

2.3 NAMING OF COUNCIL FACILITIES

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council supports the naming of park infrastructure within two Council reserves, recognising the contribution two nominees have had to the reserve, the tenant clubs and the wider community:

- 1. The social room at Capital Reserve be named the Brooke Calder Social Rooms*
- 2. The grandstand at Gardiners Reserve be named the Jimmy Williams Stand.*

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to consider naming requests from:

1. The Glen Waverley Sports Clubs, inclusive of Glen Waverley Hawks Cricket Club and Glen Waverley Soccer Club to name the social room at Capital Reserve, Glen Waverley, 'The Brooke Calder Social Rooms'.
2. The Eastern Lions Soccer Club to name the grandstand on pitch 1 (southern pitch) at Gardiners Reserve, Burwood, 'The Jimmy Williams Stand'.

BACKGROUND

Clubs, organisations and community groups occasionally seek to recognise persons who have supported them and the community through distinguished effort and commitment by naming facilities in their honour. While the requests are infrequent, Council recognises the importance of this practice and developed the 'Community Requests for the naming of Council Sport and Recreation Facilities' Policy (see attachment 3) in April 2020.

The policy permits the naming of:

- (a) Parts of Buildings in Reserves or Parks
- (b) Sporting Infrastructure

The Policy does not apply to:

- (a) Entire Reserves or Parks as considered under the Geographical Names Act 1966.
- (b) Entire Buildings in Reserves or Parks as considered under the Geographical Names Act 1966.
- (c) Sportsgrounds and Active Playing Surfaces.
- (d) Services themselves or facilities and premises that are provided, owned or managed by the Council or a Council operated service
- (e) Community and/or multi-use facilities where sport and recreation is not considered the primary or major focus e.g. neighbourhood houses, community centres, scout and guide halls, senior citizens' centres, men's sheds, etc

DISCUSSION

The Glen Waverley Sports Club committee has requested approval from Council to name the Social Room at Capital Reserve, Glen Waverley after Brooke Calder. Brooke has an extensive playing and administrative connection to the Glen Waverley Sports Club and Capital Reserve. Brooke passed away in April 2021 aged 45 years.

The Eastern Lions Soccer Club at Gardiners Reserve, Burwood has requested support from Council to name of the Grandstand after Jimmy Williams. Jimmy has an extensive playing and coaching history with the Eastern Lions including guiding the club to its promotion to the National Premier league. Jimmy passed away in March 2021.

Correspondence regarding the request from the respective clubs is included at Attachment 1 and 2 to this report.

Both Clubs have supplied minutes of the committee meeting indicating unanimous support for the proposal and approval from the immediate family. The Clubs feel that naming a section of the facility after the honoured club members, is an appropriate way to recognise their services to the club and the community.

The authority for approval for naming facilities lies with the Monash City Council and is subject to the policy for Community Requests for the naming of Council Sport and Recreation Facilities. There will be occasions when Council will be required to submit a proposal to the Registrar of Geographic Place Names.

It is important to acknowledge that Council's preference is to retain the existing name of its infrastructure, and it seeks to support a community request to name a Council facility under extraordinary circumstances. Both Club's proposals justify their request by nominating Mr Calder and Mr Williams as exceptional club members and community assets and that

both contributed to the development, growth and foundations of their clubs.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council's Community Requests for the Naming of Council Sport and Recreation Facilities sets out the process and guidelines for dealing with naming request for Council owned sports facilities.

Officers have assessed the two applications against the policy and deem them compliant.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

The recommendation complies with the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.

CONSULTATION

No community consultation has been undertaken with regard to these requests.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no financial impact to Council for the two clubs to name the social room at Capital Reserve and the Grandstand at Gardiners Reserve. Both clubs will be required to fund any costs associated with the installation and maintenance of signage at the two reserves.

CONCLUSION

Given the contribution that each nominee has made to their respective club over an extended period of time, it is recommended that Council supports the naming of:

1. The social room at Capital Reserve, Glen Waverley as the Brooke Calder Social Rooms.
2. The grandstand on pitch 1 (southern pitch) at Gardiners Reserve, Ashwood as the Jimmy Williams Stand.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1 – Glen Waverley Sports Club naming justification

Attachment 2 – Eastern Lions Soccer Club naming justification

Attachment 3 – Community Requests for the Naming of Council Sport & Recreation Facilities Policy