

## 6 REPORTS

### 6.1 DECISION REPORT FOR CALLIOPE PARK RENAMING TO MATAHOURUA PARK

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#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to rename Calliope Park in Cannons Creek to Matahourua Park and provide an overview of written submissions to date as well as the oral submissions which were heard in the meeting of Te Puna Kōrero on 14 July 2022.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

That Te Puna Kōrero:

1. Receive the report.
2. Approve the renaming of Calliope Park to Matahourua Park.
3. Agree under s 16(10) of the Reserves Act 1977, that the new name, Matahourua Park, will be notified in the New Zealand Gazette.

Reports contain recommendations only. Refer to the meeting minutes for the final decision.

#### History

1. There have been discussions with Ngāti Toa Rangatira, through Council's Kaumatua, Taku Parai, around the proposed renaming of Calliope Crescent and Calliope Park (the Park) in Cannons Creek.
2. The name Calliope is considered culturally offensive because of the history of the vessel it is named after, Calliope, was a 26-gun frigate that held Te Rauparaha captive on board after his capture in 1846 by Governor Grey. Te Rauparaha was a paramount chief of Ngāti Toa Rangatira and was instrumental in the journey of his iwi from Kāwhia to Pōneke.
3. Te Puna Kōrero resolved to rename Calliope Crescent in a meeting on 7 April 2022 and officially unveiled the new name on 18 May 2022.

#### Engagement with Ngāti Toa Rangatira

4. Following discussions regarding the name change, Council received a formal request from Taku Parai, Council's Kaumatua, asking Council to change the name of Calliope Crescent on 9 March 2022. This is included as Attachment 1.
5. The replacement name for Calliope is Matahourua. This name was gifted by Ngāti Toa.

#### Reserves Act Process

6. When carrying out the street renaming process it was clearly stated that the Reserves Act 1977 process would follow for renaming of the park.
7. Under the Reserves Act 1977 Council can change the name of a reserve by notice in the Gazette under section 16(10).
8. Under Section 1.9 of Porirua City Council's Reserves Management Plan, Council is required to consult with Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira, reserve users, reserve neighbours and any other identified affected and interested parties when renaming existing parks.

**Engagement and Feedback**

9. A public consultation process was carried out between 10 to 24 June 2022.
10. Public consultation was released in Kapi-Mana news, distributed to all libraries in Porirua, and a poster drop was made around Cannons Creek focusing on Park users. A poster was also erected in the Park to notify the public of the proposed name change and requesting feedback. A copy of the poster is attached as Attachment 3.
11. Consultation was undertaken to ensure that the Park could be renamed in a timely manner and that there was not undue delay between the renaming of the street and the Park.

**Submissions Received**

12. Twelve submissions were received on the renaming of Calliope Park, as follows:
  - a. Five submitters were in favour of the name change
  - b. Seven submitters were opposed. This includes the two submitters who were heard.
  - c. Two submitters were heard in a meeting of Te Puna Kōrero on 14 July 2022.
13. A summary of submissions is attached in Attachment 2.

**Summary of Submissions Heard by Te Puna Kōrero on 14 July 2022**

14. This section of the report summarises the content of submissions heard orally in the meeting of Te Puna Kōrero on 14 July 2022, as follows:
  - a. One submitter was concerned about the removal of the Reserve name as eliminating the history of the name Calliope.
  - b. Both submitters commented that Council had not undertaken a thorough consultation and that the information was difficult to find and largely digital.
  - c. One submitter noted that there was a perceived rush to rename the Park and that an alternative renaming process could have been followed.
  - d. One submitter proposed alternative names for the park, and that a discussion should be had with the park users and the community to understand which name they would prefer.

