

1.3: PROPOSED NAME CHANGE FOR ANZAC PEACE PARK

Proponent : City of Albany
Attachments : • OCM 16/08/05 Item 14.3.1
Responsible Officer : Chief Executive Officer, Faileen James

IN BRIEF

- A name change has been proposed by the Returned & Services League for Anzac Peace Park to Anzac Park (or similar) for the Centenary of Anzac commemorations.

RECOMMENDATION**ITEM 1.3: RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**
VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY

THAT Council undertake a further process for community consultation and submissions regarding the community's wish to remove the word "Peace" from "Anzac Peace Park".

BACKGROUND

1. A request has been received by the City of Albany from members of the RSL that the Anzac Peace Park be renamed Anzac Park (or similar) for the duration of the Anzac Centenary commemorations.
2. The name change is proposed to focus on the memorial nature of the Anzac Centenary.
3. Public submissions to name the proposed Anzac Peace Park were called for in late May 2005, with comments closing on 24 June 2005.
4. A total of 59 submissions were received from the public, and suggestions for the name included:
 - Anzac Park
 - Anzac Peace Park
 - Anzac Memorial Park
 - Anzac Memorial Peace Park
 - Albany War Memorial Park
 - Albany Anzac Peace Park
 - Memorial Park
 - Anzac Memorial and Peace Park
 - Albany Anzac Memorial Peace Park
 - Peace Park

CEO:

5. The highest ranked suggestions were Anzac Peace Park, Anzac Memorial Park and Anzac Memorial Peace Park. The use of the word 'memorial' was not discussed at the time of the Council decision.
6. At the Ordinary Council Meeting held 16 August 2005, Council resolved to seek approval from the Federal Minister for Veteran's Affairs to have the park named "Anzac Peace Park", and if approval was granted, to formally recommend the name to the Geographic Names Committee.
7. The name "Anzac Peace Park" was chosen to reflect a juxtaposition between a place of commemoration of Albany's military heritage (particularly its role in the Anzac legend), and as a place of recreation and reflection on the past and for the future for citizens and visitors to Albany.
8. Approval for the proposed name was subsequently granted by the Minister and approved for Reserve 46686 by the Geographic Names Committee.
9. In August 2008, members of the Returned and Services League WA, including State President Mr Bill Gaynor, visited Anzac Peace Park. Mr Gaynor subsequently wrote to the City on behalf of the RSL WA requesting that the name of the park be changed to Albany Anzac Memorial and Peace Park, in recognition of those servicemen who gave their lives, and to reflect the hope for future peace among nations.

DISCUSSION

10. With the increasing focus on the Anzac Centenary the RSL (both State and local representatives) has again raised the possibility of a change of name for the Park.
11. In order to change the name of Anzac Peace Park to Anzac Memorial Park, approval from the Geographic Names Committee will be required.

GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION

12. Nil

PUBLIC CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

13. Nil to date.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

14. Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

15. Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

16. Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

17. There will be costs to undertaking any community consultation and changing of signage. No estimate of those expenses is yet available.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

18. Nil.

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

Council can choose not to “re-open” the debate on the naming of the Park.

Consulted References	<i>Nil</i>
File Number (Name of Ward)	
Previous Reference	OCM 16/08/05 Item 14.3.1