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No. 14/2009
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The General Manager,
Tweed Shire Council,
P.O. Box 816,
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RE: PROPOSED NAME INTERCHANGE OF JOHN FOLLENT PARK

Dear Sir/Madam,

With regard to the proposed name change of John Follent Park with Ebenezer Park, certainly the community deeds of the late John Follent would be more familiar to most long term residents of Tweed Heads, rather than the wreck of the steamer Ebenezer with subsequent loss of life.

John Follent Park was named in honour of a late member of the Coolangatta/Tweed Heads Rotary Club, Doctor John Follent O.B.E. John Follent was Rotary Club President and a Rotary District Governor. He served as a soldier, a medical doctor and surgeon, was a Government Medical Officer, a Tweed Shire Councillor, a Minister of Religion, combined with many other community activities.

It is only fitting that the premier park in Tweed Heads retains his name in perpetuity, and therefore I oppose this proposed name change.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Sir

Re: Proposed name exchange Dr John Follent Park and Ebenezer Park

I write to you on behalf of the Coolangatta – Tweed Heads Rotary Club in response to your invitation to do so.

In dealing with the question of why the John Follent Park should remain where it is I propose to touch on those matters which influenced our Club to request your council to mark an open urban area as a memorial to our late member Dr. the Reverend John Follent.

Shortly after his graduation as a doctor of medicine John Follent listed as a member of Australian Military Forces. On his discharge following the end of World War Two he commenced a medical practice at Tweed Heads.

He became one of the earliest members of our Club. Within a short time he was elected as a Club Director, the Club President and a District Governor of Rotary International.

He was appointed as Government Medical Officer at Tweed Heads.

His private Medical Practice at Tweed Heads continued to grow.

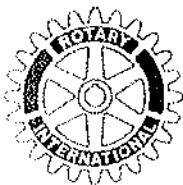
He stood for election as a councillor of the Tweed Shire and was hugely successful, even topping the vote count at several booths, he remained a councillor until his retirement several years later.

He was ordained as a minister in the Church of England and served the church in that capacity for many years until advancing age prevented him from continuing.

Notwithstanding his many other interests he continued his medical practice at Tweed Heads where he was able to welcome his son Bill into the practice.

On his discharge from the Australian Military Forces he joined Legacy when the nearest branch of that organization was at Southport. He was very involved in having a branch established at Tweed Heads which made the benefits of Legacy more readily available to many more widows and children of Ex-Servicemen killed in combat.

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John Follent, his wife and four children were prominent members of the Tweed Heads community. To this day his son Bill continues the general practice which his father established in the town.

John Follent remained active throughout his life in the town and in all of his activities it was plain to see that there was community benefit.

We believe that John Follent's life and deeds fully justified the council in naming the park after him and that they continue to justify the retention of that park as a memorial to him. We ask that the council continue to describe the area as The John Follent Memorial Park.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J Steele".

Jim Steele
Club President

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