



Naming of Reserves, Parks, Roads, Public Facilities and Buildings

Status Council

Responsible Division Technical Services

Objective To provide clear guidelines for the naming of parks, roads public facilities and buildings within the City of Nedlands.

Context

The Geographic Names Committee (GNC) is responsible for collecting, approving and registering place names in Western Australia. The Landgate publication 'Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia' (Policies and Standards) documents the processes and principles that guide the decisions of the GNC.

The Policies and Standards apply to the naming of geographical features, localities, roads and reserves. It is a requirement that the naming of these features conform with the Policies and Standards in order that the Geographic Names Committee will approve the name. Public facilities and buildings on reserves are not subject to the Policies and Standards and provide the opportunity for Council to honour and recognise individuals or groups.

Statement

When naming reserves, parks and roads, Council will be guided by the Policies and Standards as applied by the Geographic Names Committee. When naming public facilities and buildings on reserves, Council intends to apply its discretion and priority will be given to naming after a person or group who has contributed to the local community.

The current Policies and Standards do not support many of the past practices used for naming reserves, parks and roads. Council does not intend to apply the Policies and Standards retrospectively as there is no requirement to do so.

Reserves, Parks and Roads:

Names that honour, or may be construed to honour, living persons shall not be considered for reserves, parks or roads. When applying personal names, this will be done posthumously and the person being commemorated by the naming should have either had a direct long-term association with the area or have made a significant contribution to the area of the proposed reserve, park or road. Association or contribution can include:



- Early pioneers or early settlers.
- Persons who have performed considerable and outstanding community service to the local community.
- A demonstrated record of high achievement or reputation at state, national or international level.

Only in exceptional circumstances and with substantial community support, will a proposal to rename a reserve, park or road be considered. The proposed amended name shall conform with the Policies and Standards.

Public facilities and buildings:

Components of reserves and parks (i.e. ovals, pavilions, gardens, footpaths, walk trails etc.) may be named to recognise any individual who has contributed to their establishment or to the local community in general.

Though there is no formal approval required, naming of public facilities and buildings shall be in accordance with the Policies and Standards to the extent there is no duplication of names elsewhere in Western Australia.

Suggested names that meet the above criteria may be recorded for use on a “future names register” compiled in accordance with the procedure associated with this policy.

Related documentation

Naming of Reserves, Parks, Roads, Public Facilities and Buildings Procedure
Community Signage Policy
Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia (Landgate)
Local Planning Policy - Signs

Related Local Law / Legislation

Local Planning Scheme No. 3

Related delegation

Nil.

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