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ITEM 20

OUTCOME OF EXHIBITION OF PROPOSED NAMING OF KARREUAIRA RESERVE, WONGAWILLI

In late 2016 Council exhibited the naming proposal 'Bankbook Park' at a new development reserve in Wongawilli, 11 submissions were received with four submissions not supporting the proposal. Based on the submissions received, EMC on 31 January 2017 resolved:

- 1 To note that the proposed naming of Bankbook Park not be supported to proceed for Council's consideration.
- 2 To authorise the public exhibition of the proposed alternative Aboriginal naming proposal 'Karreuaira Reserve' at Wongawilli as shown on Attachments 1 and 2.
- 3 A Councillor Information Note be prepared on the proposal.

Council publically exhibited the naming proposal 'Karreuaira Reserve' (pronounced Garreu Aira) at Wongawilli from 17 July to 14 August 2017. This report outlines the outcome of the community engagement.

RECOMMENDATION

Council adopt the naming proposal 'Karreuaira Reserve'.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Peter Coyte, Manager Property and Recreation

Authorised by: Kerry Hunt, Director Community Services - Creative and Engaged City (Acting)

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Locality Plan
- 2 Site Plan
- 3 Community Engagement Report on Proposed Naming of Karreuaira Reserve
- 4 Council's Management Policy for Naming of Community Facilities and Parks
- 5 Geographical Naems Board Place Naming Policy

BACKGROUND

Sheargold Property Developments Pty Ltd is currently constructing a residential estate in Wongawilli, located in the West Dapto Land Release Area. The developer approached Council in February 2016 to support the naming of a park in their estate as 'Bankbook Park' referencing a link to the suburb's history and miners' settlement on 'the hill'.

Council publically exhibited the naming proposal 'Bankbook Park' from 29 August 2016 to 26 September 2016. Following the exhibition, 11 submissions were received with four submissions not supporting the proposal with two submissions noting the name 'Bankbook Hill' as a derogative term and insulting to the poorer miners and families that lived in subsidised and makeshift homes that lived on 'the hill'. It is noted the State Government's Geographic Names Board (GNB) guidelines will not support proposals that are offensive or likely to cause offence.

One of the four non-supportive submissions received was from the Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council (ILALC) requesting Council consider an Aboriginal name for the park. Following this feedback, Council officers undertook research for potential local Aboriginal names that had an association with the site

It was identified that there was a significant Moreton Bay Fig Tree that is to be retained on the proposed reserve. The tree is listed as an item of heritage significance on the Local Heritage Register and is listed within the Wollongong Local Environment Plan (LEP) for West Dapto, 2010 as an item of local significance.



The Morton Bay fig has been identified in the 'Dapto Community Heritage Study' as a tree that was both linked with the environment and rural landscape and forms a part of a group of trees that once was used as shade trees as a picnic location in the 1920s-1940s as part of the informal recreation areas of the Village of Wongawilli.

Further research indicated that the local Aboriginal name for Moreton Bay Fig is 'Karreuaira'. The following publications were researched to verify the proposed Aboriginal name:

- Office of Environment and Heritage's publication Murni Dhungang Jirrar 'Living in the Illawarra' and excerpt from report published by Michael K Organ, Illawarra and South Coast Aborigines, 1770-1900.
- 2 Report to the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, Canberra, 1 December 1993.

It should be noted that the GNB encourages Aboriginal place names and that they are preferred for the name of any place that does not have an assigned geographical name. To proceed with any such consideration, the GNB requires the consent/approval from the Local Aboriginal Land Council

At Council's Aboriginal Reference Group meeting on 23 November 2016, the group reviewed the park name proposal. The Reference Group agreed with the recommendation that an Aboriginal word for Moreton Bay Fig Tree 'Karreuaira' be proposed for the park naming instead of the proposed name 'Bankbook Park'. The Group advised that they would obtain feedback from the Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council (ILALC) and appropriate Aboriginal Elders to verify the word 'Karreuaira' for Moreton Bay Fig.

On 16 December 2016, ILALC confirmed that the GNB "were adamant that any naming of parks, landmarks or other facilities in the area should have as the first priority recognition of the traditional custodians of this land in their name" and therefore the request to use 'Karreuaira' met their requirements.

ILALC also advised that it would strongly encourage Council to continue to recognise the Aboriginal people of the Wollongong area, through embracing the use of traditional Aboriginal words for places, flora and fauna in the region as this will add to the richness of the community in which we all reside.

Given the community feedback on the earlier proposed naming 'Bankbook Park' and acknowledging the feedback from ILALC, the Aboriginal Reference Group and the Heritage Advisory Committee, on 31 January 2017 Council's Executive Management Committee recommended that following confirmation of the pronunciation, that EMC authorise the public exhibition of the proposed name 'Karreuaira Reserve'.

At its meeting on 22 February 2017, the Aboriginal Reference Group further clarified the correct spelling 'Karreuaira' pronounced '*Garreu Aira*'. Council, in turn, publically exhibited the naming proposal of 'Karreuaira Reserve' Wongawilli from 17 July 2017 to 14 August 2017; the outcome of this public exhibition is outlined in the Consultation and Communication section of this report and subsequently detailed in Attachment 3.

PROPOSAL

Noting the extensive community consultation on naming proposals on this site and the advice received from both the Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council and the Aboriginal Reference Group on the proposed name 'Karreuaira', it is now recommended that Council authorise the proposed naming of this park 'Karreuaira Reserve'.

If the name is endorsed by Council, officers will proceed with a formal application to the GNB to assign the name 'Karreuaira Reserve'. It is noted any application to the GNB requires a formal Council resolution.

Should the GNB support the proposal, it would also be recommended that Council install interpretative signage to identify the name of the language group from which the name originated. For example, the name 'Karreuaira' pronounced *Garreu Aira* means 'Morton Bay Fig' from the 'local Dharawal' Aboriginal



language group. This approach is consistent with the NSW Geographical Names Board Policy and guidelines.

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Council publically exhibited the naming proposal 'Karreuaira Reserve' from 17 July 2017 to 14 August 2017.

Stakeholders included Wongawilli residents and land owners, Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council, Neighbourhood Forum 8, the Dapto Chamber of Commerce, Dapto High School, Dapto Primary School and Council's Heritage Advisory Committee.

A notification encouraging the community to *Have their Say* accompanied by a frequently Asked Questions sheet that included a location map, a feedback form and prepaid return envelope was sent to all residents and landowners in Wongawilli. Public Notices were also published in the Advertiser Newspaper on 12 July and 26 July 2017 inviting the community to *Have their Say* via Council's website, Customer Service Centre, or Dapto Library at the Ribbonwood Centre.

Following the exhibition period, 13 submissions were received; seven submissions supporting the proposal, five submissions unsupportive and one submission unsure. It was apparent from the submissions received that there were two key themes as a result of the community feedback on the proposal.

The first theme was that there was support of the proposal in that it was either appropriate or the community was supportive of an indigenous name for the reserve, this included a group submission from the Wollongong Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting on 25 July 2017 where the Committee resolved to support the proposed reserve name 'Karreuaira Reserve'.

The second theme was that the proposed name 'Karreuaira' was difficult to pronounce. It is acknowledged that whilst the Geographical Names Board (GNB) Policy position is for names to be easy to pronounce, spell or write, the GNB have an exception to this is in the use of Aboriginal names where it is accepted by the GNB that traditional names may at first appear to be complex but will, over time, become more familiar and accepted to the community. During the exhibition it was also noted in a submission that the proposed name be accompanied by interpretative signage to further clarify both pronunciation and the cultural link to the Moreton Bay Fig.

The Community Engagement report (September 2017) on the proposed naming of the reserve may be referenced in Attachment 3.

Subsequent to this report, on 22 October 2017, Council received a further group submission on the proposal from the Wongawilli Residents Committee, where the committee favoured the earlier proposed name 'Bankbook Park' noting its link to the European and Mining history to the site and did not favour the proposed aboriginal name.

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report relates to the commitments of Council as contained within the Strategic Management Plans:

Wollongong 2022 Community Goal and Objective 4.1.3 'Our Council's plans, intentions, actions and progress are clearly communicated to the community and other stakeholders under the Community Goal 'We are a connected and engaged community'.

It specifically addresses the 'Revised Delivery Program 2012-17' and delivers on the following:

4.1.3.3 Council's Policies and Plans that relate to Community Land and Recreation are developed through a variety of engagement streams.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If the proposal is approved by the NSW Geographical Names Board, Council will be required to install park/interpretative signage identifying the reserve and Aboriginal historical significance which is estimated to cost \$3,000. This signage will be funded from existing operational budgets.



CONCLUSION

It is noted that since August 2016, there have been two independent naming proposals on the new reserve at Wongawilli. The first naming proposal 'Bankbook Park' that was submitted to EMC was originally derived by the subdivision developer, was not supported to progress to Council given it was noted in the formal community consultation report that it was a derogative term referencing poorer miners living on the hill and, in turn, was not favoured by the local Aboriginal community.

Following this, the second proposal 'Karreuaira Reserve', pronounced '*Garreu Aira*' meaning 'Morton Bay Fig' from the 'local Dharawal' Aboriginal language group. 'Karreuaira Reserve' was placed on exhibition in July and August 2017 and fully supported by both the local Aboriginal community and the Wollongong Heritage Advisory Committee.

The accompanying engagement report - September 2017 (Attachment 3) on the Aboriginal naming proposal notes a level of support on the proposal and also acknowledges concern around pronunciation of the name 'Karreuaira'. This report was further supplemented with an independent submission by some local residents in October 2017 referencing a preference for 'Bankbook Park'.

Whilst the proposal 'Karreuaira Reserve' is consistent with Council's Naming of Community Facilities and Parks Management Policy and the guidelines and policies of the GNB, the proposal to have the local Aboriginal name 'Karreuaira Reserve' progress to Council is favoured.

