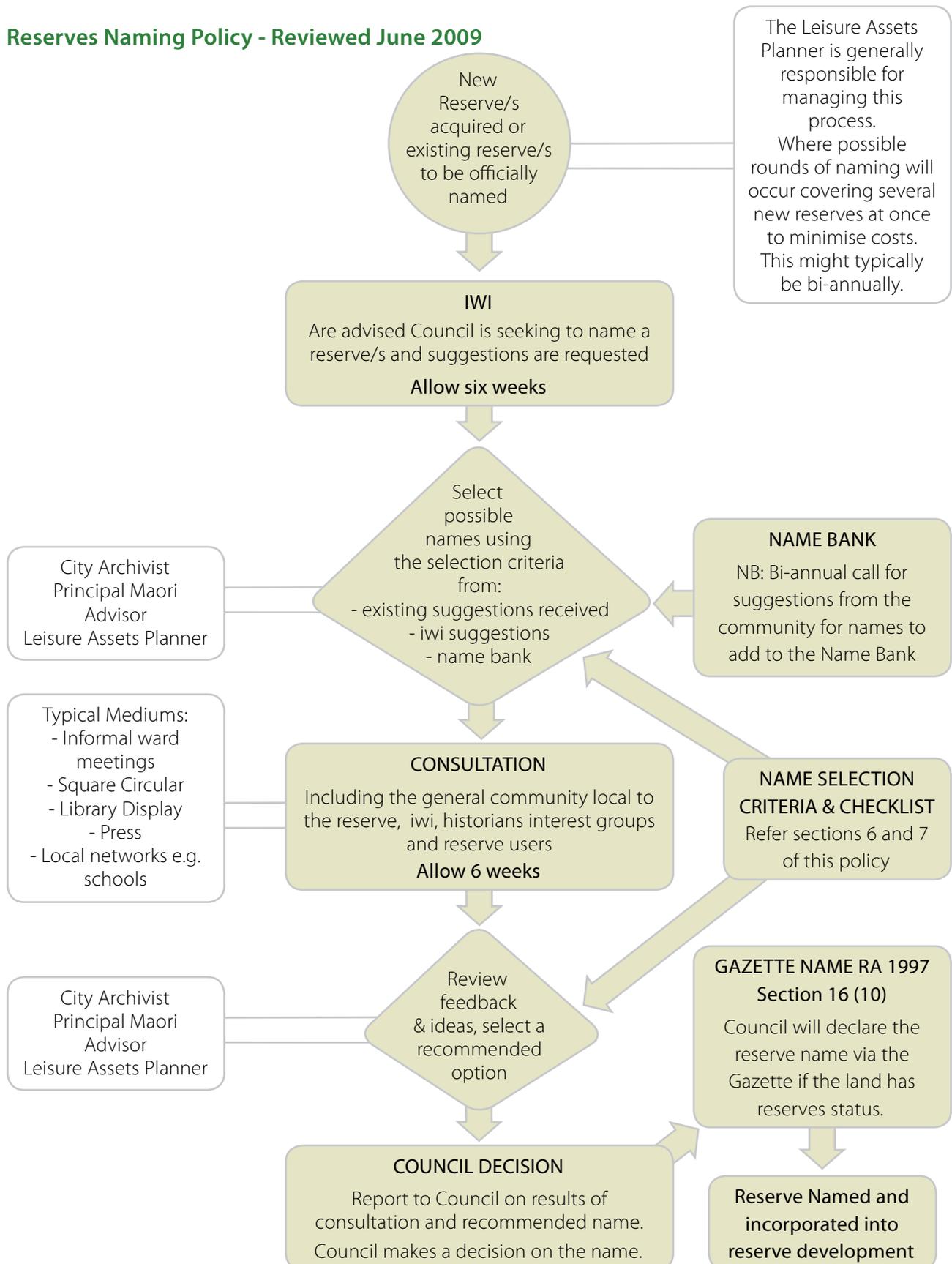
When naming an area officers will consider the surrounding context of reserve names. Where possible names will ensure there is consistency and practicality so that names make sense to the users.

Council will avoid assigning names to new land parcels that form one continuous landform with a pre-existing park or reserve. For example the extension of reserves along a gully in Aokautere should, where possible extend the existing name rather than add new names.

Similarly Council will try to avoid names that are already used for other Council facilities features that are not directly adjacent to the land. For example avoiding a reserve in Aokautere being named Ruahine Reserve since it would have no geographic relationship with Ruahine Street.