**Summary of Submissions not Wishing to be Heard**

15. Matters raised in submissions by those supportive of the proposal and not wishing to be heard are summarised as follows:
  - a. One submitter thanked Ngāti Toa Rangatira for gifting the name Matahourua to the city.
  - b. The name change was considered by one submitter to be the correct decision to right the wrongs of the past and that the new name was fitting and held respectful, historical association with Porirua and the diverse community of the city. They felt that the name change is an opportunity to create a Tiriti-based Aotearoa and will be mana-enhancing.
  - c. One submitter commented that public facilities in Porirua should not have names which are offensive to Ngāti Toa Rangatira.
  - d. One submitters submission stated that several place names in Porirua reflect the names of ships that brought troops to Aotearoa to fight against Mana Whenua. They felt that the name change will enhance the mana and dignity of Ngāti Toa Rangatira and give a balanced perspective on history.
16. Matters raised in submissions by those not supportive of the proposal and not wishing to be heard are summarised as follows:

- a. One submitter did not fully support the name change, as they felt that naming of the Park should have taken place at the same time as the street renaming. The costs to Council of carrying out the renaming were queried.
- b. One submission received was concerned that the renaming was a rewriting of history.
- c. Another submitter described the history of the name 'Calliope' and were critical of the street renaming process.
- d. One submitter commented that a discussion should have been had with residents for the renaming.
- e. One submitter gave their view of the history of Te Rauparaha.

### **Officer Response**

17. Naming of the Park follows a different process than naming of a street. Naming of a reserve occurs under the Reserves Act 1977 and Porirua's Reserves Management Plan. Officers earlier public reporting on the street naming change noted that once this change had occurred the name of the park would then be proposed to be changed to Matahourua under the Reserves Act 1977 and the Porirua Reserves Management Plan. The park naming process has different requirements around consultation with the public.
18. As addressed in point 0 above the Reserves Management Plan requires Council to consult more widely with the public, which is why this consultation was broader than that undertaken to rename the street.
19. Street renaming occurs under the Local Government Act.
20. The costs of consultation to date has been \$470.
21. The name of the Park has always been the same as the street name. When the street was renamed, Ngāti Toa Rangatira gifted a name that fits with the naming conventions of Council's Street and Road Naming Policy, being a shipping theme.
22. The name Matahourua, was thus deemed appropriate as it fits with Council's naming conventions and was gifted by Mana Whenua. As the Park name has followed the street name to date, officers did not investigate alternative names. Council officers feel the new name – Matahourua – is consistent with guidance provided within the Reserves Management Plan.
23. With respect to the consultation not being available to all members of the public and being largely in digital form, the non-digital forms of consultation that occurred are set out below:
  - a. Posters were present in Cannons Creek Library and were posted in several businesses within Cannons Creek. Posters were also provided to all Primary and Intermediate Schools in Cannons Creek.
  - b. A letter drop was undertaken to all immediate neighbours of Calliope Park.
  - c. There was a poster erected within the Park that remained in place for the entire consultation period. The poster designs used are attached.
  - d. A notice was posted in Kapi-Mana News the week prior to formal submissions being open to the public.
  - e. The statement of proposal for the renaming and submission forms were made available in all Libraries in Porirua, including in Cannons Creek Library.

### **Discussion and options**

24. Calliope Park is currently a small neighbourhood playground located between Warspite Avenue and Matahourua Crescent in Cannons Creek.

25. Matahourua Crescent was recently renamed. Renaming the Park follows a different process which was always envisaged to be undertaken shortly after the street renaming.
26. The process for renaming the street involved public engagement with residents on the street, but no wider public consultation.
27. The residents were predominantly supportive of the name change when renaming Calliope Crescent to Matahourua Crescent.
28. The Reserves Management Plan for Porirua outlines who must be consulted with when naming or renaming a park or reserve. This requires a wider public consultation than was undertaken for the street name change. Results of the consultation have been outlined above.
29. Five of the submitters supported the proposal, and seven did not support the name change.
30. Having considered the submissions, on balance, Council officers recommend that the renaming of the park proceeds as proposed.
31. The name for the Park is not currently gazetted under section 16(10) of the Reserves Act. Council officers can gazette Matahourua Park as the name for the Park. Gazetting the name of the park would reflect a commitment from Council to redressing a name Ngāti Toa find culturally offensive.

### Options

32. The options presented in this report are addressed as follows:

#### Option 1a

33. Agree to rename Calliope Park to Matahourua Park.
34. It is recommended that the name of the Park is changed to Matahourua Park as the street name has already changed and there is a desire from both Ngāti Toa Rangatira and some of the community that the Park's name be changed.

#### Option 1b

35. Retain the name Calliope Park.
36. Due to the direct request from Ngāti Toa Rangatira, the cultural context of the name, and the street name change having occurred, this option is not recommended.