This approach acknowledges that the GNB encourages Aboriginal place names and that they are the board's preferred selection for the name of any place that does not have an assigned geographical name.















PROPOSED NAMING OF KARREUAIRA RESERVE, WONGAWILLI

ENGAGEMENT REPORT

September 2017 Z17/202511





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Executive Summary

Council is seeking to name a reserve within the Vista Park Estate, located in Wongawilli. In late 2016 Council considered a proposal to name this area Bankbook Park. Based on community feedback this proposal was not supported by Council. The community feedback further suggested that Council consider an Indigenous name for the reserve. This is in keeping with Councils Policy for the Naming of Community Facilities and Parks and is encouraged by the Geographical Names Board.

After consulting the Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council and the Aboriginal Reference Group, Council sought community comment on the proposal to name the reserve - Karreuaira Reserve. Karreuaira is the local Dharawal name for the Moreton Bay fig and is pronounced - "Garreu Aira". A community update (Appendix A) was sent to Wongawilli residents/owners in early July 2017 highlighting the upcoming exhibition of the naming proposal to foster community interest and involvement.

The naming proposal went on public exhibition from Monday 17 July 2017 to Monday 14 August 2017. Stakeholders included Wongawilli residents and land owners, Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council, Neighbourhood Forum 8, the Dapto Chamber of Commerce, Dapto High School, Dapto Primary School, and Council's Heritage Advisory Committee. A notification encouraging the community to *Have their Say* (Appendix B) accompanied by a Frequently Asked Questions sheet that included a location map (Appendix C), a feedback form (Appendix D) and a pre-paid return envelope, was sent to residents and land owners in Wongawilli. Public Notices inviting the community to *Have their Say* via Council's website, Customer Service Centre, or Dapto Library were published in the Advertiser on 12 July and 26 July 2017.

A total of n=1 group submission was received from the Wollongong Heritage Advisory Committee, n=12 via feedback forms, N=0 submissions were submitted via Council's engagement website.

Two key themes were apparent in the feedback, the first was that there was support for the use of an Indigenous name for the reserve; the second, was the suggestion that the name being proposed was difficult to pronounce.

Of the n=13 submissions received, n=7 submissions were supportive, n=5 submissions were unsupportive and n=1 was unsure. One of the supportive submissions was a group submission from the Wollongong Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting on 25 July 2017, the Committee were provided with a brief report on the proposed naming of *Karreuaira Reserve*, Wongawilli as part of the Heritage Officer's Report. Following discussion, the Committee resolved to support the proposed reserve name.

As per Council's Naming of Community Facility and Parks Management Policy, following the presentation of this report to Council, they will consider if they support the proposal. If there is support for the proposal Council will pass a resolution to submit the name "Karreuaira Reserve" to the Geographical Names Board in accordance with their guidelines.



Methodology

Methods	Details of Methods
Internal	
Information	An information brief, including the FAQ and map, was developed and distributed to the media team, Dapto Library and Neighbourhood Forum 8 and Council's Customer Service Centre on 13 July 2017.
External	
Community Update	A community update (Appendix A) was sent to Wongawilli residents/owners in early July 2017 promoting the upcoming naming process.
Stakeholder letter	A letter (Appendix B) was sent to stakeholders detailing the proposal. The FAQ, map, feedback form and link to the webpage was included. Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council were sent information Local residents were sent information Council's Heritage Advisory Committee were sent information Local Primary and High School NF8 and the Chamber of Commerce were informed
FAQ	An FAQ with a map to show the proposed location of the reserve (Appendix c) addressing the proposed location, background information and details about the process to name a reserve was created and provided to all stakeholders
Feedback form	A feedback form (Appendix D) was created for those wishing to submit comments on the proposal. Reply-paid envelopes were provided.
Website	A Have Your Say webpage was created, which included an online survey, Frequently Asked Questions and relevant documents.
The Advertiser	A notice appeared in the Council column of The Advertiser on 12 July 2017 and 26 July 2017
Social media	Messages were distributed via Council's social media channels to notify the community of the proposal and on-site kiosk details via twitter



Results

All stakeholders and the wider community were invited to provide feedback on the proposal. A total of n=13 submissions were received; n=11 via feedback forms, n=1 via email, n=1 group submissions via email, n=0 submissions were submitted via Council's engagement website.

Of the n=13 submissions received, n=7 submissions were supportive, n=5 were unsupportive and n=1 was unsure.

Online Engagement

A total of n=0 submissions were received online. Table 2 presents the statistics for the project page.

Table 1: Summary of Online Participation

Measure and Explanation	Usage
Aware – total number of visitors to the project page	36
Informed – total number of visitors who clicked a link, e.g. to download a document, view a photo or read the Frequently Asked Questions	15
Engaged – total number of participants who submitted a survey	0

Feedback Results

Tables 3 shows the overall feedback results derived from submissions received via feedback forms, and group submissions. While most respondents only indicated whether or not they supported the proposal, some also included further qualitative comments, which are summarised in Table 5.

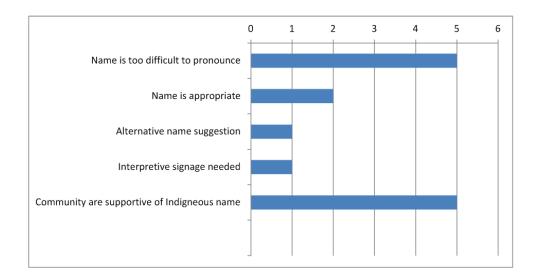
Table 2: Support for the Proposal

Respondents were asked "Do you support the proposal to name it Karreuaira Reserve?"

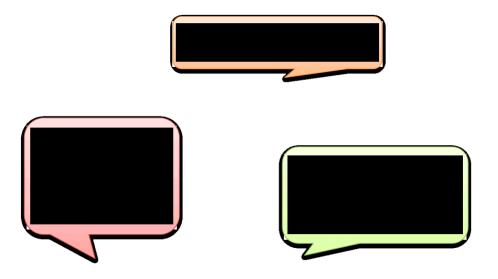
Options	No. of responses
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No	5
Unsure	1



Table 3: Qualitative Feedback

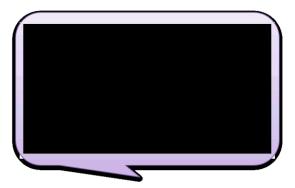


The proposal had an equal level of support and rejection. The main reason given for rejection of the proposed name was that it was difficult to pronounce. See below a sample of some of the overall comments.





Additional comments/suggestions about the proposal included:



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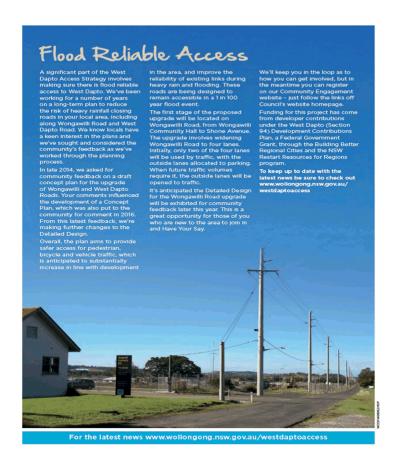
Appendix A: Community Update



Wongawilli - July 2017

Wongawilli is a village that's going through a phase of rapid growth and, at Wollogong City Council, we're working hard to plan and develop the infrastructure needed to support the needs of this fast growing community. Thank you to all those residents who have contributed to Council's concept designs and naming proposals. We want to work with all Wongawilli residents to continue to develop Council's plans for the area. This update provides a brief overview of previous community consultation and offers the latest news for both existing and prospective residents on what's planned for your local area.







Appendix B: Notification Letter



WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL

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Our Ref Z17/18619 File CCE-040.010.01.188 Date 14 August 2017

Dear Residents/Property Owners

PROPOSED NAMING OF KARREUAIRA RESERVE, WONGAWILLI

Council would like to seek your feedback on the proposed naming of a Reserve in the Vista Park Estate, Wongawilli. Information about the proposed naming is on exhibition until 14 August 2017 on the Council website www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au

For further information please see attached Frequently Asked Questions and a Feedback Form. You can provide feedback online or by returning the feedback form, in the reply paid envelope.

If you have further questions about the proposed naming of the reserve please don't hesitate to contact Community Engagement at engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au or 4227 7111.

This letter is authorised by

Dawn Peacock Engagement Officer Wollongong City Council Telephone (02) 4227 7111

Appendix C: FAQ with Location Map



Frequently Asked Questions Proposed Naming of Karreuaira Reserve, Wongawilli

Council is seeking to name a reserve within the Vista Park Estate in accordance with the requirements of Council's Naming of Community Facilities and Parks Policy. Council is asking you to Have Your Say on the proposed name. If the proposal receives community support and Council endorsement, an application to name the reserve will progress to the Geographical Names Board, who make the final decision on the proposal.

Feedback must be received by 5pm 14 August 2017

Background

The reserve is a community green space within the Vista Park Estate, Wongawilli which is located in the West Dapto - Land Release Area (See location map on the last page).

In late 2016 Council considered a proposal to name this area Bankbook Park. Based on community feedback this proposal was not supported by Council.

The community feedback further suggested that Council consider an Indigenous name for the reserve. This is in keeping with Councils Policy for the Naming of Community Facilities and Parks and is encouraged by the Geographical Names Board.

Wollongong City Council is now seeking community comment on the proposal to name the reserve Karreuaira Reserve. Karreuaira is the local Dharawal name for the Moreton Bay fig. Karreuaira is pronounced —"Garreu Aira"

Why call it "Karreuaira Reserve"?

The Moreton Bay Fig (Ficus Macrophylla) is a native of most of the eastern coast, from north Queensland, to the Shoalhaven River, on the New South Wales south coast. In the hills of West Dapto near Wongawilli massive fig trees were once part of local rainforest.

There is a significant Moreton Bay Fig (Karreuaira) located within the reserve that is subject to this naming proposal (Karreuaira Reserve). See Figure 1.

