

Pam Stone name for park **City to honour its first female mayor**

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WODONGA'S first female mayor Pam Stone has been recognised with the naming of a park in her honour.

The park chosen for the honour is located near Les Stone Park, named after her late husband, who was also a Wodonga mayor.

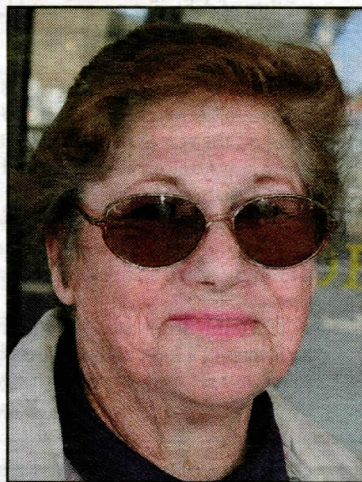
As well as creating history in becoming Wodonga's first female mayor, Mrs Stone was the recipient of an Order of Australia Medal in 1994 and was selected as one of the 10 most significant pioneers of the Border District in the past 100 years.

Mrs Stone recently turned 80 and now resides in Albury.

Wodonga Council unanimously confirmed its intention to name the park after Mrs Stone on Monday night with its recently elected representative on the Place Names Committee, Cr Rod Wangman, moving the motion with Cr Anna Speedie in support.

"Many would know Pam Stone was in fact the first elected female councillor to our council and was also the first female mayor elected to our council," Cr Wangman said.

"Councillors would be aware that



● Pam Stone.

the recommended location is adjacent to the current Les Stone Park off Lawrence Street.

"The significance of this locality is that the park is very familiar to the Stone family.

"They were involved with the Wodonga West Primary School and at various times in their lives they lived on Lawrence Street.

"So the proximity is something

familiar to them and each in their own right served this city extremely well.

"Pam was also known as being a tireless campaigner in post-secondary education in Wodonga."

Her son Shane once held the positions of Liberal Party president and chief minister of the Northern Territory.

Before making its recommendation, the Place Names Committee consulted with family members and their support was gained.

It is hoped the naming ceremony of Pam Stone Park can coincide with an upcoming family gathering.

The Place Names Committee has undertaken a review of unnamed parks and reserves in Wodonga and, as well as bringing recognition to people who have made a significant contribution to the city, such moves will also better identify the location in the event of an emergency.

The Place Names Committee also proposes that signs incorporate a brief explanation for the naming of the park and the use of first and surnames will be more appropriate to better identify the individual after whom the park is named.