#### Option 1c

37. Rename Calliope Park, with an alternative name (neither Matahourua nor Calliope).
38. This option is not recommended. It would require a fresh consultation process with the public to propose names and receive feedback. These would need to be deliberated on by Council. This would involve additional cost and significant delay. It is also not consistent with the approach already taken regarding the renaming of Calliope Crescent to Matahourua Crescent.

#### Option 2a

39. Gazette the new name, Matahourua Park, in the New Zealand Gazette, along with other classifications in Council's yearly submission to the Gazette.
40. This can be included in Council's regular classification of new information to the Gazette which happens in January of each year. Furthermore, it will help to assure Ngāti Toa Rangatira of Councils' relationship and commitment to correct offensive names throughout the city.

#### Option 2b

41. Not gazette the parks new name.

42. This has no cost involved and the new park name would have the same statutory position as the current name.

Recommended option

43. The recommended options are Option 1a and Option 2a for the following reasons:
- a. The name change of Calliope Park to Matahourua has been requested by Council partners Ngāti Toa Rangatira.
  - b. The position from nearly half of the submitters is that they are supportive of the name change.
  - c. The Park and street name have historically been linked, any alternative names for the Park would break with this historical similarity.
  - d. Gazetting the name change reflects Council's commitment to redressing an historically culturally offensive name.

**Conclusion**

44. Ngāti Toa Rangatira has requested that Council change the name of Calliope Crescent and Calliope Park in Cannons Creek.
45. Ngāti Toa Rangatira have gifted a name for this purpose – Matahourua.
46. Calliope Crescent was renamed in April 2022.
47. Consultation for the Park renaming this was undertaken between 10 and 24 June 2022
48. Officers recommend that Council approve the renaming of Calliope Park to Matahourua Park and gazette this new name under section 16(10) of the Reserves Act 1977.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION****CONTRIBUTION TO COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC DIRECTION**

49. The matters addressed in this report contribute to the strategic priority of "Partnering with Ngāti Toa Rangatira in all that we do." The previous name, Calliope, is offensive to Ngāti Toa Rangatira, as it is the name of the ship which transported Ngāti Toa Rangatira tupuna Te Rauparaha after his capture at Taupō Pā to be interred in Auckland. The new name, Matahourua, has been gifted to council by Ngāti Toa Rangatira. This is the name of the ocean going twin hulled waka which Kupe sailed to Aotearoa. This name reflects the journey of many in Porirua's east who have had similar journeys across the Pacific to Aotearoa.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS****Cost/Financial Implications**

50. Public notification of the park renaming has cost Council \$470.00 for advertising materials.
51. New signage within the Park can be accommodated within existing operating budgets.
52. Gazetting the name has no cost associated, as this can be undertaken along with other gazette notices, which are prepared each year. The costs of previous classifications have been estimated at \$6,000. Adding the new name to the next series of gazetted classifications would not increase this cost.

**Ongoing Cost**

53. New naming signage will need to be constructed and installed for the Park noted above. Funding for this will come from existing budgets. Maintenance of signage is undertaken as part of regular maintenance conducted on all reserves.

**Funding Source**

54. The cost of signage will be met from existing budgets.

**Financial Prudence Benchmarks - (if required)**

55. Not applicable.

**STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS**

56. Reserve names are officially gazetted under section 16(10) of the Reserves Act 1977, Council does not usually follow this process individually, as this has a large cost associated. Instead, Council does a yearly gazette of all parks, under section 16(2A). Park names do not need to be gazetted but may be if Council deems this necessary. Many of the parks around Aotearoa do not have names officially lodged in the Gazette. It is recommended in Option 2a that the naming of Matahourua Park is also included in the yearly gazetting of parcels vested as reserve with Council.
57. With respect to the specific naming of Matahourua, Council's naming policy in the RMP provides a suitable policy framework for naming reserves within Porirua. Policy 1.9, which sets criteria for naming reserves, is as follows:
- *Most reserves within Porirua, both existing and new, are informally named after the name most commonly used by the local community or after the nearest street in the locality. Section 16(10) of the Act sets out the procedures for officially naming or renaming reserves.*
  - *It is acknowledged that many of the places in Porirua have a historic Māori name, and that new names can be insensitive to historic naming usage. In many circumstances, referring to the Māori name of a place adds to its local significance and character.*