This tree has been identified in the "Dapto Community Heritage Study" and is listed within the 2010 Wollongong Local Environment Plan (LEP) for West Dapto, as an item of local significance. The base of the tree within the reserve was a popular picnic location in the 1920's -1940's.



Figure 1: Karreuaira – Vista Park Estate, Wongawilli

The following research sources were used to confirm the origin of the name Karreuaira:

- Office of Environment and Heritage publication Murni Dhungang Jirrar "Living in the Illawarra".
- Illawarra and South Coast Aborigines, 1770-1900 Report to the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, published by Michael K, Organ, Canberra, 1 December 1993.

The Aboriginal Reference Group and the Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council have indicated they are supportive of the proposed name.

The proposed naming of this reserve – as *Karreuaira Reserve* would recognise and acknowledge cultural, natural and heritage connections with the site.



How is the decision made by Council on whether the proposed name is endorsed?

Have Your Say on the proposal

A report on community feedback is prepared and then considered by Council

If Council decides to support the proposed name, it endorses a submission to the Geographical Names Board

Geographical Names Board makes the final decision

What is the Geographical Names Board process?

Council sends a submission to the Geographical Names Board (GNB) with an application to use the proposed name. Applications are added to GNB Board meeting agendas, which are prepared two weeks in advance of meetings.

If the Board approves the public exhibition of the naming proposal, it is advertised by the GNB for public comment for one month. If no objections are received during the exhibition period, Council is notified and the name is officially assigned in the NSW Government Gazette. See the GNB process summarised as follows:

Application from Council

Naming proposal is advertised by GNB in the local paper

Community submits feedback on the proposal

Feedback is considered, then a decision is made about whether or not the naming goes ahead

If the name is approved by the GNB it is formally gazetted by the NSW Government and Council is notified.

Where can I get more information?

For information about the community consultation for this proposal, please call 4227 7111 or email engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au.

For information relating to the Geographical Names Board, visit www.qnb.nsw.qov.au to obtain fact sheets on Place Naming and the Guidelines for the determination of place names.

How can I have my say?

The easiest way to provide your feedback on the Proposed Naming of Karreuaira Reserve, Wongawilli is to complete a feedback form available on Council's website, Customer Service Centre or Dapto Library.

Visit www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au

 ${\sf Email}\ \underline{\sf engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au}$

Fax 02 4227 7580

For more information, please phone 4227 7111

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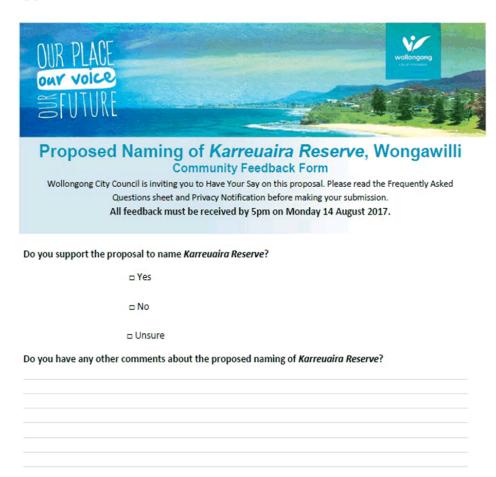
Location Map



Vista Park estate, Wongawilli



Appendix D: Feedback Form



Please return completed form to:

Wollongong City Council Community Engagement Unit Locked Bag 8821

Wollongong NSW 2500 Telephone: 02 4227 7111 Facsimile: 02 4227 7580

Email: engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au

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The purpose for seeking your submission on advertised matters is to better assist Council in its decision making processes.

The intended recipients of your submission are officers within Council and those granted lawful access to the information. Your submission may be exhibited on Council's website and included in publicly accessible registers. If you make an anonymous submission, Council will be unable to contact you further.

If your submission relates to a development proposal or other relevant planning application, Council is required to disclose on its website all relevant details of political donations or gifts made by you, including your name and address.

In limited circumstances, you may apply for suppression of your personal information from a publicly accessible register. Further information is available on Council's website at www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/pages/privacy.aspx or by phoning Council on (02) 4227 7111

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Item 20 - Attachment 4 - Council's Management Policy for Naming of Community Facilities and Parks



NAMING OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND PARKS (INCLUDING SPORTS GROUNDS AND NATURAL AREAS) MANAGEMENT POLICY

ADOPTED BY EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: 23 MAY 2017

BACKGROUND

Council receives a number of requests to recognise the achievements and efforts of individuals and groups that have contributed significantly to the cultural and social aspects of the City of Wollongong.

This procedure relates directly to those requests received for the commemorative/recognition installations and the naming and renaming of Council owned and or controlled community facilities, parks, sportsgrounds, natural areas and general community use lands.

OBJECTIVE

The main objective of this procedure is to provide an opportunity for formal commemorative recognition for individuals and groups whose significant service has enriched the Wollongong region, or who have attained outstanding achievement in their field of endeavour.

POLICY STATEMENT

This policy and supporting procedures are in accordance with Council's Community Recognition Program policy which outlines the options to acknowledge the contributions and the achievements of individuals or groups associated with the city.

This policy extends to:

- Naming and renaming of Community Facilities, Parks, Sportsgrounds, Natural Areas and General Community Use Lands; and
- Commemorative recognition installations in Community Facilities, Parks, Sportsgrounds, Natural Areas and General Community Use Lands.

Wollongong Botanic Garden Public Dedications Policy is to be referred to in context with this policy for the facilitation of any commemorative recognitions at the Wollongong Botanic Garden (refer to the Wollongong Botanic Garden Public Dedications Policy)



Item 20 - Attachment 4 - Council's Management Policy for Naming of Community Facilities and Parks

NAMING OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND PARKS (INCLUDING SPORTS GROUNDS AND NATURAL AREAS)

MANAGEMENT POLICY

STATEMENT OF PROCEDURES

This procedure identifies the process to be followed and setting out of criteria for community requests for commemorative/recognition installations and the naming and renaming of Council owned and or controlled Community Facilities, Parks, Sportsgrounds and Natural Areas.

DEFINITIONS

Community Facilities: Council building managed and/or owned that is made available for the use by the general public including, but not limited to, community centres, halls, and libraries in addition to other fixed structures.

Parks: Community Land categorised as 'park' under the Local Government Act (1993) and Crown Land managed by Council as a park. Such land is primarily used for passive recreational activities.

Sportsgrounds: Community Land categorised as 'sportsground' under the Local Government Act (1993) and Crown Land managed by Council as a sportsground. Such land is primarily used for active recreational activities.

General Community Use: Community Land categorised as 'General Community Use' under the Local Government Act (1993). Such land is provided to meet the current and future needs of the local community.

Natural Area: Community Land categorised as 'natural area (bushland, wetland, escarpment, watercourse, or foreshore)' under the Local Government Act (1993) and Crown Land managed by Council as a natural area.

Commemorative: Something that honours or preserves the memory of another.

Recognition: The acknowledgment of achievement, service, merit, etc.

Installations: 'Installations' where referred to in this policy, refers to assets including plaques, pavers, monuments, trees, furniture, sculptures and rocks.

1 Naming of Parks, Sportsgrounds, Natural Areas and General Community Use Lands

Wollongong City Council follows the guidelines of the NSW Geographical Names Board (GNB) for the assignment of names to parks, sportsgrounds, natural areas and general community use lands within the Wollongong Local Government Area.

Council will consider the naming of parks, sportsgrounds, natural areas and general community use lands (including features within those) based on the following:

- Names of Aboriginal origin and indigenous significance to the local area;
- Botanical reference native to the area.
- Historical or cultural significance to the local area
- Geographical relevance of the immediate area
- A person's name or
- A group charitable, social/cultural community.

It is acknowledged that the GNB's primary directive is to give precedence in using names of Aboriginal origin associated with the feature or a name with an historical background in the area of the feature. Council will utilise these long standing practices wherever possible.

When considering names, Council also notes the GNB also discourages long and clumsily constructed names and names of two or more words should be avoided.

a Criteria

Where a request is made to name parks, sportsgrounds, natural areas and general community use lands. Council is to consider the following:

Applications for places names relating to a person

- Must be made posthumously and not prior to three (3) years of the persons passing.
- The application must demonstrate that the person commemorated and the name chosen meets the following requirements:
 - o The person has had more than twenty years of service to the Wollongong region;
 - Must relate to the place of residence or area of service;
 - The person was of good repute and not likely to be the subject of controversy; and
 - The person has made a significant contribution to the Wollongong region which has been formally recognised.



Item 20 - Attachment 4 - Council's Management Policy for Naming of Community Facilities and Parks

NAMING OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND PARKS

(INCLUDING SPORTS GROUNDS AND NATURAL AREAS)

MANAGEMENT POLICY

Procedure

All proposals for naming must be submitted to Council in writing and must provide the following relevant information -

- Nominated name which is to be considered;
- Must have a historical or cultural or long standing association with the region, place or feature; 0
- Identify the individual or group's contribution to the Wollongong region;
- Include letters of support;
 - if naming is that of a person, letters of support from family/representatives and/or key stakeholders:
- Provide Council with details outlining the strong connection to the site or feature; and
- Clearly identify the proposed council parks, sportsgrounds, natural areas or general community

Please ensure your application also meets the criteria set out in the GNB Guidelines for Commemorative Naming and Placename Application. Further information can be obtained from the GNB website www.gnb.nsw.gov.au/place_naming.

