
New road named after league rep

A NEW road in New Plymouth will honour Taranaki's first rugby league representative.

The naming of Adam Lile Drive, off Branch Rd, has been approved by the New Plymouth District Council.

Taranaki Rugby League spokesman Marcus Durkin said Lile was the only Taranaki member of the legendary All Golds team which made a pioneering tour to England in 1907-1908.

Lile and fellow sportsman Tom Smith were instrumental in setting up the TRL.

The pair organised an exhibition game against the Auckland-based All Golds on the old Tukapa grounds in 1908 which resulted in a shock 5-3 win for the locals, he said.