### Outcome

*The names of reserves in Porirua reflect Porirua's natural, cultural and historic heritage.*

### Policies

- a. *Official names for reserves will be established after consultation with Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira, reserve users, reserve neighbours and any other identified affected and interested parties.*
- b. *The name of a reserve should reflect the relevance of the site, its history and use and the purpose for which it was reserved.*
- c. *Reserves may be named after deceased individuals if those people have made a significant contribution to the open space and recreational heritage of Porirua. Preference will be given to naming areas within reserves.*
- d. *Reserve names will not include sponsor names.*
- e. *Both Māori and European names should generally be used on new signage and in documentation.*

The above proposed name, gifted from Ngāti Toa Rangatira meets the criteria above for the following reasons:

- a. The name been gifted to council by Ngāti Toa Rangatira and they have requested that the existing name, which is offensive to Mana Whenua, be changed.
- b. The history and use of the site are for a neighbourhood playground. The purpose for which it is reserved under the Reserves Act is as a recreation reserve. The name is not in conflict with the recreational values of the reserve.
- c. The reserve is not named after a deceased individual.
- d. The reserve name does not include a sponsor name.
- e. The new name of the reserve, Matahourua, is a Te Reo Māori name and is the name of the twin hulled ocean-going Waka in which Kupe discovered Aotearoa. The name has significance to both Tangata Whenua as well as more recent immigrants. The name celebrates the cultural connection of Aotearoa with the Pacific, which reflects the vibrant multicultural neighbourhood of Cannons Creek. Furthermore, this will add to the significance and character of Cannons Creek. No English name is proposed as the only other name which is relevant to the Park, Calliope, is offensive to Mana Whenua and the reason for its name change is this offensive history.

## FOUR WELL-BEINGS

58. The matters in this report relate primarily to the social and cultural well-beings. Naming reserves creates a sense of place for these public spaces, defines their intended purpose, and encourages their use by the public. The current name, Calliope, is offensive to Ngāti Toa Rangatira and therefore changing this name in partnership with Ngāti Toa Rangatira expresses Council's strong partnership. The new name for the Park, Matahourua, has been gifted by Ngāti Toa Rangatira and celebrates the journey of many who live in Cannons Creek from the Pacific to Aotearoa, similar to Kupe's discovery on his waka.

## RECOGNITION OF TREATY PRINCIPLES

59. Correcting the name Calliope will replace a name that is offensive to Ngāti Toa Rangatira due to the problematic history of this name with respect to Ngāti Toa Rangatira tupuna Te Rauparaha. Ngāti Toa Rangatira gifted the new name that is proposed, Matahourua, which fits with nautical naming themes for Eastern Porirua and further reflects the character of the area, which has many Pacific families.

**SIGNIFICANCE**

60. The report does not trigger Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

**ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

61. Ngāti Toa Rangatira were approached for suggestions regarding names for the reserve, and provided the name recommended in this report. This name also reflects the intended use and purpose of the reserve.
62. The name change was publicly notified, and 12 submissions were received.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. **Ngāti Toa Request for name change of Calliope Street**
2. **Summary of written submissions**
3. **Poster used for Consultation**



## Ā UPANE KA UPANE WHITI TE RA

9 March 2022

Porirua City Council  
Attention: Reuben Friend

### Street Name Change Request: Calliope to Matahourua

*He hōnore he korōria ki te Atua, Maunga rongō ki te whenua, Whakāropai ki ngā tāngata katoa*

E hoa e Reuben, tēnā koe,

Ka tahi, e mihi ake ki a koe hei tautoko a Ngāti Toa tāngata whenua, hau kāinga rānei o te rohe nei. Tēnei he kaupapa whakahirahira mō mātou a Ngāti Toa. Te take, ka patua o ngā tohu kino mahara o rātou ka tū enei mea i runga i a mātou nei whenua, E ki! E ki!. Ka rua, ka tae mai te wā panoni, no-reira e hoa kei a koe hei kawē me ārahi hoki ēnei mahi ki mua mo mātou, ngā mihi.

