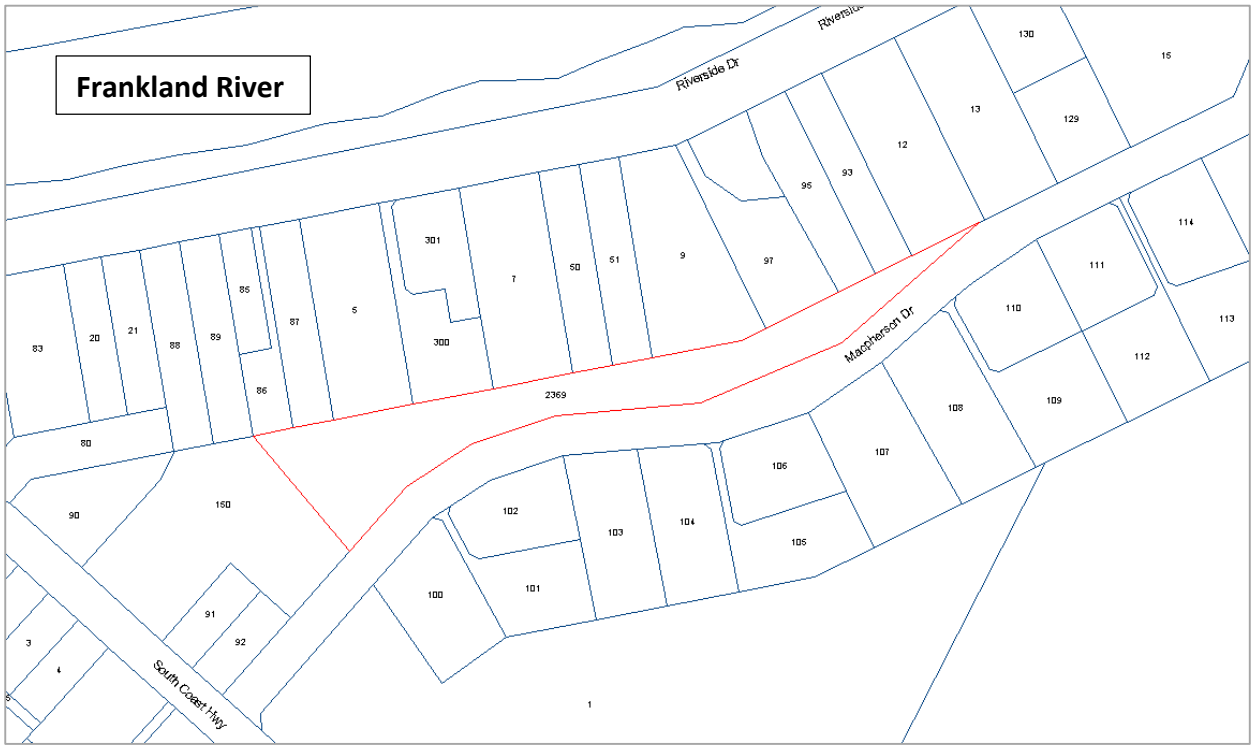
Reserve No. 41884 – No. 27 (Lot 2369) Macpherson Drive, Nornalup



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Re Naming of the Reserve on Macpherson Drive. Nornalup

Proposed name: Ian Macpherson Park

This proposal is supported by community consultation and an extract from the Geographic Naming Committee guidelines

6.1.2 Naming after adjacent streets or features
Priority should be given to naming of parks and reserves after an adjacent street or feature to maximise the identification of that park or reserve.

- The reserve runs alongside Macpherson Drive.

6.2.1 Evidence of community support

- Members of the Nornalup Ratepayers and Residence Association (NRRA) Committee suggested the name, *Ian Macpherson Park,* and this was put to all members by email and/or post, together with Minutes from that meeting.
- Five emailed responses were received and many verbal responses were given.
- All these responses were very positive in favour of the suggested name.

The NRRA Committee is aware that one resident, Mrs Jan Watson, wrote directly to the Denmark Shire CEO suggesting alternative indigenous names. These were passed to the NRRA committee after the previously proposed name had been circulated. The Committee considered these suggestions but did not take further action. While the park by the Community Hall is named *Settlers Park*, acknowledging European settlement, there is a prominently mounted plaque acknowledging the original indigenous people of this area. As the new park is developed for public use there will be opportunities to make similar acknowledgment.

Rationale
Ian Arthur Macpherson (1948 - 1977) was raised in Nornalup on the Macpherson family farm. Part of this farm became the Macpherson Drive Reserve when the Nornalup Heights subdivision was developed in 1990, 13 years after Ian's tragic death in 1977. The land for the reserve was at that time donated to the Shire by his widow to be used as public open space.

Ian lived all of his life in Nornalup, running the farm from the age of 14 when he elected to leave school following his father's death in 1963. The property was transferred to Ian and his mother Marion Macpherson in 1969. In 1972 Ian and his wife Lin, purchased Marion's share of the property and he lived in the cottage in which he grew up until his untimely death. In 1990, Ian's widow subdivided part of the farm and donated the land for the Reserve to the Shire.

