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Subject: Rosie Bolt Reserve

H John,

I overlooked getting back to you on the Rosie Bolt Reserve background.

The reserve was surplus land once owned by Northcote BC which included the adjoining martial arts clubrooms. These started life as the N'cote-B'head Rugby club house and training shed. That land was sold to the club by the council which promptly sold it off and moved to Recreation Drive at B'head with the substantial windfall.

The leftover corner triangle was kept as a local open space on the Alfred/Nelson corner. North Shore CC inherited it and named it Rosie Bolt Reserve as a link to the past.

Rosie built the house and lived next door at 21 Alfred and had a lot to do with junior rugby back in the 70s. This space was used a practice area for the young players – boys only in those days – and she was out there a lot through winter.

When the sale of the land to the club took place she made a big effort to keep the corner as a neighbourhood open space and was successful. It seemed fitting to acknowledge her efforts by naming the space after her. She was a good friend of the late Jean Sampson – another Northcote Point identity.

I see the reserve is very overgrown by the perimeter planting which was meant to be trimmed as a low hedge leaving the area open for play. I also see that the martial arts neighbour has commandeered a bit of the area too. If it was tidied up and maintained through to the old pump station, it would return to being a pleasant open space of local value.

A nice bit of old Northcote history really.

Hope that helps.
Kind regards,

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