

Subject: Naming of Disc Golf Course

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Report to COUNCIL for decision

SUMMARY

The late Mr Bob Clarke made a significant contribution to the installation and completion of the Gisborne Disc Golf Course at Alfred Cox Reserve. In acknowledgment of this contribution the staff involved in the development of the facility from Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti, Tourism Eastland and Gisborne District Council, would like to name the golf course in honour of Mr Clarke's effort to complete the project. Council's formal endorsement is sought for the naming of the Gisborne Disc Golf Course.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council

1. receives the report
2. agrees to support the naming of the Gisborne Disc Golf course the "Bob Clarke Gisborne Disc Golf Course".

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1. BACKGROUND

The Disc Golf Course at Alfred Cox Recreation Reserve has been a result of a collaboration from Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti , Tourism Eastland and the Gisborne District Council. This collaboration initially got the project under way and installed five disc golf baskets, tee off bollards and signage and was officially opened by Mayor Meng Foon in December 2008. The aim was to increase the course to eighteen baskets and become a part of the New Zealand Disc Golf tour.

A Gisborne citizen (Mr Bob Clarke) has been a very supportive and enthusiastic private financial contributor to the Disc Golf Course at Alfred Cox Park. Mr Bob Clarke purchased thirteen of the eighteen baskets. Mr Clarke then completed the installation of the baskets on the course himself.

Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti is in the process of gaining funding for new signage to announce 18 "hole" status. Sadly, Mr Clarke passed away on 1 January 2010. It is proposed that Mr Clarke be acknowledged for his major financial and voluntary contribution, that is by naming the disc golf course the "Bob Clarke Gisborne Disc Golf Course".

Mr Clarke's wife (Susan) is very happy for Bob to be acknowledged by naming the course after him.

Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti and Tourism Eastland give their support for Mr Clarke's significant contribution to be acknowledged in the naming of the course. That support is now sought from Council.

2. DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS

With the completion of the eighteen baskets Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti is in the process of securing funding to amend the current signage at the reserve and is a great opportunity to re-sign and acknowledge Mr Clarke's significant contribution to this recreation facility.

3. SIGNIFICANCE

There are no significant issues. It is proposed only to name the course and in no way is it intended to change the name of the Alfred Cox Recreation Reserve.

4. COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

The decision to name the Gisborne Disc Golf Course does not relate to any community outcomes. However the course itself contributes to Healthy Tairāwhiti for its free active recreation facility and Prosperous Tairāwhiti for being part of the New Zealand Disc Golf National Tour.

5. FINANCIAL

There are no financial implications, as this is only for the naming of the Disc Golf Course.

6. LEGAL

There are no legal implications

7. APPENDIX

Excerpt from www.discgolf.co.nz about the opening of the Gisborne Disc Golf Course.



Gisborne Mayor **Meng Foon** Cuts the ribbon at the official opening of the **Alfred Cox Disc Golf Course** in Gisborne.

[For full story click here.](#)

Exciting news for East Cape Disc Golf

They have finally seen the light in Gisborne.



Gisborne Mayor **Meng Foon**, Sport Gisborne CEO, **Daniel Gerrard** & **Chris Lankshear** from [Tourism Eastland](#) along with many locals celebrate the opening of Disc Golf in East Cape.

Just before last Christmas we opened a course in **Alfred Cox Park in Gisborne**.

It started with 6 permanent baskets and that has just been increased to 9 thanks to a local enthusiast, but an 18 hole course has been designed and as more people play more baskets will be installed.

The course is just 1 block back from the beach right behind the information centre on your way into town on Grey Street. We can't wait for the full 18 baskets to be installed as it would be great to visit this spot annually on the NZDG Tour.



Sport Gisborne's Fiona Duncan and colleagues play Disc Golf for the first time in Alfred Cox Park.