

| 10.4.4 - Commemorative naming proposal for Reserves 19197 and 24162 (SJ975-7) | |
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| Responsible Officer: | Manager Community Projects & Property |
| Senior Officer: | Director Community Engagement |
| Disclosure of Officer's Interest: | No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has an interest to declare in accordance with the provisions of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> . |

Authority / Discretion

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| Executive | The substantial direction setting and oversight role of the Council such as adopting plans and reports, accepting tenders, directing operations and setting and amending budgets. |
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Report Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider community support for the commemorative naming proposal for Reserve 19197 and 24162.

Relevant Previous Decisions of Council

Ordinary Council Meeting – 17 March 2025 – OCM070/03/25 - COUNCIL RESOLUTION / Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. SUPPORTS the proposal to name Reserve's 19197 and 24162 (Lot 1 and Lot 1285) as 'Ivy Muller Reserve' for the purpose of community engagement.*
- 2. REQUESTS the Chief Executive Officer to invite public comment on the proposal to name Reserve's 19197 and 24162 (Lot 1 and Lot 1285) as 'Ivy Muller Reserve' for a period of 30 days and present a report back to Council to consider community support for the proposal.*

Background

An application was received from Mike Muller on behalf of the estate of Ivy May Muller on 14 November 2024 requesting Council to consider naming Reserve 19197 and 24162 (Lot 1 and Lot 1285) 'Ivy Muller Reserve' after Ivy May Muller in commemoration of her contribution to the community. At the March Ordinary Council Meeting, Council resolved to invite public comment on the proposal for a period of 30 days and present a report back to Council to consider the community support for the proposal.

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Community / Stakeholder Consultation

Policy Concept Forum

Nil.

Public Notice

Invitation to Comment was published as below, with submissions accepted by 5pm, 30 April 2025.

- Shire Website - 1 April 2025
- Shire Notice Boards - 1 April 2025
- Examiner Newspaper - 3 April 2025
- Social Media - 8 April 2025

Nine comments were received. Officers' response to the submissions is provided in the comment section of the report.

Statutory Environment

- *Council Policy - Naming of Shire Owned or Administered Buildings, Structures and other Assets*
- *Landgate's Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in WA*



Comment

Following the period of public consultation, nine responses were received and are provided at **attachment 1**.

A summary of the community feedback is:

- Eight respondents were in support of naming both Reserves 19197 and 24162 (Lot 1 and Lot 1285) 'Ivy Muller Reserve', which Officers have noted and which require no further follow up.
- One respondent was supportive of Reserve 19197 (Lot 1) being named 'Ivy Muller Reserve', however, suggested that Reserve 24162 (Lot 1285) Hopeland Road in Hopeland, at the site of the old playground, be named 'Elliott Families Reserve'.

Shire Officers advised this respondent of the Shire's processes to undertake naming of a Shire facility, and that a request to name a Shire facility is assessed upon receipt of a naming application.

Officers do not recommend differing names for these Reserves due to the boundary delineation. Additionally, differing names of the Reserves could hinder provision of emergency service responders.

In accordance with Landgate's *Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia*, naming both reserves 'Ivy Muller Reserve' will result in Reserves 19197 and 24162 (Lot 1 and Lot 1285) being unable to be considered for future naming applications.

Clause 1.1.4 of Landgate's *Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia*, states:

Any change to an existing approved name is discouraged. As all official names are meant to be enduring, any proposals to change the name of a feature, administrative boundary or road must include evidence of a compelling reason for such a change, for example the proposal is deemed to be in the public interest for safety reasons. The changing of a name merely to correct or re-establish historical usage shall not be considered in itself a reason to change a name. Evidence of community consultation and feedback from all relevant agencies and jurisdictions must be included with the submission. All such requests will be required to be presented to Landgate for consideration. If Landgate determines that the name change is unnecessary or non-essential, yet there is enough community support for the change and it is compliant with the relevant naming policies and standards, it may be approved but it shall incur a service charge.

Should the respondent wish to progress with an application to recognise the Elliott families, their application will need to identify an alternative Shire reserve or facility.

Should Council endorse the application to Landgate's Geographic Names Team, and it is successful, Officers will work with the applicant and the Hopeland Community Association on an official naming event to celebrate the naming of Reserves 19197 and 24162 as 'Ivy Muller Reserve' and set a date and time for the event in liaison with the Chief Executive Officer and Shire President.

Therefore, Officers recommend progressing with an application to Landgate's Geographic Names Team to name Reserves 19197 and 24162 (Lot 1 and Lot 1285) 'Ivy Muller Reserve'.



Options**Option 1**

That Council:

1. ENDORSES an application to Landgate's Geographic Names Team to name Reserve's 19197 and 24162 (Lot 1 and Lot 1285) as 'Ivy Muller Reserve'.
2. REQUESTS the Chief Executive Office to:
 - i) advise the proponent of Council's decision.
 - ii) write to those who made a submission and advise them of Council's decision.
 - ii) work with the applicant and Hopeland Community Association in liaison with the Shire President to set a date and time for an official naming event for Reserve's 19197 and 24162 as 'Ivy Muller Reserve'.

Option 2

That Council:

1. DOES NOT ENDORSE an application to Landgate's Geographic Names Team to name Reserve's 19197 and 24162 (Lot 1 and Lot 1285) as 'Ivy Muller Reserve'.
2. REQUESTS the Chief Executive Office to advise the proponent of Council's decision and write to those who made a submission and advise them of Council's decision.

Option 1 is recommended.

Conclusion

As community support has been achieved, the application should be forwarded to the Geographic Names Team for official approval.

Attachments (available under separate cover)

10.4.4 - attachment 1 – Summary of Feedback - Ivy Muller Reserve – Commemorative Naming Proposal (E25/5232)

Alignment with our Council Plan 2023-2033

| Connected |
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| 3. Empower the community to engage with the Shire and collaborate on matters that are important to them |
| 4. Facilitate an inclusive community that celebrates our history and diversity |

Financial Implications

The official naming event can be accommodated within operating budget.

**Risk Implications**

Risk has been assessed on the Officer Options:

| Officer Option | Risk Description | Controls | Principal Consequence Category | Risk Assessment | | | Risk Mitigation Strategies (to further lower the risk rating if required) |
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| | | | | Likelihood | Consequence | Risk Rating | |
| 1 | Leads to naming both reserves 'Ivy Muller Reserve' resulting in Reserves being unable to be considered for future naming applications. | Application for naming. | Social / Community Outcomes | Likely | Insignificant | LOW | |
| 2 | Leads to negative reputational outcome for the Shire due to community support for the proposal. | Application for naming. | Reputation | Unlikely | Minor | LOW | Consider other ways to acknowledge Ivy Muller. |

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. **ENDORSES** an application to Landgate's Geographic Names Team to name Reserve's 19197 and 24162 (Lot 1 and Lot 1285) as 'Ivy Muller Reserve'.
2. **REQUESTS** the Chief Executive Office to:
 - i) **advise the proponent of Council's decision.**
 - ii) **write to those who made a submission and advise them of Council's decision.**
 - ii) **work with the applicant and Hopeland Community Association in liaison with the Shire President to set a date and time for an official naming event for Reserve's 19197 and 24162 as 'Ivy Muller Reserve'.**