Once the application is received, the application will:

- Step 1: Be reviewed for existing names (formal and/or informal), common use names (including a visual check) and any other relevant checks that are deemed appropriate (including referral to relevant Council Committees and Reference Groups) is required before being sent to Council's Executive Management Committee (EMC) for consideration.
- If supported by the EMC a community consultation process will be undertaken. If not supported Step 2: the applicant is informed of the outcome of the EMC determination.
- Step 3: Following consultation, a report is to be submitted to EMC for determination, if supported a report recommending the naming proceed is submitted to Council for consideration. If not supported the applicant is informed of EMC's determination.
- Step 4: A report recommending the naming proposal is submitted to Council for determination. If not supported by Council the applicant is informed of the determination.
- Following Council's endorsement of the proposal, the formal Council resolution supporting the Step 5: submission of the name will be forwarded to the GNB for their consideration in accordance with their guidelines.
- Final notification of the application will be advised in writing once the GNB approval is received. Step 6:

1.1 Renaming of Parks, Sportsgrounds, Natural Areas and General Community Use Lands

Renaming of existing parks, sportsgrounds, natural areas general community use lands is to be avoided and will only be considered in the following exceptional circumstances:

- If the person/body/entity after which the park was named has been discredited, dishonoured or dissolved:
- The name has been duplicated elsewhere in the Wollongong Local Government Area; or
- The current name is a location name and has not been bestowed in the past.

Criteria 1a) and Procedure 1b) applies.

In the event that a facility is transferred to Council ownership it is the intention that consideration will be given to maintaining the existing name or common use name of that facility.

Naming of Community Facilities (Buildings)

An application for the naming of a facility and halls/rooms within these facilities can only be accepted for a new Council facility and is not applicable to the renaming of an existing facility

Renaming will only occur as outlined at 2.1 Renaming of Community Facilities (Buildings).

Criteria

Facilities should be named using the following guidelines:

- Geographical relevance of the immediate area;
- Historical or cultural significance to the local area;



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NAMING OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND PARKS

(INCLUDING SPORTS GROUNDS AND NATURAL AREAS)

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- Names of Aboriginal origin and Indigenous significance to the local area; and
- Botanical reference native to the area.

Under no circumstance will a new community facility be named after an individual person.

b Procedure

All proposals for naming must be submitted to Council in writing and must provide the following relevant information:-

- o Clearly identify the proposed Council facility to be named;
- Nominate the proposed name which is to be considered (include secondary options);
- Brief outlining why Council should consider the application for the naming;
- Include letters of support; and
- Outline the connection of the name to the site.

Once the application is received, the application will:

- Step 1: Be reviewed for existing names (formal and/or informal), common use names (including a visual check) and any other relevant checks that are deemed appropriate and required (including referral to relevant Council Committees and Reference Groups) before being sent to Council's Executive Management Committee (EMC) for consideration.
- Step 2: If supported by the EMC a community consultation process will be undertaken. If not supported the applicant is informed of the outcome of the EMC determination. Step 3: Following consultation, a report is to be submitted to EMC for determination, if supported a report recommending the naming proceed is submitted to Council for consideration. If not supported the applicant is informed of EMC's determination.
- Step 4: A report recommending the naming proposal is submitted to Council for determination. If not supported by Council the applicant is informed of the determination.
- Step 5: Following Council's endorsement of the proposal final notification of the application will be advised in writing.

2.1 Renaming of Community Facilities (Buildings)

Renaming of existing Community Facilities or rooms/halls within these facilities will only be considered in the following circumstances:

- If there is a change of use of the facility or a change in the original intended use of the facility.; or
- If the organisation or group no longer exist or function.

Criteria 2a) and Procedure 2b) applies to any external applications received.

Internal requests will be sent to Council's EMC for consideration and determination.

In the event that a facility is transferred to Council ownership it is the intention that consideration will be given to maintaining the existing name or common use name of that facility.

3 Commemorative Recognition Installations in Community Facilities, Parks, Sportsgrounds, Natural Areas and General Community Use Lands

Wollongong City Council will only permit commemorative recognition installations in community facilities, parks, sportsgrounds, natural areas and/or general community use lands for individuals or groups in the following circumstances:

- Commemorative recognition installations at Wollongong Botanic Garden (refer to the separate Wollongong Botanic Garden Public Dedications Policy).
- Interpretive signage at a community facility, park, sportsground, natural area or general community use lands which is of historical/cultural significance or circumstances that are of significant contribution to the community.

Please note that Wollongong City Council does NOT PERMIT the spreading of ashes, or placement of personal items at a dedication at any of its parks, sportsgrounds, natural areas and general community use lands.



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Repeals and Review

The policies identified in this document are consistent with national and international best practice. They repeal all existing Geographical Names Board of NSW (GNB) policies and guidelines in respect to geographical naming in NSW, apart from those included in the NSW Addressing User Manual, which are complementary to these policies. They do not apply retrospectively, and any arrangements that predate these rules are not necessarily subject to its terms.

Recognition of any existing NSW geographical name that does not conform to these policies does not establish a precedent for any future naming proposal.

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1 Scope

This policy applies to the operations of the GNB and its Secretariat.

2 Responsibilities

Geographical Names Board

The GNB is responsible for the governance of this policy.

Department of Finance, Services and Innovation (DFSI)

DFSI is responsible for the administrative management, technical support and promotion of the policy under the auspices of the GNB.

3 Glossary

Act	Geographical Names Act 1966 No 13	
CGNA / PCPN	Committee of Geographic Names of Australasia – now renamed the	
	Permanent Committee on Place Names. Part of ICSM	
GNB / Board	Geographical Names Board of NSW as constituted under the Act	
DFSI	Department of Finance, Services and Innovation	
Gazetteer	List of geographical names. In NSW the Geographical names gazetteer is	
	stored in the Geographical Names Register database.	
Geographical name	The name of a place as determined by the provisions of the Act and been	
	notified in the Gazette as a geographical name, but does not include a name	
	which has ceased to be a geographical name under the Act.	
GNB (the GNB)	Geographical Names Board as constituted under the Act	
ICSM	Intergovernmental Committee on Surveying and Mapping	
Place	Defined by the Act as 'any geographical or topographical feature or any	
	area, district, division, locality, region, city, town, village, settlement or	
	railway station or any other place within the territories and waters of the	
	State of New South Wales but does not include any road, any area (within	
	the meaning of the Local Government Act 1993) or area of operations of a	
	county council (within the meaning of that Act), any electoral district under	
	the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912, any school or any place	
	or place within a class of places to which the provisions of this Act do not	
	apply by virtue of the regulations.'	
Recorded name	Defined by the Act as 'the name of a place as it appears on a Lands	
	Department map or, where the name of a place appears differently on two or	
	more such maps, the name of that place as it appears on whichever of those	
	maps was published later than the other or others.'	
Road / Road Naming Authority	Road and Road Naming Authority are defined under the Roads Act 1993 and	
	summarised in section 5.3 of the NSW Address policy	
Secretariat	GNB secretariat appointed in accordance with section 4 of the Act	
Spatial Services	A division of the Department of Finance, Service and Innovation (DFSI). Spatial	
	Services is the government body responsible for the implementation of the	
	Geographical Names Act.	

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4 Introduction

Consistent use of accurate place names is an essential element of effective communication worldwide, and supports socio-economic development, conservation and national infrastructure. (Permanent Committee on Place Names)

Department of Finance, Services and Innovation, Spatial Services and the GNB have statutory responsibility to establish, update, preserve and publicise place naming in New South Wales.

The *Geographical Names Act 1966* recognises the importance of unambiguous and official place names. Place names reflect the relationship between people and place and create a link that forms the basis for communication, location and addressing. Clear and unambiguous place names are essential for emergency services, postal and service delivery as well as professional and personal navigation.

The GNB is committed to recognising our Aboriginal cultural heritage by registering place names given by Aboriginal people so that they can be assigned as geographical names alone or used alongside existing non-Aboriginal names.

The GNB is committed to open and transparent practices and procedures in the selection of place names. This document brings together the policies adopted by the GNB and enables all interested parties to understand why specific names are selected.

The policies detailed in this document are consistent with national and international policies, guidelines and practices.

5 Legislation and Authority

As set out in the Geographical Names Act 1966 (Section 5), the GNB has the following powers and functions:

- · assign names to places
- · approve that a recorded name of a place shall be its geographical name
- alter a recorded name or a geographical name
- determine whether the use of a recorded name or a geographical name shall be discontinued
- adopt rules of orthography, nomenclature and pronunciation with respect to geographical names
- investigate and determine the form, spelling, meaning, pronunciation, origin and history of any geographical name
- the application of any geographical name with regard to position, extent or otherwise
- compile and maintain a vocabulary of Aboriginal words used or suitable for use in geographical names and to record their meaning and origin
- compile and maintain a dictionary of geographical names with a record of their form, spelling, meaning, pronunciation, origin and history
- publish a gazetteer of geographical names
- inquire into and make recommendations on any matters relating to the names of places referred to it by the Minister

The GNB may compile, maintain and publish a list of road names.



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6 Policy - Universal Naming Principles

The following principles shall apply for all new geographical names in New South Wales.