4. Process

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5. Bank of Reserve & Walkway Names – As At July 2009

5.1 Native Flora and Fauna

Name	Justification	Criteria
Huia	An extinct native bird last seen in this area (Tararua). Very tapu and highly prized by Maori and European alike due to their distinctive characteristics. Connection to Rangitaane and Ngati Raukawa was reinforced during the Huia exhibition at the Science Centre and Manawatu Museum. NB already in use.	1,2,3,4
Hokioi	A native eagle with direct links to the naming of the Manawatu. This bird was heard by the ancestor Haunui in coming to the Hokio Stream. The name Hokioi was given to one of the first Maori newspapers.	1,2,3,6
Pupurangi	Rare native snail found in the Manawatu. It is carnivorous with a distinctive black shell.	2
Pingao	A rare golden plant used in Maori weaving only found in the Manawatu and Ninety-Mile beach.	1,2,3

5.2 Geographical

Name	Justification	Criteria
Tararua	A major geographic mountain range feature of the Manawatu landscape. An ancestral name of Rangitaane.	1,2,3,5,6
Taranaki	A natural feature visible from the Manawatu. Associated with the Manawatu through the Aotea Waka and Turanga-i-mua who came from this Waka. Turanga was an important ancestor of Rangitaane.	1,2,3,5,6
Ruapehu	A distinctive natural feature visible from the Manawatu. Part of Maori legend regarding mountains.	2,3,6
Kapiti	The Island associated with Rangitaane prior to settlement by Te Rauparaha and his allies. A number of place names and features in Kapiti Island still have Rangitaane names.	1,2,3,5,6

5.3 Maori History

Name	Justification	Criteria
Kurahaupo	Waka of Rangitaane	1,3
Tanenuiarangi	Full name for Rangitaane	1,3,5
Whatonga	Leader of the Kurahaupo / Waka, canoe of Rangitaane.	1,3
Taperenui	Great playground of Whatonga, region which includes the Manawatu	1,3,5,6
Rakaumai	Rangitaane ancestor who lived on the Papaioea clearing.	1,3,5
Te Ahu a Turanga	Block of land sold to the Crown in the Manawatu. Turanga is an ancestor of Rangitaane.	1,3,4,5
Hokowhita a Tu	Maori Name for a band of warriors and for the 28th (Maori) Battalion, formed in Palmerston North in 1940.	1,3,5
Otangaki	Maori name for Ashhurst.	1,3
Kawau	Stream running through the city (meaning 'a shag').	2,3
Aotea	Waka associated with Rangitaane.	1,3,5
Takitimu	Waka associated with Rangitaane.	1,3,5
Haunui	Ancestor who named coastal rivers.	1,2,3
Hoani Meihana	Notable Rangitaane leader Hoani Meihana Te Rangiotu, involved in the founding of Palmerston North City.	1,3,4,5
Te Peeti	Notable Rangitaane leader Te Peeti Te Awe Awe, involved in the founding of Palmerston North City.	1,3,4,5
Hirawanui	Notable Rangitaane leader involved in the founding of Palmerston North City.	1,3,4,5
Ereni	Notable Rangitaane leader Ereni Te Awe Awe, involved in the founding of Palmerston North City.	1,3,4,5
Ruatamore	This name was suggested by Tanenuiarangi Manawatu Incorporated. Ruatamore was the father of Poutoa (as in Poutoa Reserve)	
Uaroi	This name was suggested by Tanenuiarangi Manawatu Incorporated. Uaroi was the mother of Poutoa (as in Poutoa Reserve).	
Te Kuripaka	This name was suggested by Tanenuiarangi Manawatu Incorporated. It is the name of a settlement and battleground below Anzac Park where Massey No 1 dairy farm is now.	
Kerei te Panau	Notable Rangitaane leader involved in the founding of Palmerston North City.	1,3,4,5

5.4 Promotion of Peace – 2000 International Year for the Culture of Peace

Name	Justification	Criteria
Te Rangimarie	Rangitaane name used to promote the theme of peace.	1,3
Rongorito	Ancestress who promoted peace.	
Maungarongo	Means "lasting peace".	3
Tatau pounamu	The figurative name for peace making (meaning "the doorway of greenstone").	2,3

5.5 Settler Heritage

Name	Justification	Criteria
Coutts (originally spelt Kuhitze)	Prominent German family in Palmerston North since the 1890s. Founders of the Standard Brewery (and later NZ and Lion Brewers). Family involvement in Joinery and Medicine. Staircase in the Grand Hotel was carved by a member of this family.	1,4,5
Jamieson	Shetland family, settlers of Awapuni in the 1870s (three brothers). Active in the Methodist Church. Today, family involvement in organic farming.	1,4,5

