
Governance and Administration Matters - 25 August 2020

ITEM 7.3 Naming Request for a Reserve - Corner Hume Highway and Miller Road, Bass Hill

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PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The report considers and applies Council's Naming Policy and the requirements of the Geographical Names Board (GNB) to a request that has been received from the President of the Remembrance Driveway Council, Air Commodore Ian Scott AM, to name a small reserve located on the corner of Miller Road and Hume Highway, Bass Hill, 'Dick Payten Park'.

ISSUE

To consider the request to name a reserve in honour of the late Dick Payten OAM.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council endorse the commencement of community consultation for the proposal to name the reserve on the corner of Miller Road and Hume Highway, Bass Hill, 'Dick Payten Park'.
2. A further report be provided to Council following on the outcomes of the community consultation process.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Hume Highway and Miller Road Unnamed Reserve Locality Plan

POLICY IMPACT

The proposal to name the reserve on the corner of Miller Road and Hume Highway, Bass Hill, 'Dick Payten Park', is consistent with Council's Naming Policy and the GNB Place Naming Policy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Costs associated with public exhibition can be met within the existing 2020/21 operational budget.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The report has no community impacts.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Report

From time to time Council receives requests to name a Council asset in recognition of a person's contribution to the community of Canterbury Bankstown. These requests are assessed under Council's Naming Policy and the requirements of the GNB.

Council has received a request from the President of the Remembrance Driveway Council, Air Commodore Ian Scott AM, to name a small reserve on the corner of Miller Road and the Hume Highway, Bass Hill, in memory of the late Dick Payten OAM.

Mr Payten OAM was part of the 7th Division that fought in the Middle East and in New Guinea in World War II. Following the war, Mr Payten resided in Bankstown with his family and was a long-time President of the 7th Australian Division Association which was an instrumental force behind the development of memorials and commemorations held at said location.

Mr Payten dedicated much of his life to ensuring the men who fought as part of the 7th Division were never forgotten. Sadly, Mr Payten passed away on 1 March this year.

Mr Payten's family have confirmed their support for the proposal. Support for the proposal has also been received by Jason Clare MP, Member for Blaxland.

The small reserve in question is part owned by Council, the Department Planning, Industry and Environment and Transport for NSW. The joint owners have been notified of the request and advised that they have no objection to the naming request.

Council's Local Historical Librarian has researched the information provided to Council and indicated that they have no objection to the naming request.

The naming request meets the requirements of Council's Naming Policy and the GNB. If the request is supported by Council, community consultation will be undertaken as outlined in Council's Community Engagement Policy to ensure community support for the proposal. Following public exhibition, a further report will be submitted to Council. At that time, should Council support the naming proposal, the matter will be referred to the GNB for a final decision as the GNB is the agency with the legislative authority to determine naming requests.