6.1 Language

- 1 Geographical names shall be written in standard Australian English or a recognised format of an Australian Aboriginal language local to the area of the geographical name.
- 2 Diacritical marks (symbols such as ´in é, ¸in ç or : in ö) are not used in Australian English names, and shall be omitted from names drawn from languages that use such marks.
- 3 Geographical names shall be easy to pronounce, spell and write, and preferably not exceed three words (including any designated term) or 25 characters. An exception to this is in the use of Aboriginal names when it is accepted that a traditional name may at first appear to be complex but will, over time, become more familiar and accepted by the community.
- 4 The following types of punctuation as used in Australian English shall not be included as part of a geographical name: period (.), comma (,), colon (:), semi-colon (;), quotation marks (""), exclamation mark (!), question mark (?), ellipsis (...), hyphen (-), solidus (/) and parenthesis (()). For surnames or other names that include a hyphen, the hyphen shall be omitted when used for a geographical name.
- 5 An apostrophe mark shall not be included in geographical names written with a final 's', and the possessive 's shall not be included e.g. Georges River not George's River. Apostrophes forming part of an eponymous name shall be included (e.g. O'Connell Plains).
- 6 A geographical name shall not include a preposition e.g. Avenue of the Allies.
- 7 Geographical names shall not include the definite article (the) as the sole name element of a place name e.g. The Reserve is not acceptable.
- 8 A geographical name shall not be abbreviated or contain an abbreviation, initial or acronym e.g. Point, not Pt except that St shall be used for Saint. An exception may be where an abbreviation may have become widely accepted by the community. Eq CWA for Country Women's Association.
- 9 For the purposes of consistency, names starting with Mc or Mac shall not have a space included between the Mc or Mac and the rest of the name.
- 10 A geographical name shall not include Arabic numerals e.g. 3 or 4th or Roman numerals e.g. IV or X. Where numbers are included in a geographical name they shall be written in full e.g. Fourth Top Ridge, Eleven Mile Creek.
- 11 A geographical name shall not include initials e.g. A F Wyatt Reserve.
- 12 The spelling of geographical names derived from the same source shall be uniform in spelling. e.g. Mount Kosciuszko is now spelt with z to be consistent with original spelling.
- 13 Postnominals and titles shall not be included in geographical names.eg John Smith not John Smith AO. An exception is the use of 'VC'.

Justification

The principles identified above ensure consistency thereby reducing the potential for confusion. These principles are consistently applied throughout Australia and commonly adopted internationally. They also facilitate reliable electronic searching essential for navigation systems, service delivery and public safety.



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6.2 Form and Character of Names

Place names shall be recognisable words or acceptable combinations of words and shall be appropriate to community sensitivities.

Discriminatory or derogatory names are not acceptable. Such names are those perceived, at a given point in time, to be offensive, demeaning, or harmful to the reputation of individuals, or to social, ethnic, religious or other groups. It is recognised that the perception of 'discriminatory' or 'derogatory' may vary through time and from place to place. In response to requests from the public, the GNB will investigate the appropriate status of any names deemed to be discriminatory or derogatory.

Commercial and business names shall not be used for geographical names, particularly where the name can be construed to be promoting a business. However, business names no longer in use which promote the heritage of an area are acceptable.

Use of club, society, association or special interest group names is discouraged. Such association may change their focus or for some reason lose community support. Community based associations, particularly those philanthropic associations, may be acceptable (eg Rotary, Lions, Apex).

7 Policy - Commemorative Names

Commemorative names are those that commemorate a person, event or place. Acts of bravery, community service and exceptional accomplishments are typical grounds for this recognition. The name of persons who gave their lives in service for their country are often used as commemorative names.

The person commemorated should have contributed significantly to the area around the geographic feature or locality.

When such a name is applied, it shall be given posthumously, at least one year after the decease of the person. Names of living persons are by their nature subject to partisan perception and changes in community judgement and acceptance.

Commemorative names shall not be used to commemorate victims of, or mark the location of, accidents or tragedies. Ownership of land is not in itself grounds for the application of an owner's name. Names of persons holding public office shall not be used.

Personal names, including those of persons still living, may be used for built features e.g. pavilions and grandstands etc., however these features are not formally assigned by the GNB and are not covered by the Act.

7.1 Personal Names

The names of deceased persons are suitable for the naming of reserves. Such persons shall have had a long term association with the area, or have made a significant contribution to the area of the proposed park or reserve. To assist local governments in determining the suitability of a name the GNB offers the following guidelines regarding association or contribution:

- Two or more terms of office on the governing local government council.
- Twenty or more years association with a local community group or service club.
- Twenty or more years of association or service with a local or state government or organisation.
- Action by an individual to protect, restore, enhance or maintain an area that produces substantial long term improvements for the community.
- The death of a person within a place is not solely to be considered sufficient justification for commemoration.
- Local residents of note.



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Justification

Using the name of a living person is unacceptable (nationally and internationally) as it may lead to favouritism and/or inappropriate naming. There are examples where people commemorated have later proven to be of poor character or otherwise thought to be unworthy.

8 Policy - Duplication of names

8.1 Duplication of place names

In accordance with the NSW Addressing User Manual (6.8.1 Uniqueness, Duplication), no new locality name shall be duplicated within NSW or any other state or territory in Australia.

Duplication includes identical or similar spelling and/or pronunciation.

8.2 Place names other than localities

Uniqueness is the most essential quality to be sought in proposing a new place name. Duplication should be avoided wherever possible, but new place names may be duplicated provided there is no duplication of the name within the local government or adjoining local government.

Place names with a different designation value are not considered to be duplications. For example, Jenolan River and Jenolan Caves are acceptable.

The GNB encourages efforts by local governments to change or modify duplicate names wherever ambiguity or confusion is likely to occur. Such name changes should be coordinated with the GNB.

Justification

The purpose of place names is primarily to provide unambiguous direction and reference to identify geographical entities. Duplication of locality names is to be avoided because of the confusion this will cause, particularly in the dispatch of emergency services, which is now often coordinated from call centres. Duplication of locality names used for addressing purposes can result in delays in arrival of essential services.

Duplication can also cause personal difficulties such as failed parcel and service delivery and difficulty for tourists and visitors.

Where duplication occurs inter State or Territory, the respective authorities should liaise in order to attempt to arrive at an acceptable solution.



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9 Policy - Place Naming Process

9.1 General

This policy is for the application of place names within the territories and waters of New South Wales including reserves under the management of local government.

The Department of National Parks and Wildlife Services has a separate policy for the naming of national parks under its management.

- All proposals for place naming shall conform to the GNB's Naming Principles.
- All place name proposals shall include a map or diagram clearly defining the extent of the feature proposed to be named.
- Proposals for place naming shall be submitted to the GNB for consideration and formalisation process.
- Private ownership of the land on which a geographical or physical feature is located does not
 confer any naming right to the land owner or manager. This is also true in respect to land under
 the various forms of public management, including national parks and reserves.
- Place names (excluding localities) shall not be duplicated within the same LGA or locality or in an adjoining LGA or locality.

9.2 Selection of names

- Aboriginal names are encouraged as the name to be used for any feature that currently does not have a name recognised by the GNB.
- Names acknowledging the multicultural nature of NSW are encouraged.
- Names associated with the heritage of an area are encouraged, especially the names of early
 explorers, settlers, naturalists, events.
- A name suggested for any place that owes its origin to the peculiarity of the topographic feature designated such as shape, vegetation, animal life etc. may be accepted.
- Gender diversity in names is encouraged.
- The multiplication of names for different parts of the same topographical feature such as a stream
 or mountain range shall be avoided, and the one name applied to a stream or mountain range
 throughout its entire length. However, an Aboriginal name may apply to a limited section of a
 feature.
- The naming of forks, arms and branches of a river as North Branch and South Branch is not supported. Unique names shall be assigned to river branches.
- When a choice is offered between two or more names for the same place, locality or feature, all supported by local usage, the GNB may adopt one of such names as is considered appropriate in accordance with its principles and policies.
- The use of cardinal points of the compass as a prefix or suffix to an existing name shall not be used.
- The changing of long established place names is to be avoided except where necessary to avoid ambiguity or duplication.
- The GNB may approve a first or given name as part of a geographical name only where it is necessary to appropriately honour the person referred to or where it is necessary to avoid ambiguity.



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9.3 Changing names

Where names have been changed or corrupted by long established local usage, it is not usually advisable to attempt to restore the original. Changes are discouraged unless the change has been deemed to be in the public interest or for safety reasons. Changing well established names can lead to address or location confusion, especially to electronic navigation services.

9.4 Correct designation values

The GNB has compiled a Glossary of Designation Values in the Geographical Names Register in order to assist in determining the correct designator to be applied to place names at the time of naming.

New names proposed for place names shall include the designation value appropriate to the nature of the feature.

The Glossary of Designation Values is attached as Appendix A.

9.5 Council resolutions to identify community support

When Council submit a naming proposal, it should be supported by a Council resolution. Council should also supply evidence that they have sought community feedback on the proposal. This could include advertising and inviting comment using:

- · Local newspapers.
- Relevant web site.
- Local council facilities (eg offices, libraries etc).
- Notices to residents in the area surrounding the feature of the proposed name.
- · Notices to local progress associations.

9.6 Naming of Cross Border Features

The name for any feature that crosses the State boundary shall be the same on both sides of that boundary. The basis for the selection of a name for such a feature should be the consensus between relevant authorities. Primary responsibility for obtaining consensus should rest with the authority within which the majority of the feature is located. Any matters regarding naming or renaming of features that cross the state border shall be referred to the Cross Border Commission.

9.7 Referring names to Local Government

Where a submission proposing a name is received by the Secretariat, that submission must be referred to the relevant Local Government and the submitter notified of this action.



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9.8 Generic reserve names

The GNB has classified a number of reserve names as "generic", and when one of these names is proposed it shall also include the name of the locality within which the reserve is located. For example, Volunteer Park is a generic name, and if this name is proposed in Muswellbrook, it shall be proposed as Muswellbrook Volunteer Park

The following park names have been classified as "generic" by the GNB

ACACIA PARK ANZAC PARK

APEX PARK **BI-CENTENARY PARK BI-CENTENNIAL PARK** CENTENARY PARK CENTENNIAL PARK CENTRAL PARK CIVIC PARK GALLIPOLI PARK HERITAGE PARK JUBILEE PARK KINGS PARK LIONESS PARK LIONS PARK MEMORIAL PARK OLYMPIC PARK PEACE PARK PIONEER PARK PRESIDENT PARK PRINCE PARK PRINCESS PARK **OUEENS PARK OUOTA PARK** REMEMBRANCE PARK RIVERSIDE PARK

ROTARY PARK SESQUI CENTENARY PARK

SESQUI CENTENNIAL PARK VOLUNTEER PARK

WAR MEMORIAL PARK

9.9 Use of the name Anzac

The use of the name Anzac is protected by Commonwealth regulations, and may only be used for the naming of a road or park in which, there is situated a public memorial relating to the war which commenced on the fourth day of August 1914, or the war which commenced on the third day of September 1939. (Commonwealth 'Protection of the word 'Anzac' regulation.')

