

# Infrastructure Policy 3

## Naming and Renaming of Roads, Parks, Reserves and Localities

AMR Shire Infrastructure Policy



*This policy was adopted by Council to set governing principles in place that align the strategic direction of the organisation with community values and aspirations.*

### Objectives

To ensure that new names and renaming of roads, parks, reserves and localities meet the Shire's general requirements.

### Policy

1. The Shire shall maintain a list of appropriate names to be used for allocation to roads, parks, reserves and localities.
2. The list shall comprise names already registered with Landgate on the approved names register and of names submitted by the Shire for inclusion on the register.
3. The Shire shall consider requests from individuals and groups for the inclusion of additional names on the register.
4. Names suitable for inclusion include names from Aboriginal languages currently or formerly identified with the general area, pioneers of the State or area, citizens who have made a significant community contribution, war casualty lists and thematic names (eg nautical, sporting etc). Ethnic and gender diversity is encouraged. Given/first and surname combinations are suitable only if the surname alone cannot be used because of duplication. All name proposals must clearly identify the origin of the name and provide relevant references to allow for the verification of the name.
5. Names characterised as follows are to be avoided - given/first names, corrupted, unduly cumbersome or difficult to pronounce names, obscene, derogatory, racist or discriminating names, company or commercialised names (unless in an historical context).
6. Names that will not be included are incongruous names, Christian or Christian/surname combinations, corrupted names, names that are unduly cumbersome or difficult to pronounce, obscene or derogatory names, racist or discriminatory names and company or commercialised names.
7. Names that exist in surrounding Local Government Authorities, within a 50km radius, will not be considered.
8. No duplication of existing names shall be considered, including similar sounding names, names created by the addition/subtraction of 's' or similar names with different suffixes.
9. Names of living persons shall only be considered in exceptional circumstances.
10. No commercial names shall be considered (e.g. businesses, products, commercial services).
11. Where a subdivision will lead to the creation of a new locality, registered by Landgate, the proposed name of the subdivision shall be submitted to the Shire and then to Landgate for approval.

### ***Renaming of Roads***

Road names shall not be changed without the general acceptance of those affected by such changes. Prior to any road name change being considered, the proposed road name shall comply with Landgate's requirements and have preliminary approval from the Geographic Names Committee.

### ***Locality Names***

Names for new localities or changes of names to preferably have an Australian emphasis and to be selected from the following categories:-

- a) Name associated with the area:
  - Aboriginal – feature or descriptive.
  - Locational or descriptive name.
  - Pioneer settler of the area.
  - Early property name.
- b) Name associated with the development of the state:
  - Statesman or former politician.
  - Other e.g. ship, event, etc.
- c) Other choice of name:
  - Flora and fauna association.

### ***Naming of Parks and Reserves***

Proposals to name parks or reserves shall include evidence of community support for the proposed name.

For personal names, the person being honoured by the naming shall have either had a direct long term association with the area, or have made a significant contribution to the area of the proposed park or reserve, or the State. Association or contribution can include:

- a) Two or more terms of office on a Local Government Council.
- b) Ten or more year's association with a local community group.
- c) Action by an individual to protect, restore, enhance, or maintain an area that produces substantial long term improvements for the community or area.

Components of recreational reserves (e.g. pavilions ovals, gardens, etc.) may be named in honour of community members who have contributed towards the establishment of the particular facility or towards the community in general. Such proposals may include given/first name/surname combinations if deemed appropriate.

### ***Renaming of Parks and Reserves***

Names chosen for parks and reserves are expected to be permanent and renaming is discouraged. If renaming is proposed because of exceptional circumstances, then evidence of substantial community support for the change of name must be provided.

## **Application**

Responsibility for the implementation of this policy rests with the Chief Executive Officer. The Policy is to be reviewed every three years.

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