

**8.1 PROPOSAL TO RENAME CLAYTON RESERVE AND NAME THE OVAL, 'JACK MEADE OVAL'.**

(RES26:CMcL)

Ward: Oakleigh

Submitting Councillor: Stefanie Perri

***NOTICE OF MOTION****That Council:*

- 1. Names the oval on Clayton Reserve, 'Jack Meade Oval', subject to positive feedback from the clubs that use this facility; and*
- 2. Proceeds to commence consultation with the community regarding a proposed name change of Clayton Reserve to 'Meade Reserve' with a subsequent report to Council detailing the community's response.*

***INTRODUCTION***

The Clayton Football Club Inc provided a submission to the previous Council proposing that the Clayton Reserve be renamed to the Meade Reserve in honour of services provided by both John 'Jack' Meade and Frank Meade to the Clayton Football club and the Clayton community in general. Both John and Frank Meade volunteered their time to the Clayton Football club for over 50 years. Jack Meade passed away in 2003.

To honour their service, it is recommended that the oval on Clayton Reserve be named 'Jack Meade Oval' and further, Council progresses consultation with the community concerning the renaming of the Clayton Reserve to be 'Meade Reserve' in order to lodge a submission to the Registrar of Geographic Place Names.

***BACKGROUND***

The Clayton Football Club Inc has previously provided a comprehensive submission outlining the many achievements and services provided by both brothers, Jack and Frank Meade. An excerpt from the submission forms Attachment A and details their contribution. Jack Meade both played and coached with the Clayton Football club, eventually taking on executive committee positions, serving as Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for nearly 20 years. He stayed as a club trainer until the mid 90's.

To rename a reserve involves a submission to the Registrar of Geographic Place Names, which is a section within the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

A submission involves a consultation process and the development of a proposal that must take place prior to a Council resolution to submit to the Registrar a name change for the reserve. The Guidelines for Geographic Victoria states that commemorative names should only be applied posthumously and where that person has had a direct and a long-term association with the feature being named.

It is considered timely that Council resolves to name the oval on the Clayton Reserve 'Jack Meade Oval'. This resolution would not require a submission to the Registrar. However, it is recommended that Council seeks feedback from the other clubs that utilise this oval as to the proposed naming of the oval. If those clubs have no objections, it is recommended that Council names the oval and provides signage to this effect as soon as is possible.

It is also recommended that Council proceeds with public consultation regarding a change of name for the Clayton Reserve to the "Meade Reserve", with a subsequent report to Council to consider the feedback received from the public. This consultation should include local residents surrounding the park, relevant emergency management services and the clubs that use the reserve.

Should Council receive positive feedback concerning the name change, Council may consider in the subsequent report preparing a proposal to the Registrar of Geographic Place Names that the reserve be renamed to commemorate the community achievements of the community service provided by Jack Meade.

### ***CONCLUSION***

Naming the oval on the Clayton Reserve, "Jack Meade Oval" and commencing community consultation processes to rename the reserve to "Meade Reserve" provides Council with an opportunity to commemorate the outstanding contribution that Jack Meade made to the Clayton Football Club for over 50 years.