

## ITEM 5 PROPOSED NAMING OF FOUR UNNAMED LANES IN CORRIMAL

It is proposed to name four unnamed lanes in Corrimal.

This report seeks approval to take action under Section 162 of the Roads Act 1993 to name the lanes.

### RECOMMENDATION

Action be taken under Section 162 of the Roads Act 1993, to name the four unnamed lanes at Corrimal shown on the attachment to this report, as Summerhill Lane, Rosalia Lane, Bignell Lane and Festivus Lane.

### REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Peter Coyte, Manager Property and Recreation

Authorised by: Jenny Thompson, Director Community Services - Creative and Innovative City (Acting)

### ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Map of four unnamed lanes proposed to be named

### BACKGROUND

There are four lanes in Corrimal bounded by the Princes Highway, Coxs Avenue, Doncaster Street and Wilford Street which are unnamed. The location of these lanes is shown in the attachment to this report. It is proposed that action be taken under Section 162 of the Roads Act 1993, to name the lanes: Summerhill Lane, Rosalia Lane, Bignell Lane and Festivus Lane.

The naming of the lanes will assist members of the public, contractors, delivery companies, Australia Post and emergency services to locate properties in the area, especially if they are subdivided in the future and newly created properties are addressed to the lanes.

Suggestions for possible names were sought from the Local Studies Library and the local community was consulted concerning their preferences. Amongst a number of proposed names, there were three suggestions provided for Aboriginal names, being "Korimul" - Aboriginal warrior, "Kurimul" - Corrimal mountain named after Aboriginal warrior and "Korowal" - Pig Face, Dharawal name for local native plant used for food and medicine. These names were not considered suitable as they are very similar to the name of Corrimal Street which already exists in Tarrawanna and Wollongong and therefore they would be rejected by the NSW Geographical Names Board as a duplication of that name.

On the basis of the research and consultation undertaken, the following information relating to each of the proposed names was considered:

**Summerhill Lane** – south western lane - Dr George Cox was born in Nottinghamshire, England in about 1805. He arrived in Australia in 1840 and acquired approximately 50 acres of land at Corrimal which he named Summerhill. Dr Cox resided there until his death in 1880. There is a creek dividing the north western lane and as it is unlikely that a bridge will be constructed over this creek in the near future, it is proposed that the southern portion of the lane from Coxs Avenue, heading north over Robson Street to the creek, is named Summerhill Lane, as shown on the attachment to this report. The northern portion of this lane is proposed to be named Bignell Lane, as described below.

**Rosalia Lane** – south eastern lane - Sister Rosalia of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart of Jesus opened the first Catholic school in April 1904.

**Bignell Lane** – north western lane - Bob Bignell started his football career in 1939 and amassed 424 appearances over 24 years with the Corrimal Rangers, Woonona, North Shore and South Coast United. He captained the Australian Socceroos Olympic Football Team at the Melbourne Olympics in 1956, played rugby league and cricket for Corrimal and was a noted sportsman in the area.

**Festivus Lane** – north eastern lane - the name Festivus comes from the “Festivus Celebration” held in the lane on 23 December each year, with 2018 being the 4th year of this well-attended community event. Festivus references a secular holiday celebrated on 23 December as a way of celebrating the Christmas holiday season without participating in its pressures and commercialism.

## PROPOSAL

It is proposed that action be taken under Section 162 of the Roads Act 1993 to name the lanes: Summerhill Lane, Rosalia Lane, Bignell Lane and Festivus Lane, as shown on the attachment to this report.

## CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

136 letters were sent to landowners in the area and a notice published in the Wollongong Advertiser on 11 April 2018 proposing to name the lanes as follows:

- North western lane - Cougar Lane - Corrimal Cougars Rugby League Football Club has competed in the Illawarra Rugby League Premiership since 1912.
- South western lane - Summerhill Lane.
- North eastern lane - Ice Cream Lane - Edwin (Ted) Street established Streets Ice Cream Limited in Corrimal in the 1930s.
- South eastern lane - Rosalia Lane.

The following submissions were received:

- Three emails in support of Summerhill Lane.
- Three emails in support of Rosalia Lane.
- Six emails objecting to the name of Ice Cream Lane, with one suggesting the name of Doncaster Lane, Mary Davis Lane or Coxtan Lane and four emails suggesting the name of Festivus Lane.

Although Dr Cox’s estate was known as Summer Hill, it was also known locally as Coxtan Estate and Cox’s Hill. The NSW Geographical Names Board was consulted on the suitability of the name of Coxtan Lane and they advised that despite the proximity of the subject lane to Cox’s Avenue, they would approve the name of Coxtan Lane as it is considered different enough in sound and spelling to Cox’s Avenue.

The name Festivus comes from the “Festivus Celebration” held in the lane on 23 December each year, with 2018 being the 4th year of this well-attended community event. Festivus is a secular holiday celebrated on 23 December as a way of celebrating the holiday season without participating in its pressures and commercialism.

The suggested names of Doncaster Lane and Mary Davis Lane were rejected as they would not be approved by the Geographical Names Board due to already being in use within the Wollongong Local Government Area.

- An email and a letter objecting to the name of Cougar Lane – the letter writer suggested the name of Bignell Lane. Bob Bignell started his football career in 1939 and amassed 424 appearances over 24 years with the Corrimal Rangers, Woonona, North Shore and South Coast United. He captained the Australian Soccerroos Olympic Football Team at the Melbourne Olympics in 1956, played rugby league and cricket for Corrimal and was a noted sportsman in the area.

Due to the objections received in relation to the names for two of the lanes, further consultation was undertaken. Another 136 letters were sent to landowners in the area and an amended notice published in the Wollongong Advertiser on 30 May 2018 suggesting the names of Summerhill Lane, Rosalia Lane, Bignell Lane and Coxtan Lane or Festivus Lane. The following submissions were received:

- One email advising that electronic mapping sources such as Whereis show the south eastern lane (proposed to be named as Rosalia Lane) as Colm Lane and that it has always been known locally as Colm Lane. However, an investigation has shown that there is no historical basis for it to be named as Colm Lane, apart from the presumption that Colm is an abbreviation of St Columbkille. Although the website for St Columbkilles Church shows the entrance to its carpark being off Colm Lane, the principal of St Columbkilles Catholic Primary School was not aware of any history of the name Colm Lane and was supportive of the lane being named as Rosalia Lane.
- Two emails in support of Coxtan Lane.
- Two emails in support of Festivus Lane.

In summary, based on the submissions received, it is proposed to name the lanes Summerhill Lane, Rosalia Lane, Bignell Lane and Festivus Lane.

### PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report is in accordance with Council's "Road Naming" policy.

This report contributes to the delivery of Wollongong 2028 goal "We have a healthy community in a liveable city".

It specifically delivers on core business activities as detailed in the Property Services Service Plan 2018-19.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The only cost which will be incurred in this matter will be the erection of street signs, the funding of which is achievable within the current budget.

### CONCLUSION

In order to provide assistance to the public, contractors, emergency services and for delivery purposes, it is recommended that four unnamed lanes in Corrimal be named Summerhill Lane, Rosalia Lane, Bignell Lane and Festivus Lane.