9.10 Naming of facilities within reserves

Facilities within an officially assigned reserve, such as a pavilion, grandstand, garden, buildings etc. may also be named according to this policy, but do not require the formal approval of the GNB. However, the GNB shall be notified of such names to ensure the name, position and origin is recorded in the Spatial Services' Digital Topographic Database and the name shown on maps, where relevant.

9.11 Renaming of reserves

Names chosen for reserves are expected to be enduring, and the renaming of these features is confusing and disruptive and is discouraged. If the renaming of a reserve is proposed, evidence of community support for the name change must be provided. The GNB will then evaluate the merits of the proposal before making a decision.



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9.12 Naming of properties and homesteads

The GNB does not officially assign names of properties or homesteads. However names of properties and homesteads may be recorded in the NSW Digital Topographical Database (DTDB).

10 Policy – Recognition and use of Aboriginal names

10.1 Background

The names we give to places convey their significance through a sense of history, identity and connection between people and a place. The land is seamless with spirituality and identity for Aboriginal people. A key manifestation of this connection are the names given to features on the land that relate to the ancestors, histories, law and lore of its people.

For Aboriginal people connection with 'Country' is intrinsically connected to identity. Country is the area where an Aboriginal community is connected by language, cultural practices and long held relationships between people and the land. Countries are said to own people whereas for non-Aboriginal people land is owned through a range of legal titles. Country and people are inseparable for Aboriginal communities.

This policy is designed to encourage and promote recognition of Aboriginal place names and to foster the more frequent and official use of these names, particularly for places where the names have not been assigned as geographical names. The policy also provides, where it is possible, for the reinstatement of an Aboriginal place name through the dual naming process.

The NSW Government is committed to continuing the recognition of our Aboriginal cultural heritage by registering the original place names used by Aboriginal people to identify geographical features. Where a feature is identified by a non-Aboriginal name and that name is well established, an Aboriginal name put forward for the feature can be assigned as a dual name and sit alongside the existing non-Aboriginal name.

The GNB prefers the use of Aboriginal names for geographical features. Where a feature currently has a non-Aboriginal name, it may be considered for a dual name provided that documentary or oral evidence of the Aboriginal name is provided.

10.2 Recognition and use of Aboriginal names

- Aboriginal place names are preferred for the name of any place that does not have an assigned geographical name.
- Prior to submitting an Aboriginal name for consideration by the GNB, the proponent shall consult
 the Local Aboriginal Land Council and Aboriginal communities on all matters concerning Aboriginal
 place names occurring in their area of current occupation and traditional association, in line with
 self-determination policies. This includes any proposals to assign new names, alter spellings of
 existing names or assign dual names. The GNB will not accept a name nominated by a Local
 Government Council unless the nomination has been endorsed by the local Aboriginal Land
 Council.



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- Aboriginal place names which have been assigned as geographical names shall not be amended in form, spelling, extent or position without the consent of the relevant Aboriginal Land Council or community.
- A dual naming system may be used for the naming of a physical and environmental place[s] of significance to the local Aboriginal Land Council or Community when a non-Aboriginal assigned geographical name already exists. Dual naming shall not apply to localities, towns or roads.
- A dual name can only be assigned where there is plausible historical evidence in the form of
 documentary or oral sources, that the feature has an existing Aboriginal name and that some
 authority or authenticity can be attributed to the source or sources for the form, origin, spelling,
 history and meaning of the name. The name cannot be a new name assigned for the purpose of a
 tribute etc.
- Signs or notices explaining the origins of Aboriginal place names should also identify the name of the language group from which the name originated. For example, the name '...' ... means '.....' from the '...' Aboriginal language group.
- The GNB endorses and supports the Permanent Committee on Place Names "Guidelines for the
 Use of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Names" which is included in the PCPN's "Guidelines for
 the Consistent Use of Place Names".
- The GNB does not have a role in the determining naming, spelling or determination of boundaries
 of Aboriginal Countries or Nations.

11 Policy - Infrastructure

11.1 Railway Stations

Railway stations shall be named after its locality or area of interest unless to do so would lead to a duplicated station name. In these cases a name that identifies the area or location of the station should be used. For example Town Hall Station and Martin Place Station are situated in Sydney where multiple stations are in one locality.

Justification

Railway station names assist in location and navigation and are particularly important for visitors and other travellers.

11.2 Other infrastructure

The GNB does not have specific statutory responsibility for formally naming infrastructure (other than Railway Stations and Post Offices), schools, private estate names or building names.

Nevertheless, naming any prominent feature should follow the accepted practice for naming as detailed in this policy.

Justification

Infrastructure such as buildings and sporting facilities are generally not used for addressing purposes however there is a high likelihood that they may be used for location including emergency services. Unique names for all infrastructure will assist in ensuring their location for emergency services.



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11.3 Bridge Naming

The GNB does not name bridges, however, it encourages all bridge naming to follow the guidelines as set out in this policy.

The naming of bridges and other structures on roads does not have a formal legislative basis. However, the same procedures for road naming applies to bridges and other road infrastructure:

- RMS is responsible for the naming of bridges and other structures on freeways.
- Local councils initiate the naming of bridges on local, regional and state roads (other than freeways). RMS to approve these proposals.

RMS will approve a naming proposal for a bridge or structure provided that:

- The name has wide community support.
- An Aboriginal name has the support of local Aboriginal groups.
- Consideration has been given to National and State commemorative initiatives involving the naming of new of key road infrastructure.
- The name is consistent with GNB place name criteria.
- The design of the name plaque accords with RMS requirements.



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Appendix A



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Glossary of designation values in the Geographical Names Register

ABORIGINAL RESERVE

Crown land set aside for Aborigines, where they may continue their traditional lifestyle away from the influence of white Australians and access to which is controlled by federal or state authorities or by Aboriginal Land Councils.

AERODROME

All licensed aerodromes and government aerodromes maintained by the Federal Airports Corporation, other than those designated 'airports'.

AIRFIELD

A landing or taking-off area for aircraft.

AIRPORT

An aerodrome that handles regular schedules of passengers and freight.

AMPHITHEATRE

Basin shaped hollow, particularly one having steep sides. Considerable variation in size.

ANABRANCH

A distributary of an anastomosing river which links up with other distributaries and sometimes with the parent stream.

ARM

A comparatively long, narrow and natural waterway extending from a larger body of water.

ARTESIAN BORE

A hole bored perpendicularly into strata, producing a constant supply of water at the surface without pumping.

BACKWATER

A body of stagnant water connected to a river.

BASIN

- 1. The tract of country drained by a river and its tributaries, or which drains into a particular lake or area.
- 2. A circumscribed formation in which the strata dip inward from all sides to the centre; the stratified deposit, especially of coal, lying in such a depression.

3. An area of water limited in extent and nearly enclosed by structures alongside which vessels can lie. A non-tidal basin is one closed by caisson of gates to shut off from open water, so that a constant level of water can be maintained in it. Also called a 'wet dock'. A tidal basin is one without gates in which the level of the water rises and falls with the tide. Sometimes called an 'Open Basin'.

BAY

A well-marked indentation made by the sea or a lake into a coastline, whose penetration is in such proportion to the width of its mouth as to contain land locked waters and constitutes more than a mere curvature of the coast.

BEACH

The sloping shore along a body of water that is periodically washed by waves or tides and is usually covered with sand or gravel.

BIGHT

A crescent-shaped indentation in the coastline usually of large extent and not more than a 90 degree sector of a circle. See 'Bay' and 'Gulf'.

BILLABONG

An efflux from a stream, usually an old bend in the stream, which has been cut off by erosion and deposition. When the fall of a stream is only a few centimetres per kilometre channel is usually incapable of clearing flood waters, which overflow into this efflux. As the water recede the efflux or billabong becomes a pool or a series of pools, which in dry periods may completely dry up.

BLUFF

A spur or ridge terminating in a steep, rocky face.

RORE

A deep vertical hole of a small diameter drilled to obtain water. Designation includes 'Artesian Bore'.



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BOUNDARY

That which serves to indicate the limits of a particular area. Various types of boundaries which may be encountered are:

- 1. UNCLASSIFIED BOUNDARIES; those drawn by the compiler prior to classification to delineate a change in surface characteristics.
- 2. INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES; those defining the territorial sovereignty of a country.
- 3. STATE OR TERRITORY BOUNDARIES; those defining the major administrative or political divisions within a country.
- 4. ADMINISTRATIVE AREA BOUNDARIES; those defining areas of common local or regional administration.
- PROHIBITED AREA BOUNDARIES; those defining the limits of an area into which entry is prohibited, without prior permission from a controlling authority, for security or safety reasons.

BREAKWATER

A natural or artificial structure along a coast capable of checking the force of the waves, thereby reducing beach erosion. The designation includes 'groyne', 'training wall' and 'levee'. The latter two are to restrict rivers to a defined course.

BROOK

A small stream or rivulet.

BUTTE

A small residual of a mesa. The level top being the upper surface of the hard stratum but little lowered by erosion. The slopes on all sides are escarpments and its maximum horizontal dimension in any one direction is about 400 metres.

BUTTRESS

A very steep spur projecting from a hill, mountain, plateau, range etc., having the appearance of supporting it

CAMP

A place where tents, cabins, etc. are erected for the use of military troops, etc.

CANAL

A large artificial watercourse used for irrigation or navigation.

CANYON

A gorge, relatively narrow but of considerable size, bounded by steep slopes. It has often been formed by a river cutting through the soft rocks of an arid region; the scantiness of the rainfall prevents denudation of the canyon walls, and so maintains their steepness. The walls of a large canyon, however, rarely approach the vertical, and their irregularity of slope is due to inequalities in the hardness of the rock.

