

QLDC Council
25 September 2014

Report for Agenda Item 4

Department
Operations

Proposal to name the track along Gorge Road officially after the Sutherland Family

Purpose

- 1 To consider and approve the naming of the Council owned track along Gorge Road, the 'Sutherland Track' after the Sutherland Family.

Recommendation

- 2 *That Council:*

- a. **Approve** the formal naming of the existing cycle/walking track which is part of a legal road adjacent to Gorge Road as 'Sutherland Track'.

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Background

- 3 On behalf of the Sutherland Family, Jeanette Boyd (nee Sutherland) has requested that Council formally name the walking/cycling track adjacent to Gorge Road between Queenstown and Arthurs Point.
- 4 The walking/cycle track starts at the first old Sutherland farm house and goes to the walking/cycle bridge built last year over Machesney's stream.
- 5 The track travels past the Sutherland Family property and the family has a long association with the area.

- 6 The proposed name is 'Sutherland Track'. This was put forward from the family through to Councillor Lex Perkins of Arrowtown.

Comment

- 7 The Parks & Reserves Naming Policy outlines the criteria to assess suggested names (see Attachment C).
- 8 The proposed name meets the following criteria contained within the naming policy - 2. Historical Person or Event and 6. Associated name. The Sutherland family have been prominent members of the Queenstown community for over 100 years. Donald Sutherland was the Mayor of Queenstown from 1917 to 1927.
- 9 As per the criteria outlined in the policy, local Iwi have been consulted to determine whether the open space or surrounding area is of significance to Maori.

Financial Implications

- 10 There are no financial implications to formally name the existing Council track.

Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions

- 11 In relation to section 10(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002, the naming of this track involves meeting the current and future needs of the Queenstown and wider community for good quality local public services in a way that is most cost effective for households and businesses.

Council Policies

- 12 The following Council Policies were considered:
- Significance Policy – this decision does not meet any of the significance thresholds.
 - Parks & Reserves Naming Policy - to determine the process for naming this track.

Consultation

- 13 As per the naming policy requirements, the Parks & Reserves Officer has consulted with local Iwi to determine whether the open space or surrounding area is of significance to Maori in accordance with the processes and protocols developed with the relevant Papatipu Runanga o Ngai Tahu.
- 14 Kai Tahu Ki Otago (KTKO) Ltd has advised that there is no objection to the proposed track name.

Publicity

- 15 Once signs have been erected, the naming will be publicised in the August issue of Scuttlebutt.

Attachments

- A Aerial image of the existing track
- B KTKO letter of support
- C Selection Criteria from QLDC Parks & Reserves Naming Policy

APPENDIX A 7 Existing Track



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Proposal

Ngā Rūnanga understands that Queenstown Lakes District Council are seeking advice on Māori archaeological and cultural values for:

- The naming of an existing walking/cycle track adjacent to Gorge Road from Queenstown to Arthurs Point – to be named “Sutherland Track”.

Situation

Kāi Tahu ki Otago Ltd writes this report on behalf of Kāti Huirapa Rūnanga ki Puketeraki and Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou, two of the kaitiaki Rūnanga whose takiwa includes the site the proposal relates to.

Decision

Rūnanga representatives have been informed of the proposal received 29 April 2014.

Please be advised that Ngā Rūnanga have no specific concerns with the naming of the existing track adjacent Gorge Road, Queenstown to “Sutherland Track”.

This reply is specific to the above proposal. Any changes to the proposal will require further consultation.

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cc Kāti Huirapa Runanga ki Puketeraki
Te Runanga o Otakou

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PART C: SELECTION CRITERIA

These criteria will be used to establish the relative merits of any suggested names. All names that are suggested through Step 3 of the framework will be compared using the criteria which has been weighted to reflect relative importance (see Table 1). The names will then be ranked in order of merit with the highest scored name highest ranked.

1. Local Usage

Proof of establishment and the extent of common usage need to be determined at Step 3 of the framework.

2. Historical Person or Event

This can be for example settlers, early notable people or events with local association. Naming after persons living or recently deceased should generally be avoided where the issue is potentially sensitive.

3. Significant geographical feature, landscape, flora or fauna

Naming after minor features should be avoided.

4. Personal name (surname) for special service

This can be for conservation, sport, community service or other sphere of activity with local association which can be duly recognised. Naming after persons living or recently deceased should generally be avoided where the issue is potentially sensitive.

5. Descriptive name

For example Hill Park (as in on a hill). Naming after minor features should be avoided.

6. Associated name

That is a part of an association or grouping of names in a suburb.

7. Published name in any work

The work needs to be authoritative in the opinion of Council. However publishing will not confer establishment.

8. Cultural Significance other than Maori

Significance to be determined through written evidence.

9. Adjacent street or name of suburb

NOTE: Naming of an open space will not preclude naming significant features within it for example a fountain, artwork or memorial.

TABLE 1: WEIGHTED SELECTION CRITERIA

Criterion	Weighting	Score
1. Local Usage	High	3
2. Historical Person or Event*	High	3
3. Significant feature	Medium	2
4. Personal name (surname) for special	Low	1
5. Descriptive name	Low	1
6. Associated name	Medium	2
7. Published name in any work	Low	1
8. Cultural Significance	High	3
9. Adjacent Street/suburb	Low	1

*Note that for each of these criteria there may be more than one name suggested.

If so the officer responsible will need to make an assessment on the relative merits of each name under the same criterion with regard to the following:

- extent of local knowledge about person or event
- contribution to area of interest