



● Mrs Stone inspects the proposed Pam Stone Park yesterday. Picture: NIC GIBSON

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Husband and wife park double

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WODONGA will become the first Australian city to name two adjoining parks after a husband and wife.

It is proposed to name an existing recreation area opposite Les Stone Park as Pam Stone Park.

Les Stone was the first mayor of the Rural City of Wodonga in 1973, but died in 1974.

His widow was elected to the city council in 1977 and became its first woman mayor in 1985.

She served 15 years on the council and was noted for her outspoken comments, the compassion she felt for under-privileged families and individuals and for pursuing issues concerning women and young people.

Mrs Stone, 80, said yesterday she was pleased to be honoured and her family was delighted.

"Wodonga has always been kind to me and Les, and I have nothing but good thoughts about Wodonga," she said.

Wodonga's place names committee recommended the name of Pam Stone Park after noting she had been selected as one of the 20th century's most significant Border pioneers in 2000 and being made an OAM.

Final approval is subject to a formal consultation process.