CAPE

A piece of land jutting into the sea; a projecting headland or promontory.

CATCHMENT AREA

The region which drains all the rain water that falls on it, apart from that removed by evaporation, into a river or stream, which then carries the water into the sea or a lake; it may thus coincide with the 'River Basin'. Its boundary is defined by the ridge beyond which water flows in the opposite direction - away from the basin.

CAUSEWAY

A raised roadway of solid structure built across low or wet ground or across a stretch of water.

CAVE

A hollowed-out chamber in the earth, especially a natural cavity with an opening to the surface.

CEMETERY

A place or area for burying the dead.

CHANNEL

- 1. An artificial watercourse used for drainage or irrigation purposes.
- 2. A comparatively deep and narrow waterway affording a passage for vessels. The waterway may be natural or dredged and can occur in a river, harbour or sea.

CHASM

A particularly narrow portion of a gorge or ravine where the width is notably exceeded by the depth and the sides are vertical or nearly so.

CITY

A centre of population, commerce and culture with all essential services; a town of significant size and importance, generally accorded the legal right to call itself a city under, either, the Local Government Act, the Crown Lands Act or other instruments put in place by government.

CIVIC PLACE

A pedestrian area or open space, especially a square or plaza, within an urban environment which is frequented by citizens for a variety of purposes including public activities. It may be a place of commemoration. It does not include areas specifically created for commercial or business purposes. It is not to be used in an official address.

CLEARING

An area of ground within a forest, where less than 15% of the ground is covered by trees or scrub. Clearings within areas of dense vegetation may be manmade or naturally occurring.

CLIFF

A perpendicular or steep face of rock considerable in height, either inland or along the coast.



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COLLEGE

An establishment for technical or vocational education usually post secondary.

COMMON

A tract of land which belongs to the local community as a whole, and is open to common use.

COUNTY

Territorial division of the state for administrative purposes.

COVE

A small indention in a coast, usually sheltered.

COWAL

A small lake or dam.

CRATER

A bowl shaped cavity, in particular, at the summit or on the side of a volcano. And from which smoke and steam may emanate if the volcano is active. Craters of extinct volcanoes may contain crater lakes. The word crater is applied to other depressions especially those caused by the fall of large meteorites onto the earth's surface. Volcanic craters are sometimes called calders.

CREEK

A natural watercourse that is usually a tributary of a river or another creek. It may be perennial or non-perennial and in some areas its course may become indefinite or even peter out.

CROSSING

A place where a street, railway, stream, etc., may be crossed.

CUTTING

An open excavation through high ground, generally for a transportation system.

DAM

- 1. A barrier built across a stream to impound its water for any purpose.
- 2. An earthen structure built to contain water for stock purposes.

DEPRESSION

A depressed or sunken place.

DESERT

An almost barren tract of land in which precipitation is so scanty or spasmodic that it will not adequately support vegetation.

DIP

A place for controlling ticks on cattle.

DISTRICT

1. Territory marked off for special administrative purposes.

2. A tract of country, up to about 1600 sq. kms in area, distinguished by certain common characteristics, natural or cultural.

DOCK

An artificial structure in which ships are built or repaired.

DRAIN

A channel, man made or natural, by which liquid is drained or gradually carried away.

DUNES

Mounds or ridges of sand formed, either in a desert or along the sea coast, through transportation by the wind.

ESCARPMENT

A more or less continuous line of cliffs or steep slopes terminating any generally level upland surface, and is due to erosion or faulting.

ESTUARY

The tidal mouth of a river, where the tide meets the current of fresh water; more commonly, an arm of the sea at the lower end of a river.

FALLS

A sudden, more or less perpendicular, descent of water over a natural step in the bed of a river or stream.

FAULT

A fracture in the earth's crust along which movement has taken place, and where the rock strata on the two sides therefore do not match.

FLAT

A relatively level piece of ground within an area of greater relief; a tract of country without hills and smaller than a plain. In river valleys they may be Valley or River Flats, along the foreshores and subject to tidal action they are Tidal Flats and according to the nature of the surface they may be Mud, Stony or Sandy Flats.

FLORA RESERVE

Crown land set aside for the protection of flora, and access to which is controlled by federal or state authorities.

FORD

The shallow part of a stream or other body of water, where it may be crossed by vehicle or by wading. The crossing may be natural or improved, but not by bridging.

FOREST

An area of land proclaimed to be a forest under a Forest Act.

GAOL

A place for the confinement of persons convicted and sentenced to imprisonment or of persons awaiting trial.



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GAP

A low point or opening between hills or mountains or in a ridge or mountain range.

GLEN

A narrow, wooded valley with a stream flowing at its bottom. Its sides being generally steep.

GOLF COURSE

An area of ground laid out for the playing of golf.

GORGE

A valley deep in proportion to its width, usually with precipitous or very steep sides. Generally a feature of some magnitude, relative to the surrounding base.

GRADIENT

A noteworthy gradient inclination or slope of the surface of the ground on the side or end of an elevated relief feature.

GRAVEYARD

A place for graves; a burial ground, esp. a small one or one in a churchyard.

GULE

Large valleys in mountain ranges OR an area of sea partly enclosed by land; usually of larger extent, and greater relative penetration than a bay, that is, Gulf of Carpentaria.

GULLY

A natural watercourse formed in the earth's surface, especially a hillside, by the action of water. It only carries water after rain and its sides are generally steep. Usually one of the smallest branches of a drainage system, and often associated with erosive action.

HARBOUR

A natural or artificially improved stretch of water where vessels can anchor or secure to buoys or alongside wharves etc and obtain protection from sea and swell. The protection may be afforded by natural features or by artificial works. The place may be provided with terminal and transfer facilities for loading and discharging cargo or passengers.

HEAD

A comparatively high promontory of land projecting into the sea with a steep face. An un-named head is usually described as a 'Headland' when a specific name is assigned, it becomes a 'Head'.

HEADLAND

A narrow area of land jutting out into a sea, lake, etc.

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A small portion of the earth's surface elevated above its surroundings, of lower altitude than a mountain. Generally its altitude is less than 300 metres above the surrounding country but this can change in areas of low relief.

HILLOCK

A small hill or mound.

HISTORIC AREA

An area or precinct containing no or minimum present activity, but which at one time was an area of recognised name and purpose.

HISTORIC SITE

A specific place or site which has at one time been the site of an event or purpose.

HISTORICAL LOCALITY

An area or precinct containing no or minimum present activity, but which at one time was an area of recognised name and purpose.

HISTORICAL RECONSTRUCTION

An area or precinct which at one time was an area of recognised name and purpose and has now been redeveloped to recognise its past.

HOLE

An area hollowed out in or an opening in the ground.

INI ET

A narrow indentation in the coastline or in the lake or river by which the water penetrates into the land.

ISLAND

A piece of land usually completely surrounded by water.

ISLET

A comparatively small insular landmass. Smaller than an Island but larger than a Cay.

KNOB

Rounded projection from a surface.

KNOLL

A small rounded Hill.

LAGOON

An enclosed area of water separated from the open sea or from a stream by some more or less effective, but not complete, obstacle such as low sandbanks.

LAKE

An extensive sheet of fresh or saltwater, natural or artificial, enclosed or nearly enclosed by land. It may or may not have in and out-flowing water, and in dry areas may even dry up at times.

LAKE BED

The area of a lake which is under water or once was under water.

LANDING PLACE

The act of coming to land. A place of disembarkation.

LANDMARK

A prominent or well known object in or feature of a particular landscape. A boundary marker. A large continuous area of land, as opposed to seas or islands.



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LANDSCAPE FEATURE

This designation is used for a feature of the landscape, whether natural or cultural, which does not fit comfortably in any other designation and the number (actual and expected) of such places in NSW does not warrant a specific separate designation.

LIGHTHOUSE

A distinctive structure on or off the Coast, exhibiting a major light designed to serve as an aid to navigation.

LOCALITY

A bounded area within the landscape that has a 'Rural' Character.

LOCK

A section of a canal or river that may be closed off by gates to control the water level and the raising and lowering of vessels that pass through it.

LOOKOUT

A natural scenic viewpoint on elevated ground. Works or structures within the immediate vicinity of the view point improving the safety, amenities or view may be evident.

LOOP

A railway branch line which leaves the main line and rejoins it after a short distance.

MARINA

A docking facility for yachts and other pleasure boats accessible for private patrons only.

MARSHES

Low poorly drained land that is sometimes flooded and often lies at the edge of lakes etc.

MESA

A flat table-like upland, which falls away steeply on all sides (escarpments). It is larger in area than a 'butte' but smaller than a 'plateau'.

MONOLITHS

Large block of stone or anything that resembles one in appearance, intractability, etc. A statue, obelisk, column, etc, cut from one block of stone, A large hollow foundation piece sunk as a caisson and filled with concrete.

MOOR

A tract of unenclosed ground, usually covered with heather, coarse grass, bracken, and moss.

MOUNT

A natural elevation of the earth's surface rising more or less abruptly from the surrounding level, and attaining an altitude which, relative to adjacent elevations, is impressive or notable. In general the elevation of a mountain is more than 300 metres from foot to summit, but this distinction is arbitrary. For reasons of euphony and local usage 'Mount' is usually used when the generic term precedes the specific term and 'Mountain' when it succeeds it

MOUNTAIN

A large natural elevation of the earth's surface.

MOUNTAIN LAKES

A lake created by an extinct volcanic crater.

MOUNTAIN PEAK

A prominent point of a hill or mountain. The separately named summits on a range of hills or mountains.

MOUNTAIN RANGE

A series or line of mountain or hill ridges with or without peaks, in which the crests are relatively narrow. Its minimum length is about 16 kilometres.

NAVAL ESTABLISHMENT

An institution, pier or building specially designed and equipped for use by the Navy.

NECK

A narrow strip of land; peninsula or isthmus.