5.6 Local Persons contributing to Recreation and Leisure

Name	Justification	Criteria
Vivien Haddon	Local swimmer who competed in the 1962 Commonwealth Games (BreastStroke) and became the silver medallist. Officially opened the Freyberg Community Pool in 1998. Now Vivian Boyd.	5,7
Robert Palmer	Robert Palmer made a notable contribution to local recreation and leisure in the Summerhill area. He has been involved in the planting of many of the valley/gully reserves in Summerhill Drive, Ruapehu Drive & Sycamore Crescent.	
Kitty Seifert	Longtime member of the local Pony Club and Walkways Group. Very active in the establishment of the Bridle Track and greater walkway system dating back to 1964. Still living in Palmerston North	5,7
Pauline Keys	Longtime member of local Walkways Group (involved in the establishment of the walkways system). She was also very active with the Riverbank Users Committee (1980s) advocating for river walkway development. Pauline was also the founding member of the Manawatu Tree Trust and has a memorial grove of trees named after her.	5,7
Bill Regnault	Long time work with the rehabilitation of the native bush at Waitoetoe Park.	5
Ethel Maude Field		
Bill Clarke	A mainstay for the Manawatu Tree Trust, Bill Clarke. Significant person in setting up the Manawatu Sports Foundation (now Sport Manawatu). Passed away.	
Ann Lowe	This name was suggested in recognition of Ann Lowe and family for undertaking a lot of the native planting in the Aokautere reserve area in the past.	
Shirley Heaphy	Was the founder and key driver for the Awapuni Park Community Centre (first centre of its kind and celebrating its 25th jubilee this year). Also active in the neighbourhood support movement and has received a civic award from the Council for community services. Has passed away.	5,7

5.7 Notable Citizens

Name	Justification	Criteria
Des Black	He was the Palmerston North Mayor from 1968-71 in addition to serving as a City Councillor for 12 years. He was a successful local businessman and a prominent member of the Manufacturers' Association.	5
Brian Elwood	He was Palmerston North Mayor from 1971-85. He was an energetic leader at a time of rapid development. A lawyer by profession, he retired from the mayoralty to become the chairman of the Local Government Commission. He resides in Wellington working as the Chief Ombudsman. He received a knighthood for public service in 1990.	5
Joe Walding	A Member of Parliament for Palmerston North from 1967-75 and again from 78-81. He owned a successful export business and was an effective Minister of Overseas Trade in the third Labour Government. Mr Walding died in 1985 while serving as New Zealand's High Commissioner to Britain.	5
Whetu Tirikatene-Sullivan	Represented the Manawatu (as part of Southern Maori Electorate) as a Member of Parliament (1967-96).	3,5
Trevor deCleene	Was a City Councillor (1962-66, 68-71 and 74-76) and then Member of Parliament for Palmerston North (1981-1990). Well known local family of Belgium origin since the 1890s with a farm at Longburn.	4,5
Waana Davis	A City Councillor from 1984-98. Heavily involved in recreation and cultural issues and Chairperson of a number of associated committees for the majority of this time.	5
Mina McKenzie	Director of the Manawatu Museum from 1975-94 and leading figure in the museum profession in New Zealand and prominent member of Palmerston North's Maori community. She also served on the Manawatu-Wanganui Area Health Board.	5
Rebecca Oaten	"The Helmet Lady", led a national campaign to promote cycle helmets, after her 12 year old son, Aaron, suffered severe brain damage as the result of a cycle accident. Her remarkable campaign achieved success in 1994 when the wearing of helmets became compulsory. Mrs Oaten and her son still reside in Palmerston North.	5
John Yeates	Dr Yeates lived in the Awapuni area (55 Long Melford Road) for over 30 years until his death in 1986, and was a resident of Palmerston North for about 60 years. Dr Yeates was a botanist of standing and obtained the first New Zealand PhD ever awarded in 1925 from Victoria College, University of New Zealand followed by a PhD from Cambridge University.	5
David Buick	Politician..... 1908-1918	5
Duncan Taylor	Slain New Zealand Police Constable in mid 2002	5
Paul Rieger	A sharebroker by profession, served on the Palmerston North City Council for 27 years (1971-98), 13 of them as Mayor (85-98). He is still active in public affairs, being a member of the Massey University Council, the Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council and Arohanui Hospice Trust Board.	5

6. Reserves Naming Criteria

1. Names related to groups of people historically, geographically and/or culturally linked with the area.
2. Names related to native flora, fauna and other features associated with the natural landscape.
3. Maori History.
4. Early European settler History.
5. Associations of a person, family, community or event.
6. Associations with names of existing places in the local area or region.
7. Persons who have made a notable contribution to local recreation and leisure.

7. Reserves Naming Assessment

Any proposed name must meet at least one criterion.

Many names will only reflect one of the criteria, however if a proposed name meets more than one criteria this should strengthen the case for that name.

Each option will be scored out of five against each criterion to assist in ranking the options.

Name Option	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	Justification
1. Example	3	0	4	0	3	0	0	10	Explanation of the suggested name.
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