

16.0 GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

Background

The assignment of Geographic names is determined by the Geographic Names Committee (GNC), which is a branch of the Department of Land Information (DLI). In administering this responsibility the GNC have regard to an extensive set of criteria. With regard to road names, these may be summarised as follows-

1. Name duplication within local governments or adjoining local governments shall be avoided. If possible, it should also be avoided within the State.
2. Names of living individuals shall not be used.
3. Names characterised as follows are to be avoided: incongruous; given/first names; given/first and surname combinations; double names; qualified names; corrupted, unduly cumbersome or difficult to pronounce names; obscene, derogatory, racist or discriminatory names; company names; or, commercialised names.
4. Preferred sources of names include: Aboriginal names; Pioneers of the State or area; War Casualty lists; or thematic names eg. fauna, ships etc.

Whilst ultimate responsibility for the naming of roads rests with the GNC, they undertake consultation with Local Authorities as part of the process of assigning names. To assist this process a Local Authority can develop policies to guide their advice to the GNC.

This policy deals only with the naming of roads. The naming of other Geographic features shall be a matter for determination by Council on a case-by-case basis.

Objective/s

To allow for the efficient allocation of appropriate names to new or existing unnamed roads in the Shire.

Legal status/considerations

Policy adopted as a Town Planning Scheme Policy pursuant to Clause 2.4 of Town Planning Scheme No.7.

Special Procedural Considerations

There is no delegated authority for the making of recommendations regarding either road or other Geographic names.

Policy Statement

The GNC shall be advised regarding the naming of roads within the Shire in accordance with the following:

1. In the case of new roads being created by subdivision, Council is supportive of the application of the use of themed road names. Such themes and the specific names shall be approved by the Council;
2. In the case of existing unnamed roads, the Council shall recommend the application of names on the 'Reserved Road Names List' contained in **Appendix 2** and in localities to which the name has a connection.

Related considerations

Nil

Adoption/amendments

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APPENDIX 2: - RESERVED ROAD NAME LIST

The following names appear on the Geographic Names Committee's Reserved Road Name List for the Shire of Waroona –

Antares	Archibald	Arney	Aylward
Bamber	Banyaa	Belfast	Berthoud
Baron-Hay	Cadaleup	Caramea	Caratti
Cattach	Coojong	Deleo	Delrosa
Denebola	England	Eridanua	Featherflower
Ferraro	Fisk	Flexuosa	Gardanup
Goonerup	Head	Koonarup	Kularda
Limerick	Maffscioni	Mangite	Mirbella
Mooja	Plant	Platell	Pinaster
Pungura	Sarum	Scullin	Shaston
Starflower	Thrombolite	Twaddle	Twentyeight
Wannup	Warrick	Warrilow	Wonnill
Wuradjie	Wynne	Zanetti	