To the Porirua City Council we acknowledge the mahi currently undertaken particularly in the area of re-naming a street known as Calliope Street located in Porirua East. We know that the naming of streets mainly, proceeded by a particular event, which previous Governments thought to be important milestones or victories as part of its determination toward full colonization. The expression of each so-called milestone along the way was in many areas celebrated through the naming of vessels, parks, statues, people and events. After being illegally kidnapped at Ngati Toa domain and without being charged the vessel Calliope was used to take our Tupuna Te Rauparaha away to Auckland for 18months to 2 years so that Grey without Te Rauparaha's resistance could begin the illegal alienation of thousands of acres of Ngati Toa lands.

With that backdrop we now see a genuine effort by Porirua City Council to work with Ngati Toa's request to change the narrative by supporting a name change to the street currently named Calliope to **Matahourua** the name of the double hulled ocean voyaging waka hourua that Kupe sailed to Aotearoa.

Choosing an ocean voyaging theme initially based on the journey and discovery of Aotearoa by the great Polynesian ancestor Kupe and his wife Kurumarotini. It is said that it was Kurumarotini who saw a large land mass shrouded in white cloud and called, He ao! He Aotea! He Aotearoa! A cloud! A long white cloud! As a result, the land became known as 'Aotearoa' land of the long white cloud. I believe, this theme also segway's into the journeys of many Polynesian groups that reside in the Eastern area of Parirua who would in many respects resonate and connect to the theme of ocean, waka, voyaging and new lands.

Again, its these kinds of actions that are pleasing and increases and strengthens the working relationship of both Ngati Toa and Porirua City Council.

Nāku noa

na. Dr. Taku Parai  
Pou Tikanga, Ngati Toa Rangatira

# Renaming Calliope Park Consultation

Copy of all submissions

**Consultation open period:** 10 June 2022 – 24 June 2022

**Total Submitters:** 12



## Submission form

We'd love your feedback on the renaming of Calliope Park to Matahourua Park to assist our Council in their decision-making.

### Privacy

All submissions are public information. This supports our drive to be as transparent as possible, but if there are any personal details you don't want made public, please let us know.

### Your details

We'd like to know a little more about you

First name		Last name	
Organisation			
Physical address			
Suburb			
Email			

### Presenting your submission in person

Would you like to come and talk to the Council about your submission?

Yes       No

If yes, please provide a phone number so we can get in touch:

### Your feedback

You can leave your feedback on the proposal here, or complete the 'your details' section above and attach your feedback.

Please select your preferred option and provide some reasons why:

**1. Do you support the name change of Calliope Park to Matahourua Park?**

Yes    No    Partially

### Comments



## Renaming Calliope Park

### Submitter Details

Submission Date: 16/06/2022

First name: Sankalp Last name: Bansal

Withhold my details

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?

Yes

I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

### Feedback

1.1 Preferred option

Yes

Please include the reasons for your submission or objection:

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### Attached Documents

File

No records to display.



## Renaming Calliope Park

### Submitter Details

Submission Date: 17/06/2022

First name: [REDACTED] Last name: [REDACTED]

Withhold my details.

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?

Yes

I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

### Feedback

1.1 Preferred option

Yes

Please include the reasons for your submission or objection:

### Attached Documents

File

No records to display.



## Renaming Calliope Park

### Submitter Details

Submission Date: 19/06/2022

First name: [REDACTED] Last name: [REDACTED]

Withhold my details.

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?

Yes

I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

### Feedback

1.1 Preferred option

No

Please include the reasons for your submission or objection:

I do not fully support the name change of Calliope Park to Matahourua Park and why didn't this occur at the same time when there was a blessing for the official street name change from Calliope Crescent to Matahourua Crescent on Wednesday 18th of May 2022?

At what expenses will it cost the Ratepayers for the name change of Calliope Park to Matahourua Park?

### Attached Documents

File

No records to display.



## Renaming Calliope Park

### Submitter Details

Submission Date: 20/06/2022

First name: Amanda Last name: Dobson

Withhold my details

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?

Yes

I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

### Feedback

1.1 Preferred option

Yes

Please include the reasons for your submission or objection:

Ngā mihi maioha o te wā nei ki a koutou,

As a tangata tiriti, living locally in this rohe of mana whenua Ngāti Toa, I fully support this proposal for the renaming of Calliope Park. In line with the recent renaming of the street of the same name previously, it is appropriate to also rename the park, and to remove the name with the offensive association of historical injustice to Ngāti Toa rangatira Te Rauparaha. This is absolutely the right thing to do, to right the wrongs of the past, recognising the need to decolonise all such place names which are offensive to Ngāti Toa mana whenua in this rohe. The new name of Matahourua gifted by Ngāti Toa is a fitting alternative which holds respectful, historical association with this place and the diverse community of descendants of Te Moana nui a Kiwa.

