

ITEM 11 PROPOSED NAMING OF UNNAMED LANE IN WOLLONGONG

Council has received a request to name an unnamed lane in Wollongong.

This report seeks approval to the naming of the lane.

RECOMMENDATION

Action be taken under Section 162 of the Roads Act 1993 to name the lane running from Mailer Avenue to Strathearn Avenue, Wollongong between Mailer Avenue and Lauder Avenue, as shown crosshatched on the attachment to this report, as Spinebill Lane.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Peter Coyte, Manager Property and Recreation

Authorised by: Kylee Cowgill, Director Community Services – Creative and Innovative City (Acting)

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Map of unnamed lane proposed to be named

BACKGROUND

Council has received a request from a landowner in Mailer Avenue to name the lane which runs from Mailer Avenue to Strathearn Avenue, Wollongong between Mailer Avenue and Lauder Avenue, as shown crosshatched on the attachment to this report.

Suggestions for names were sought from Council's Reference Library and three were considered suitable being:

- Stumbles Lane – an auctioneer prominent in the area in the 1900s who auctioned the original Gladstone Estate.
- Mayo Lane – an auctioneer prominent in the area in the early 1900s, and
- Spinebill Lane – a local bird.

Consultation with the local community comprised a notice being published in the Wollongong Advertiser on 14 June 2017 and 75 letters being sent to local residents. Six submissions were received – two supporting the name Spinebill Lane and one supporting Mayo Lane. The three other submissions suggested the names of Jacaranda Lane, Mailer Lane and Harrigan Lane, however, these three names are already in use throughout the Local Government Area. The NSW Geographical Names Board will not approve of any duplication of street names within the Local Government Area.

Therefore, it is proposed to name the subject lane as Spinebill Lane.

PROPOSAL

It is proposed to take action under Section 162 of the Roads Act 1993 to name the unnamed lane in Wollongong as Spinebill Lane.

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Letters were forwarded to 75 residences in the vicinity of the laneway and a notice published in the Wollongong Advertiser on 14 June 2017. Six submissions were received as outlined above.

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This proposal is in line with Council's policy "Road Naming".

This report contributes to the delivery of Wollongong 2022 goal "We are a healthy community in a liveable city".

It specifically delivers on core business activities as detailed in the Property Services Service Plan 2017-18.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The only cost that Council will incur in the naming of this lane is the installation of new street signs, the cost of which is available in the current budget. There is a cost for the publication of a notice in the NSW Government Gazette to name the lane, however, this amount is covered by the NSW Geographical Names Board.

CONCLUSION

In order to provide better identification of streets for emergency services and postal delivery purposes, it is recommended that the unnamed lane in Wollongong be named as Spinebill Lane.