Much of the land around the Nornalup township had been owned by Ian's grandfather, Arthur Goodwin Haynes, a lawyer from Perth, who established the family farm and a number of cottages on the property in the early 1920s. The farm was transferred to Arthur's daughter Marion and her husband Alex Macpherson in 1947. Alex established a dairy herd on the farm and the Macphersons raised their family, including Ian, in the farmhouse which, for a time in the 1930s, had been the Nornalup Hospital.

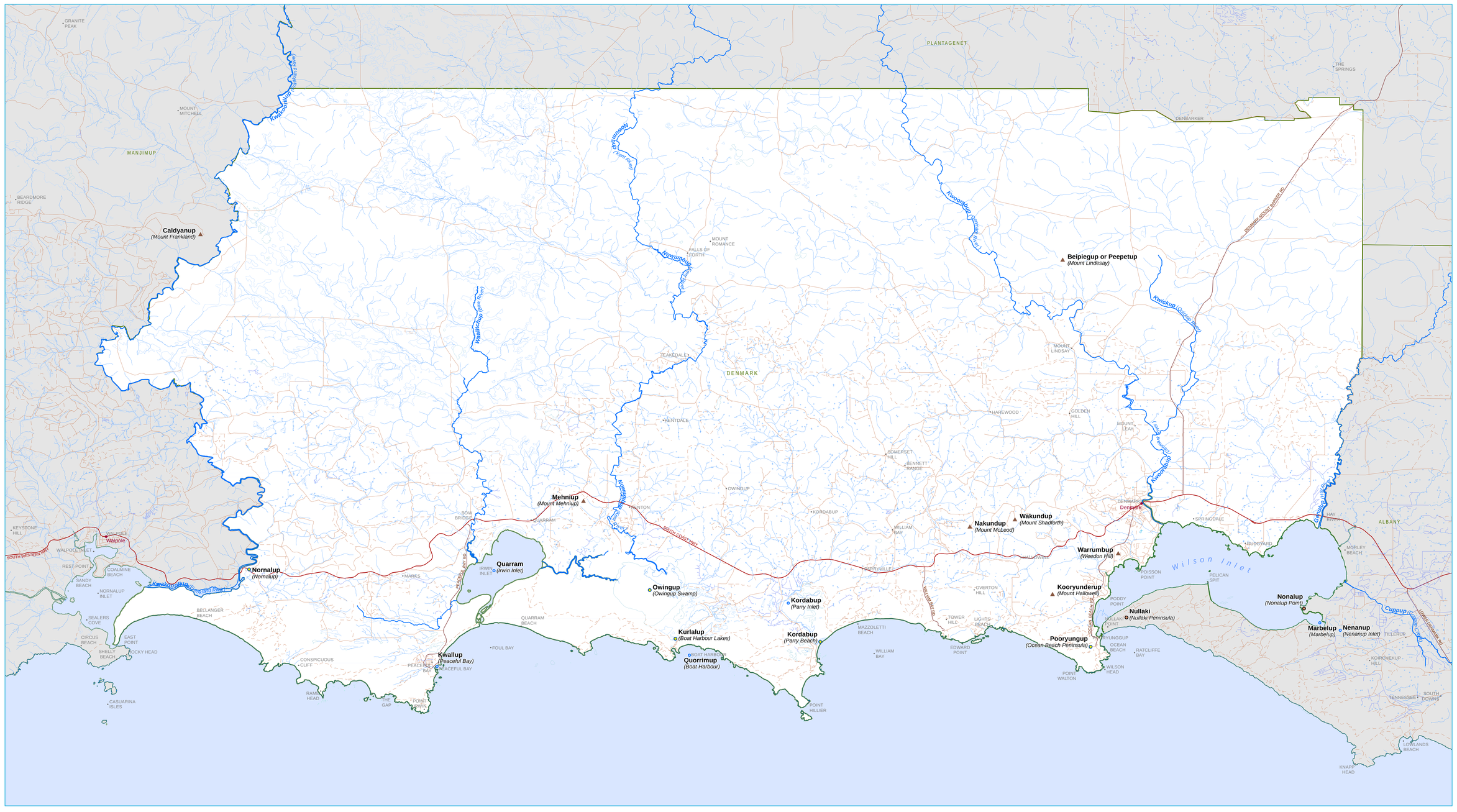
As a young man Ian was actively involved in community life. He was a member of the local Fire Brigade, the Nornalup Tennis Club and the Walpole Yacht Club. He is described by those who knew him as having

'Nornalup in his heart'. He was a generous, hard working and enthusiastic member of his community and was held in high esteem by everyone in the district who knew him. In 2007, thirty years after his death, a memorial gathering to commemorate his life was held in the newly built Nornalup Community Hall. It was very well attended by family and locals who had known and loved Ian.

We therefore put forward the name *Ian Macpherson Park* for consideration and ratification.

Yours sincerely

Kath Lymon
Secretary
1 Dec 2015



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Denmark Noongar Watercourses

Denmark Noongar Locations
- Inlet
- Location
- Mountain or Hill
- Locality

LGA Boundaries
- Other Shires
- Shire of Denmark

- Rivers and Waters
- Localities

Roads
- Highway
- Main Road
- Minor Road
- Track

Shire of Denmark

Alternative names of selected locations

as at July 2013

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Projection: Transverse Mercator

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