

Park honours humble indigenous family

MEMBERS of White Rock's Reys family have ridden Melbourne Cup winners, driven cars for former prime minister Harold Holt and chaired the boards of major organisations.

The family has also long worked for the benefit of the Far North and was yesterday recognised with the naming of a park in their honour.

Reys Park, on Phoenix St at White Rock, yesterday underwent a name change with the help of Cr Rob Pyne.

Family spokesman Ken Reys said three generations of his family had lived in Cairns since the early 1900s.

He said the naming of the park was an honour.

"We are a humble family and we certainly appreciate the recognition from Cairns, our home," he said.

Cr Pyne said the name Reys Park was chosen after a constituent wrote to him suggesting the name as an appropriate gesture to recognise the family.

"They are an indigenous family and to achieve what they did in the 60s and 70s is really quite remarkable," he said.



Honour: Cr Rob Pyne and Fredrick Reys at the park named after an indigneous family that has lived at White Rock since the early 1900s. Picture: TALIA LANG