

Former mayor honoured



Mr D. V. Sutherland

A former Mayor of New Plymouth, Mr D. V. Sutherland, was honoured last night when the New Plymouth City Council chose the name "Sutherland Park" for the new playing fields development at the Fernleigh St Reserve.

The chairman of the council's parks and recreation committee, Mr B. S. E. Bellringer, said a short list of three suggested names had been given to the Taranaki County Council with an invitation to make the final choice, as the development was a joint city-county venture.

However, the county council had declined the in-

itation, and Mr Bellringer thought its attitude was disappointing.

Since then, city councillors had told him they agreed that the council should recognise the effort of public-minded people and that this was an appropriate time to recognise Mr Sutherland's contribution.

The Mayor, Mr D. L. Lean, said it was most appropriate to honour Mr Sutherland.

Mr Lean also deplored the tenor of the county council discussion, as reported in the Press. "It's a little sad, but it's one of those things," he said.