NEIGHBOURHOOD

The immediate environment; surroundings. A district where people live. The people in a particular area. Living or situated in and serving the needs of a local area.

OBSERVATORY

An institution or building specially designed and equipped for observing meteorological and astronomical phenomena. Any building or structure providing an extensive view of its surroundings.

OCEAN

A very large stretch of sea. The vast body of water on the surface of the globe that surrounds the land.

PARISH

Territorial division of the state for administrative purposes.

PASS

A depression or gap in a range of mountains or hills permitting easier passage from one side to the other.

PASSAGE

A comparatively deep and narrow waterway affording a passage for a vessel.

PEAK

A prominent point of a hill or mountain. The separately named summits on a range of hills or mountains.

PENINSULA

A piece of land almost surrounded by water, especially one connected with the mainland by only a narrow neck of land or isthmus.

PICNIC AREA

A location to which people bring food to be eaten in the open air.

PINNACLE

The highest point. A towering peak, as of a mountain.



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PIT

A large usually deep opening in the ground.

DI AIN

A tract of country the general surface of which is comparatively flat or slightly undulating. In extent generally not less than 2,500 hectares and sparsely, if at all timbered.

PLATEAU

An elevated tract of comparatively flat or level land, having a large part of its total surface at or near the summit level. Its local relief may be very great in cases where it is cut by gorges, or it may have a small local relief like a plain in cases where erosion has not been severe. Its minimum horizontal dimension in any direction generally exceeds 1.6km.

POINT

A location, spot, or position. Point of land. A small promontory,

POND

A pool of still water, often artificially created.

POOL

A small body of still water, usually fresh. A deep part of a stream or river where the water runs very slowly.

PORT

A town or place alongside navigable water with facilities for the loading and unloading of ships.

POST OFFICE

A local office for receiving, distributing and transmitting mail, providing telecommunication services etc.

POWER STATION

An electrical generating station.

PRISON

A place to which persons are legally committed, either while awaiting trial or for punishment.

PUBLIC WATERING PLACE

An artificial waterhole.

RACECOURSE

A place which has been licensed by government for the holding of horse races.

RAILWAY

A permanent track composed of a line of parallel metal rails fixed to sleepers for transport of passengers and goods in trains.

RAILWAY CUTTING

An excavation in a piece of high land for a railway.

RAILWAY LOOP

A short branch off a railway track, often connected at both ends to the main track where trains can pass on a single line stretch of railway. In some cases freight may be handled at these sidings. This designation includes 'Railway Siding'.

RAILWAY SIDING

A short branch off a railway track, often connected at both ends to the main track where trains can pass on a single line stretch of railway. In some cases freight may be handled at these sidings. This designation includes 'Railway Loop'.

RAILWAY STATION

A structure beside a railway line with facilities for passengers and freight.

RAMP

An area set aside for the launching of small water craft, usually paved.

RANGE

A series or line of mountain or hill ridges with or without peaks, in which the crests are relatively narrow. Its minimum length is about 16 kilometres.

RAPIDS

Portions of a stream with accelerated current where it descends rapidly without a break in the slope of the bed sufficient to form a waterfall.

RAVINE

A deep narrow steep sided valley.

REACH

A comparatively straight part of a river or channel between two bends.

REEF

A ridge of rocks or coral lying near the surface of the sea, which may be visible at low tide, but is usually covered by water.

REGION

A region is a relatively large tract of land distinguished by certain common characteristics, natural or cultural.

Natural unifying features could include same drainage basin, similar landforms, or climatic conditions, a special flora or fauna, or the like. Cultural determining features could include boundaries proclaimed for administrative purposes, common land use patterns etc.

REGULATOR

Any of various mechanisms or devices such as a governor valve, for controlling fluid flow, pressure, temperature,

RESEARCH STATION

An institution, farm or building specially designed and equipped for carrying out agricultural research.

RESERV

An area proclaimed to be a public reserve by government legislation.

RESERVOIR

An artificial lake or structure storing water for domestic or other uses.



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RIDGE

A long and narrow stretch of elevated ground. It generally has a length less than 16 kilometres.

RIFLE RANGE

An area used for target practice with rifles.

RIVE

A major natural stream in a large catchment basin, carrying water to another river, a lake or the sea. Usually perennial, but not necessarily so in arid areas.

RIVER BEND

A curve in the course of a stream. This designation includes 'meander'.

RIVER CROSSING

A place where a river may be crossed.

RIVER FLAT

A relatively level piece of ground within an area of greater relief; a tract of country without hills and smaller than a plain, caused by the laying down of sediment by a river.

RIVER MOUTH

The area at which a river makes contact with the sea.

RIVULET

A small stream.

ROAD BEND

A bend in a road.

ROADS

An open way, usually surfaced with tarmac or concrete, providing passage from one place to another.

ROADSTEAD

An open anchorage for ships, which may be sufficiently sheltered to give protection from seas, usually by reefs, sandbanks, or islands.

ROCK

A prominent or isolated out crop of rock, or even a single large stone. This designation includes 'boulder' 'crag' 'needle' 'pillar' and 'tor'.

ROCK FACE

An area of exposed rock, generally in a vertical position.

RURAL PLACE

A place, site or precinct in a rural landscape, generally of small extent, the name of which is in current use.

SADDLE

A col or pass or any land form recalling in shape a saddle.

SANDBANK

A bank of sand in a sea or river that may be exposed at low tide.

SANDBAR

A ridge of sand in a river or sea, built up by the action of tides, currents, etc, and often exposed at low tide.

SANDHILL

A mound, ridge or hill of drifted sand either in a desert or along a sea coast, formed by the action of wind.

SANDRIDGE

Sand drifts in long ridges tending parallel to and elongating in the direction of the prevailing winds.

SCHOOL

An establishment for primary or secondary education created by the Education Act.

SCRUB

A vegetation consisting of stunted trees, bushes, and other plants growing in an arid area. An area of arid land covered with such vegetation.

SEA

One of the divisions of the oceans, especially if partly enclosed by land.

CHOVI

A ridge of sand or of rocks just below the surface of the sea or of a river and therefore dangerous to navigation.

SPORTSGROUND

A reserve used for sporting fixtures.

SPRING

A flow of water issuing naturally out of the ground, either continuously or intermittently.

SPUR

A minor linear projection off a range, ridge, mountain, tableland, hill or plateau being generally not more than 2 kilometres in length and decreasing in altitude from the parent feature.

STATE

A major administrative or political division within a country.

STATION

A structure beside a railway line with facilities for passengers and freight.

STEEPS

The very steep and deep sides of a mountain or high plateau.

STRAIT

A comparatively narrow passage connecting two seas or two large bodies of water.

STREAM

Small river, brook. Any steady flow of water or other fluid.



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SUBURB

A bounded area within the landscape that has an 'Urban' Character.

SURF BREAK

A permanent obstruction such as a reef, bombora, rock or sandbar which causes waves to break thus making conditions conducive to surfing.

SWAMP

A tract of land normally saturated with water, having little or no drainage and characterised by a growth of grass or reeds. This designation includes 'marsh'.

SYPHON

A tube/pipe placed with one end at a certain level in a body of water and the other in a body of water below this level.

TABLELAND

An elevated tract of land with a generally level surface of considerable extent, generally with a minimum area of 2,500 hectares.

TANK

An artificial waterhole forming a reservoir for rainwater and adjacent run-off.

TERMINAL

A reception or departure building at the terminus of a bus, sea or air transport route.

TERRACE

A level or nearly level strip of land, usually narrow and bordering the sea, a lake or river, lying between a slope upwards to hills on one side and a slope, often abrupt, downwards on the other.

TOPS

The top of a hill

TOWER

A tall usually square or circular structure, sometimes part of a larger building and usually built for a specific

TOWN

A commercial nucleus offering a wide range of services and a large number of shops, often several of the same type. Depending on size, the residential area can be relatively compact or (in addition) dispersed in clusters on the periphery.

TRACK

A formed and/or marked track that is used by people either walking, cycling or riding a horse. This designation includes 'trails'.

TRAINING WALL

See 'Breakwater'.

TRIG. STATION

A point on the ground, the geographic position of which has been determined by geodetic survey.

TUNNE

An underground passageway, esp. one for trains or cars. Any passage through or under something.

UNIVERSITY

An institution of higher education having authority to award bachelor and higher degrees, usually having research facilities.

URBAN LOCALITY

Not now recommended, see 'Urban Place'.

URBAN PLACE

A place, site or precinct in an urban landscape, the name of which is in current use, but the limits of which have not been defined under the address locality program.

URBAN VILLAGE

A cohesive populated place in an urban landscape, which may provide a limited range of services to the local area.

VALLEY

Long depression in the land surface, usually containing a river, formed by erosion or by movements in the earth's crust. Any elongated depression resembling a valley.

VILLAGE

A cohesive populated place in a rural landscape, which may provide a limited range of services to the local area. Residential subdivisions are in urban lot sizes.

WATER AERODROME

All licenced aerodromes and government aerodromes maintained by the Federal Airports Corporation, other that those designated 'airports' which have landing facilities on water for sea planes etc.

WATER FEATURE

A feature within water.

WATER SYPHON

See 'Syphon

WATERFALL

A sudden descent of water over a step in the bed of a stream, the fall being much steeper than in the designation 'rapids'. In place names frequently shortened to 'Fall' or 'Falls'. This designation includes 'cascade' and 'cataract'.

WATERHOLE

A natural hole or hollow containing water, often in the dry bed of an intermittent river.

WEIR

A barrier, erected across a stream to impound and raise the water level for the purpose of maintaining it at the level required for irrigation or navigation purposes.



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WELL

A hole or pit dug in the ground to obtain water.

WHARF

A platform alongside of which ships may be secured for loading or unloading cargo or passengers. This designation includes 'pier', 'quay', 'jetty', and 'marina' for those marinas that only have public access.

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