



Proposed Park Naming

The Shire of Murray is proposing to name the Park which is made up of Reserves 37757 & 23798 and is located next to the new Alcoa Office on Pinjarra Road and behind the St John's Ambulance Station and the Forest Medical Centre, in Pinjarra. This area is currently un-named and the Shire is asking the community to suggest appropriate names.

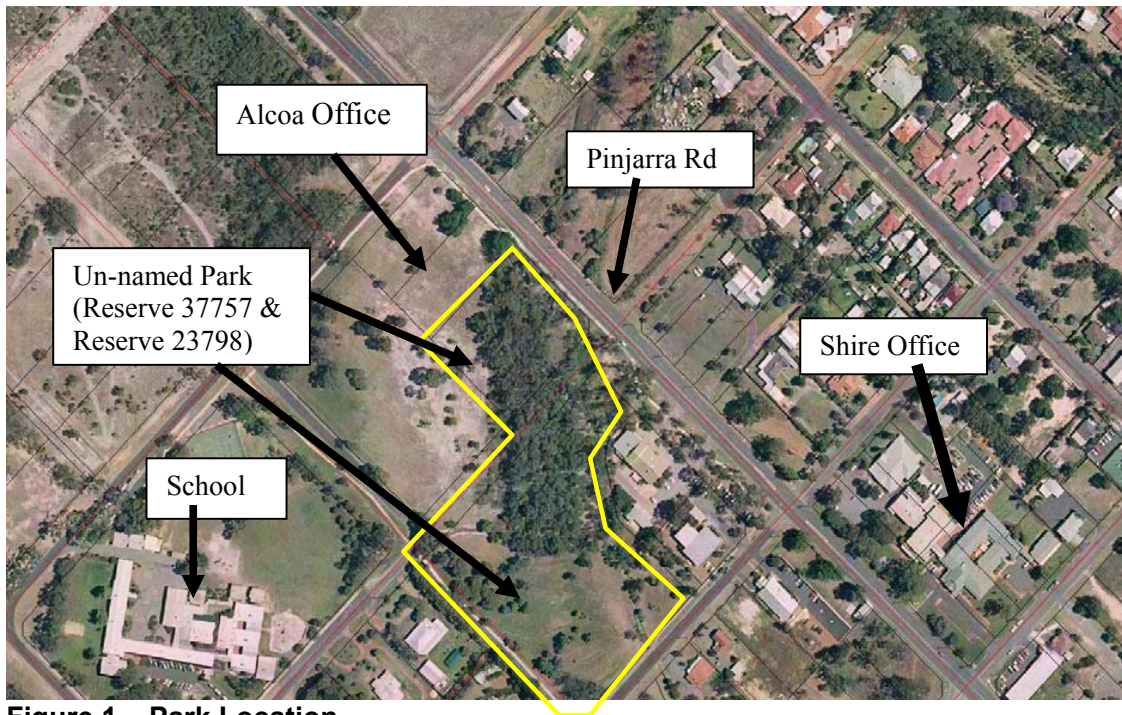


Figure 1 – Park Location

Suggested names must have a strong link with the area and be in accordance with the Geographic Names Committee Guidelines. Submissions must address the above criteria. Additional information in regards to the Guidelines is available on our website www.murray.wa.gov.au or by contacting the Shire's Environmental Officer, Ms. Gemma Urquhart on 95317747.

One suggestion has been received by the shire – “Moorni Kep Park”

The restoration project team who have been undertaking restoration works in the park over the past year have proposed that the park be named “Moorni Kep Park” (pronounced more-knee kep). As a requirement of the restoration work indigenous consultation was undertaken with the Bilya Noongar Organisation. Through this consultation it has been discerned that the wetland and surrounding area is very significant for the local indigenous people and is known as ‘*Moorni Kep*’ which translates as ‘*Black Water*’. Traditionally the area was a birthing site with many local Noongar people born at the site. Bush foods and medicines were often taken from the area and it was also used a camping area with the presence of a ‘sandy rise’ adjacent to the wetland providing a ‘dry’ location during winter months. This name is one suggestion and has been provided as an example.

If you would like to suggest a name for the park, please make a written submission to the Shire. Submissions must be received by Wednesday 10th September, 2008 and are to be addressed attention:

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Guiding Principles of Nomenclature

Relevant Excerpts taken from the Geographic Names Committee WA – Principles, Guidelines and Procedures publication.

- Names shall have strong local community support
- Names in public use shall have primary consideration
- Name duplication and dual naming should be avoided
- Names that commemorate or may be construed to commemorate living persons will not be considered for parks or reserves over 1ha (the subject park is just under 3ha).
- Personal names can be used where the person is no longer living. The person being honoured by the naming should have either had a direct long term association with the area, or have made a significant contribution to the area of the proposed park, or the state.

Association or contribution can include:-

- 2 or more terms of office on a local government council
- 20 or more years' association with a local community group or service club

Service to the community or organisation must have been voluntary

In this case given names and given and surname combinations are acceptable

- Names characterised as follows are to be avoided, where possible:-
Incongruous; qualified names; double names; corrupted, unduly cumbersome, obscene, derogatory or discriminating names; and commercialized names.

- Preferred sources or names are:-

Descriptive names appropriate to the features, pioneers, war casualties and historical events connected with the area, and names from Aboriginal languages currently or formerly identified with the general area. Parks can also be named after an adjacent street.

- Generic terms must be appropriate to features described
- The use of the genitive apostrophe is to be avoided (e.g. Butcher's)
- Death and former ownership of land are not acceptable reasons for proposing a name, unless previous criteria apply.
- Additional guidelines exist for the recording and use of Aboriginal place names, if required these can be supplied.