

**From:** Jon Prendergast  
**To:** [Bourke, Nikki](#)  
**Subject:** PROPOSAL TO NAME THE NEW SHARA BLVDE SOCCER FIELD  
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Hi Nikki,

I would like to propose that the new soccer field on Shara Boulevard, Ocean Shores be named **'PATTEN PARK'**.

This choice of name reflects the many years of exceptional community service our Shores United Soccer Club president Marc Patten has selflessly and tirelessly devoted to the enjoyable playing, organisation and expansion of soccer for the large population of Ocean Shores - that up until now, had only one small sports field - Tom Kendall Oval - to cater for 17 soccer teams aged from 5yrs old through to seniors within a surrounding Ocean Shores population of over 6000.

If it was not for the efforts of Marc attending countless council meetings over the past many years to forward on the dire need for this new soccer field to be built, I sincerely feel, that it simply would not have become a reality. He leads by example with a very caring and thoughtful approach to players, their families and our local Ocean Shores community.

Marc's consistent dedication to enabling junior soccer players (and their families) to enjoy and play soccer in a well-run and harmonious football environment has been a constant source of inspiration for me. Even though he may be playing with our 6<sup>th</sup> div senior side on the other side of the shire at 1pm ... Marc will cook the BBQ from 8.30am for the juniors at Tom Kendall Oval until he has to jump in his car to make his own kick-off time.

A respected ambassador for the sport of soccer within the Football Far North Coast association Marc has also kept things interesting for us locally in the senior ranks ... like organising preseason warm up matches against nearby clubs for all 3 grades of seniors each year ... or arranging the annual challenge cups between our local 'derby club' Mullumbimby and the Wallaby's club who play and stay a weekend each November from the Gold

Coast. He purchases and loads up the canteen with food and provisions on a Friday arvo for each weekends games ... is just another ongoing (and mostly unknown) small example of what he does for our soccer fraternity each week.

Thanks to Marc's efforts many Ocean Shores juniors have happily stayed with the Shores United Soccer Club over their many junior years and are now playing in our 6<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> division senior teams. A testament in itself to his competent presidency, his love of playing soccer and his ongoing dedication to our local community.

About Marc Patten:

Marc served as a NSW Police Officer for 18yrs. In 2000 while stationed in Bourke, Marc was chosen by the local community to be the 2000 Sydney Olympics torch bearer to run the torch through their township. Later that year ...

- 2000            Marc moved to Ocean Shores to live with his family upon being posted to Brunswick Heads Police Station.  
He joined Brunswick Valley (now Mullumbimby) Football Club as an 'over 35's ' player while his son Shaun joined Shores United Juniors in 'under 6's'. Both have been playing soccer ever since.
- 2006            Elected President of the Shores United Soccer Club (SUSC)
- 2011            Incorporated new senior men's teams into SUSC to play at Tom Kendall Oval
- 2012            Attended council meetings consistently to get 'long overdue' field lighting finally installed at Tom Kendall Oval
- 2016            Again after attending countless Council Meetings Marc created the impetus for council to construct the new Junior change rooms at Tom Kendall Oval ... plus the construction of the new Shara Blvde 'premier grade' soccer field.

NSW Police Force Bravery Awards and Recognitions:

- 1994 Local area Commander's Acknowledgement during the pursuit and arrest of two offenders for Steal Motor Vehicle at Fairfield.
- 1996 Regional citation in recognition of conduct displayed during the arrest of an armed offender during an armed robbery in Cabramatta, May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 1997 Commissioners unit citation in recognition of dedication to duty, as supervisor, shown during the Bourke Riot of December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 2002 Regional citation in recognition of dedication to duty displayed during the arrest of three offenders, whilst off duty, in Ocean Shores, March 14<sup>th</sup>
- 2003 New South Wales Police Medal
- 2008 New South Wales National Police Medal

I think and feel that '**Patten Park**' has a good ring to it!! What do you think?  
Sincere regards,

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