This is an opportunity to demonstrate commitment to creating a truly Tiriti based Aotearoa by recognising the importance and relevance of mana enhancing placenames for our community.

Nāku noa,

Amanda Dobson

### Attached Documents

File

No records to display.



## Renaming Calliope Park

**Submitter Details**

**Submission Date:** 21/06/2022  
**First name:** Elizabeth J **Last name:** French

Withhold my details

**Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?**

Yes

I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

**Additional requirements for hearing:**

**Feedback**

1.1 Preferred option

No

Please include the reasons for your submission or objection:

See attached paper

Attached Documents

File
Submission from Elizabeth French (Renaming Calliope Park consultation) 20 June 2022



Ref: 9284699



### Submission form

We'd love your feedback on the renaming of Calliope Park to Matahourua Park to assist our Council in their decision-making.

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#### Your details

We'd like to know a little more about you

First name	Elizabeth J.	Last name	FRENCH
Organisation			
Physical address	[REDACTED]		
Suburb	[REDACTED]		
Email	[REDACTED]		

#### Presenting your submission in person

Would you like to come and talk to the Council about your submission?

Yes       No

If yes, please provide a phone number so we can get in touch:

[REDACTED]

#### Your feedback

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Yes  No  Partially

Comments

See attached paper.

## Calliope Park - name change

ref: 9254699

The time to change the name of Calliope Park was when the name of Calliope Crescent was changed. As no importance was given to it at that time, it should be left as it is or it should be given a completely new name.

I suggest Aporo/Apple Park in memory of Aporo JOYCE who served the community for so long with such good outcomes. He was involved when the park was upgraded, in 2014, and new equipment was installed.

Aporo/Apple Park sounds like a good place for children to play. The name is easy to remember and pronounce.

How long has Ngati Toa been offended by the name Calliope Park? I would suggest it is a very recent occurrence. They did not complain or object when the street and park were originally named, or even when a new name was considered at the time of the upgrade of the park.

Ngati Toa do not need to be offended in this day and age. Times have changed, history is in the past and best left there so that we can all live in peace in these modern times.

My family were greatly offended by what Te Rauparaha did years ago, but I have accepted it, am prepared to live with, use and be proud for Porirua city to have a lovely <sup>arena</sup> arena and park bearing his name.

If a ship's name is required to fit in with the others in the area, the Elizabeth, the ship that took Te Rauparaha to Akaroa and back to Kapiti Island, could be used. That might balance out his voyages and we could all remember and be offended by that episode of our history.



## Renaming Calliope Park

**Submitter Details**

Submission Date: 21/06/2022  
First name: Tere (Terence Noel) Last name: French

Withhold my details  
Organisation: Resident / Rate Payer

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?

Yes

I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Additional requirements for hearing:

**Feedback**

1.1 Preferred option

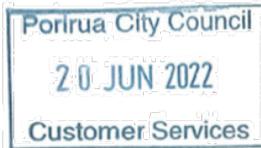
No

Please include the reasons for your submission or objection:

Per attached submission

Attached Documents

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Submission from Tere French (Renaming Calliope Park consultation) 20 June 2022



Ref: 9284699



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First name	Tere (Terence Noel)	Last name	FRENCH
Organisation	Resident - Rate Payer		
Physical address	[Redacted]		
Suburb	[Redacted]		
Email	[Redacted]		

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Yes  No  Partially

Comments

per attached Submission

Ref: 9284699

PORIRUA CITY

Calliope Park Renaming:

Porirua City Council within the Co-operation Agreement with Ngati Toa, have removed Calliope Crescent, as a Porirua place name.

Porirua has a rich written and oral history which was acknowledged during its development and places and people and historical events have been portrayed during naming.

Ngatitōa, with its rich history, featured strongly in place names and events. These events have enabled us to be where we are today.

The restriction of notifications in relation to the name change to just the owners and residents in Calliope Crescent, when the street name was changed recently shows a total disregard to all rate payers and residents within Porirua City. It is also their City, their history, and their money contributing to this.

