
Notice of Motion – Official naming of Wesley suburb

In accordance with Standing Orders, please place the following Notice of Motion on the agenda for the Puketāpapa Local Board meeting being held on 17th August 2017.

Recommendation/s

That the Puketāpapa Local Board:

- a) Notes the intention of the Wesley community to apply to have the name Wesley officially attached to their suburb, by way of an application to the next NZ Geographic Board meeting;
- b) Endorses the application for the official recognition of Wesley as a suburb, and adds our endorsement to any community submission to the NZ Geographic Board seeking the same;
- c) Confirms that local mana whenua representatives will be consulted for their opinion regarding the Wesley name, and any feedback provided considered prior to the application being made;
- d) Provides the attached map to define the boundaries of Wesley for the sake of the submission to the NZ Geographic Board.

Background

Earlier this year the Puketāpapa Local Board supported the Wesley community in their efforts to stop an application to the NZ Geographic Board to use the name elsewhere in Auckland and cease using it in our area. Amongst other efforts made by Local Board members, we passed the following resolution at our 20th April 2017 meeting:

26.1 Extraordinary Business - Wesley name proposal

Resolution number PKTPP/2017/1

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson J Fairey, seconded by Member A-M Coury:

That the Puketāpapa Local Board:

- a) **strongly support the retention of the suburb name “Wesley” for the area generally to the south of Walmsley and Underwood Reserves, and Mt Roskill War Memorial Park within the Puketāpapa Local Board area, including the following public and community facilities named after the area:**
 - **Wesley Primary School**
 - **Wesley Kindergarten**
 - **Wesley Intermediate School**
 - **Wesley Community Centre**
 - **Wesley Market**
 - **Wesley Methodist Church**
- a) **submit to the NZ Geographic Board opposing the application to use the name “Wesley” elsewhere in Auckland, and assist our community to be heard on this issue through every available avenue.**

CARRIED

The outcome in that case was that the original applicant seeking to use the Wesley name elsewhere withdrew their application, as a result of the community campaign showing the strong existing attachment to the name in our area.

The Wesley community is now taking the opportunity to apply themselves to the NZ Geographic Board, through Mt Roskill MP Michael Wood, to have the Wesley name confirmed for the suburb in that area. Mr Wood MP has been working to bring together the application, due later this month, and a resolution of endorsement by the relevant local authority, i.e. the Puketāpapa Local Board, will assist. Wesley community members are actively supporting this and assisting with preparation of the application, including possibly holding a public meeting shortly. The local historical association, local schools and other key institutions have already endorsed the application or will be approached to do so soon.

Signatories:

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