

Dublin Street West Street Naming

Summary of feedback from residents and businesses - Lisa Cornelissen

There are 6 residential properties and one winery on Dublin Street West (the winery is leased from one of the residential properties), there are other vineyards and land blocks with road frontages.

In the interests of moving a decision forward and in the hope of a consensus from residents, I asked for feedback from all residents and the winery on 2 questions:

- Do you support a name change?
- If the name were to change would you be happy with Kārearea Lane?

I asked for this feedback as a resident of Dublin Street West and made it clear that I am taking no part in MCB decision making on this issue.

Rationale for Kārearea Lane

The word Kārearea recognises the Native Falcon release programme in Palliser Estate's Clouston Vineyard and reflects the increasing number of Kārearea seen above properties in this area.

The word "Lane" fits the definition "A narrow road" that is in SWDC's Policy on Naming of Public Roads, Private Roads and Rights-of-Way.

Do you support a name change?

Of the 7 properties 3 are in favour of a change, 2 are against and 2 are neutral.

Reasons in favour of a name change

- Confusion with Dublin Street affects mail and courier deliveries
- Confusion with Dublin Street affects emergency services (one resident example of an ambulance having to call on route to a property as they couldn't find it)
- Confusion with Dublin Street for utilities

Reasons against a name change

- The hassle of having to update details with all of your contacts, particularly given that the fire numbering resulted in changes to property numbers recently
- The cost to business of changing the names including rebranding, label design and printing
- Happy with the current name

If the name was to change would you be happy with Kārearea Lane?

Of the 7 properties – 5 would support the name Kārearea Lane, 1 is happy with Kārearea but not Lane and 1 is concerned that Kārearea could be unnecessarily confusing / difficult to pronounce. One of those in favour of the name also made the comment that it may be difficult to pronounce and spell.

Position of Lisa and Frank Cornelissen as residents and as owners of Martinborough TOP 10 Holiday Park

We are in favour of changing the name to Kārearea Lane for the following reasons:

We believe the current name generates unnecessary confusion between Dublin Street and Dublin Street West. This has resulted in direct costs to our business, including a \$1,500 refund to guests during the Lions Tour after Powerco attended the wrong address to fix a power outage and guests were left without power for an unacceptable amount of time.

We are responsible for the Health and Safety of over 8,000 guests per year staying over 12,000 nights. Whilst we have not experienced emergency services going to the wrong address we believe a more distinct name would lessen the chance of this happening.

Kārearea Lane is more meaningful, would create awareness of the Native Falcon release programme and would provide a talking point for guests and tourists.

Other Comments

We would encourage the Community Board to consider a possible name change for Dublin Street West independently of New York Street West.

Given our stated support for a name change we believe it would be advisable for the Community Board to consult directly and independently with all residents and property owners on Dublin Street West before making a final decision.

This issue has been debated for some time and we would like to see a final decision made at the next meeting of MCB to provide all property owners some certainty.

POPPY ROAD SIGNS PROJECT:

Introduction/Details of Project: (from material received by the Community Board 24 04 2017)
 (They) went off to war and many tragically died, the nation mourned and slowly commemorated them in various ways. All over NZ [they] are remembered through the naming of [e.g] streets and buildings, the planting of trees, and through erecting individual monuments.

The Flanders Poppy [has become] the most powerful and easily recognised symbol of [their] courage and sacrifice.

Information and process:

The New Zealand Poppy Places Trust was set up to establish, promote and oversee a nation-wide project to commemorate and recognise the participation of these [people]. A followup project - 'The Places of Remembrance' project - encourages local communities to take part. This involves the following steps:

- 1: Identifying of place[s] having a link to military involvement
- 2: Council registering with the Trust's Project Manager to confirm the intended place[s] meet/s the requirements to be on the website. (This step in turn **assigns** the place[s] to the Council.) Registration involves Council sending details of site[s] and a summary paragraph[s] of proposed Poppy Place[s].
- 3: Researching and recording the story of the place[s] on the **poppyplaces.org.nz** website. This involves the writing of the story, the procurement of the road sign[s] by the council, and the sending of the completed story to the Trust for uploading onto the website.
- 4: Joining with the community in an organised remembrance ceremony (event) designed to:
 - educate
 - mark the site[s] with the poppy designated road sign[s].
- 5: Establishing of links from the SWDC and the Community Board websites etc to the poppyplaces website.