The gifted name "*Matahourua*" does not feel right or fit comfortably as a street name, or with other place names, in this locality.

The name of Kupe's canoe, the "*Matawhaorua*," is shown in publications of New Zealand's history

As resident and ratepayer I have grave concern. I, like 30% of people in New Zealand, don't having electronic media. I am reliant on information in the Dominion Post and the now erratically delivered Kapi Mana News

Following on from the above name change why is there the rush to change the name of Calliope Park? On reading the errors in the Kapi Mana News, and the Submission Brochure, and no doubt the electronic media, shows this with the whole process needs to be reassessed.

Calling for submissions, for a name change could have been diplomatically introduced in conjunction with the opening of the Porirua Development project's street naming etc., Names submitted etc., to be carefully considered.

I know that Aporo Joyce, Q.S.M. now deceased; a well known figure who served Porirua for many years, was instrumental in the naming of Calliope Park.

Porirua has a park named after Jasmine Underhill (a past City Councillor). Elaine Annandale (a past City Councillor) is a worthy candidate.

The Castor Loop has a street named after a minister of religion.

Another suitable name of a person who gave great service to Porirua and especially Cannons Creek, was Setu Masina (Minister of religion.)

Undoubtedly there could be many others.

Tere (T.N.)French. Q. S. M.



## Renaming Calliope Park

### Submitter Details

Submission Date: 22/06/2022

First name: Hugh Last name: Oliver

Withhold my details

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?

Yes

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### Feedback

1.1 Preferred option

Yes

Please include the reasons for your submission or objection:

Kia ora ngā kaimahi me ngā āpiha o te kaunihera o Porirua. He mihi nui ki a koutou. He mihi nui hoki ki te kaupapa o te mana whenua.

I believe that public facilities in Porirua should not have names that are offensive to Ngāti Toa. I support the renaming of the park as Matahourua.

### Attached Documents

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Submission Date: 23/06/2022

First name: [REDACTED] Last name: [REDACTED]

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I am concerned at the rewriting of history by Ngai Toa. Te Rauparaha was at best a mass murderer and at worst an ethnic cleanser. If he were alive today, rather than facing some months on a ship in Wellington Harbour, he would be facing a 20-30 year jail sentence at the International Criminal Court at the Hague. I would note the some of the crew of the Calliope were killed during its time in Wellington.

Of much more importance is the renaming of the principal civic building in Porirua namely the Te Rauparaha Arena. As noted above, Te Rauparaha is hardly someone to be admired and the people of Porirua deserve better. I have no objections to the involvement of Ngai Toa in the renaming but perhaps rather than a mass murderer the building could be named after someone the whole community could look up. Why, perhaps even a woman!!

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First name: Angela Last name: Stone

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To whom it may concern

I am a long time resident of Porirua East, (62 years!) and I fully support and welcome this most appropriate name change. As a teacher in the area for 35 years I often taught the children the origins of street names. I often questioned the number of local streets that were named after ships that brought out English soldiers to fight the land wars against the Mana whenua, Ngati Toa Rangatira. These kinds of changes and the fact that our history will soon be taught in schools will help restore the mana and dignity of the local iwi and give a balanced perspective of our history.

Angela Stone

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Submission Date: 27/06/2022

First name: Davina Last name: Tangaroa

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Organisation			
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**Calliope Playground**

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Submission Date: 27/06/2022

First name: Bailey Last name: McNaughton

Withhold my details

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We'd like to know a little more about you

First name	Bailey	Last name	McNaughton
Organisation	[Redacted]		
Physical address	[Redacted]		
Suburb	[Redacted]		
Email	[Redacted]		

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**Comments**

Ngati Toas Not my Iwi +  
I would not like to change  
Park it to Matahourua  
I would like to  
keep it to Calliope  
Park. and please thank  
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Let me do  
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Submission Date: 27/06/2022

First name: Ariana Last name: McNaughton

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To leave the street names alone the others have history + others may not like it talk to the people that live there there. Ngati Toas not my Iwi



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Ngāti Toa has gifted the name Matahourua for the park, which is the name of the waka used by Kupe when he discovered Aotearoa.



To find out more or give feedback, visit our website using the QR code, or email [submissions@porirua.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@porirua.govt.nz) by 5pm 24 June 2022.



