

B. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Item B1: Notice of Motion – Proposal to rename Emita Beach Coastal Reserve

ACTION	Decision
PROPONENT	Deputy Mayor, Marc Cobham
OFFICER	Bill Boehm, General Manager
FILE REFERENCE	WOR/0900
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 5: Proposal to acknowledge first Warden</i>

NOTICE OF MOTION:

That Council provides a formal letter of support to the proponents of the proposal to re-name the Emita Beach Coastal Reserve, i.e. the new name proposed is “Valentine Huitfeldt Coastal Reserve”.

COUNCILLOR’S REPORT:

Given the significant historical contribution that Valentine Huitfeldt made to the Island and especially the Emita area, the family descendants have wanted to acknowledge this contribution, which to date has gone largely unrecognised. They have gathered considerable support, both through the local Emita and wider communities, with a total of 61 signatures to support their renaming proposal; this in addition to the historical background information provided in Appendix 5 makes a strong case for the renaming proposal.

A letter supporting the proposal from Council will assist the proponents in their endeavours.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

308.11.2015 24th November 2015

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“Moved: Cr P Rhodes Seconded: Cr K Stockton

That the proponents be advised that Council, taking into consideration responses from the Community, does not support the renaming of Emita Beach (Old Jetty Beach) to Huitfeldt Beach. Furthermore, Council will collaborate with the Huitfeldt descendants and the Furneaux Historical Research Association Inc., on options for a suitable alternative recognition of the contribution made by Valentine Huitfeldt to the Furneaux Community.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)”

OFFICER’S REPORT:

The renaming (or not) of a coastal reserve is a matter for elected members to deliberate upon. Council has no formal powers in relation to the request to rename and can only provide a recommendation and/or letter of support (or not) to the Department of Primary Industries Parks, Water and Environment. (Refer to motion 97.04.2017)

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS:

Survey Co-ordination Act 1944

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Council will need to allocate funds for the purchase of a new sign if the name changes.
(Noted at the meeting that the sign change would not be a Council responsibility)

RISK/LIABILITY:

Minimal community consultation on the matter has taken place and as such making an informed decision on the desire of the community for such a change is mostly unknown. Renaming a known landmark and well used area should not be taken lightly and Council should consider if sufficient information has been provided to support such a change and whether sufficient community consultation on the matter has taken place to genuinely inform a decision.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

For Council to decide.

DECISION:

75.04.2017 Moved: Deputy Mayor M Cobham **Seconded:** Cr K Stockton

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CARRIED (6-1)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Chris Rhodes, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton and Cr Gerald Willis.

Against: Cr D Williams

Foreshadowed motion (Cr D Williams): That Council note the submission made regarding a proposed change in the name of Emita Beach Coastal Reserve and that the matter be taken to a public meeting to assess the overall Community's views.

Foreshadowed motion lapsed.