Progress:

Step 1: Completed.

The Community Board **recommends** that the SWDC approves the (Martinborough) Memorial Square as a site which meets the requirements of the Trust.

Step 2:

(Enquiry email 22 01 18 to Trust's Project Manager and reply 22 01 18):

Dear Mr Bolton,

I'm hoping you can help me with a small enquiry. I'm a member of the Martinborough Community Board and have been researching material on local streets which the South Wairarapa District Council may wish to be entered on the Poppy Places Trust site. I have information about the 'Places of Remembrance Project' which outlines steps to follow. Step 2 is to register with you as the Project Manager in order to confirm any intended place/s 'meet/s requirements' so that such place/s can be 'assigned' back to the Council.

Can you tell me whether you need the story/ies [Step 3] to be written as part of this step, or do you just require the name and location of the intended place/s? It was not clear from the Poppy Places Brochure we received what the 'requirements to be on the website' entailed.

Hopefully you can enlighten me as our next Board meeting is 29th January, and instructions to the SWDC follow from that. Accordingly I need to know if the 'story/ies' need/s completing before the registration/assigning step can be done.

Hope that makes sense. I would very much appreciate your answer soon, so I can report back to the Community Board meeting on the 29th; and instructions from that sent on to the Council.

Kind regards, thank you in anticipation,

Maree Roy [Martinborough Community Board]

Hi Maree,

No, the stories do not have to be written to be registered with the project. Step one is to identify the street and obtain council support for the project. I am aware that the SWDC is supportive of our project.

Next step is to send me a paragraph on the street to be named and I'll confirm it or otherwise. Once the street is registered on our database the signs can be manufactured and the stories completed.

When I register the street I reply with a template to assist in the story compilation and also send out the detail of the poppy sign for the council to manufacture. Hope this helps.

I am hoping to attend the Council meeting in Featherston on the 30th to help explain the process

Regards

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The Community Board **recommends** the SWDC sends details of the location of Memorial Square and the accompanying paragraph to the Project Manager so that it can be approved and registered by the Trust and assigned to the SWDC.

Note: The Community Board also **recommends** that the name of the Square and the road around it be given the official name **Memorial Square**, rather than the more correct **Soldiers Memorial Park**, as this name is rarely, if ever used.

Summary Paragraph:

John Martin, born in 1822 in Ireland, arrived in New Zealand in 1841. In January 1879, he purchased Huangarua Run for £85,000. His intention was to cut the block up into smaller farm blocks and create a town. The town was designed in the shape of the Union Jack with streets radiating from a square in the centre to match the flag design.

By 1905, the open area of the square was called **Martin Square**, after the town's founder.

Following WWI, in 1919, a public meeting was held in the Town Hall, to consider the idea to make the square into a War Memorial. This was agreed to, and by the next year the roads through it were officially closed 'to vehicle and horse traffic' and a surrounding fence built.

A peace celebration was held in the town on July 19th 1919, culminating in the square; and a memorial was erected in the centre in honour of the four local troopers who had 'died for the Empire' during the Boer War 1899 – 1902.

In 1921, the [WWI] Memorial Gates were erected at the Kitchener Street entrance and the names of the fifty men who died in the Great War were recorded on the gate columns.

In that same year, the Square was officially renamed as [**Soldiers**] **Memorial Park**. However it is now almost universally known as '**the Square**'.

A further memorial structure (in honour of the fallen during WWII) was built at the entrance from Jellicoe Street. The central tablet of this recorded the names of twenty-five soldiers who died.

In 1968, the road surrounding the Square was made one-way.

Since the first ANZAC Day commemoration in 1916, the Square has become the venue for the annual Parade. Every year, since 1977, a Dawn Service is held; attended by many hundreds of locals including many children.

A third memorial has been placed in the Square to commemorate the soldiers who served in Malaya and Borneo.

Conclusion:

We consider that 'the Square' in Martinborough meets the requirements of the Poppy Places Trust. The preferred name for the park and the road around is '**Memorial Square**'.