

# 2222 - Naming of Streets

## Governance Policy

### PURPOSE

- 1) The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance in the naming of Streets within the North Burnett Regional Council local government area, for consistency and ease of reference for all road users.

### SCOPE

- 2) This policy applies to the naming and renaming of all Streets within Council's local government area.

### DEFINITIONS

Term	Definition
Australian Standards	Australian/New Zealand Standard Rural and Urban Addressing AS/NZS 48119:2011; Australian Standard AS4590-2006; and Australian Standard AS1742.5-1997 as amended from time to time.
Council	means North Burnett Regional Council
Datum Point	means the commencement point (commonly the start of the road) for any sequence of address numbers.
Name Duplication	means for the purpose of this Policy, the street name and the street type (eg. Smith Street is considered a duplication of Smith Road) if both are within the same suburb, post code or local government area
Region	means any location occurring within the defined boundaries of North Burnett Regional Council.
Roads	has the same meaning as road in the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> and also refers to all streets, parks, bridges and other places within Council's local government area, but excludes private roads and state-controlled roads.
Road Users	means all motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, emergency services, mail delivery and other service providers reliant on the road network.
Street	means all streets, roads, parks, bridges and other places within Council's local government area, but excludes private roads and state-controlled roads.

### POLICY

#### OBJECTIVES

- 3) The objective of this policy is to provide a consistent basis for the naming of new Streets within the Council's local government area and the standards that will be adhered to when naming Streets.

#### PRINCIPLES

- 4) Council is the authority responsible, pursuant to section 60(2)(d) of the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld), for the naming and re-naming of Streets and is committed to ensuring a uniform and reasonable approach when considering applications for that purpose.
- 5) Street Naming will be in accordance with the applicable Australian Standards.
- 6) Existing Street Names that do not comply with this Policy will generally only be changed if there is a compelling reason for doing such (eg. confusion with a similar name).

## POLICY STATEMENTS

- 7) Council will maintain an approved Street Names Register and update as required when new Streets are named or existing Streets are re-named.
- 8) Street names should:
- (a) be unique in description and avoid name duplication within the same suburb, post code and local government area, this includes where the street type is different (for example, Arthur Court and Arthur Place would be considered a duplication and should be avoided);
  - (b) where the Street crosses into an adjoining local government area or State Development Area, have the same unique name;
  - (c) be appropriate to the physical, historical or cultural character of the area;
  - (d) that fall into the following categories should be avoided:
    - offensive or likely to give offence;
    - inappropriate sounding when pronounced;
    - considered as a commercial or company name; and
    - deemed to be incongruous – out of place.
  - (e) ensure that existing themes that have been designated to particular sites or areas are to be respected and continued wherever possible (referred to in Appendix 1);
  - (f) ensure that where Indigenous names are to be used, that the local indigenous community group has been consulted (unless an agreed list has already been provided to Council);
  - (g) if within a new subdivision, use an overall theme for naming each of the Streets;
  - (h) easily read, spelt and pronounced in order to assist emergency services, service providers and the public;
  - (i) use Surnames or Family names, except where it is necessary to identify an individual to avoid ambiguity;
  - (j) correlate the relationship between the length of the Street or Road to the name to assist with mapping constraints (i.e. short roads should have short names);
  - (k) generally only be one word, although it is recognised that some will require more because of their geographic relationship;
  - (l) have the same spelling as the place or feature from an approved geographical name, unless names have been changed or corrupted by long established local usage in which case the spelling by general usage should be adopted;
  - (m) not contain abbreviations (eg. “Mount Perry Road” should not be abbreviated to “Mt...”);
  - (n) only use the Street Type abbreviation as listed in Australian Standard AS4590-2006; and
  - (o) omit the apostrophe mark in the possessive case (eg. “Smith’s Road” should be “Smiths Road”) and avoid the use of hyphens.
- 9) Preferred sources of names should be adhered to, which include:
- Indigenous names of local fauna, flora and features;
  - Early local settlers, pioneers, explorers, inventors or other local eminent persons;
  - War / casualty lists;
  - Theme based naming (eg ships, bushrangers);
  - Local landmarks or site specific features;
  - Thematic names such as flora, fauna.
- 10) The origin of each Street Name should be clearly stated and subsequently recorded in Council’s Street Names Register.
- 11) The use of specific persons names may be used in recognition of the individual or family, provided the following can be demonstrated by evidence\* showing:
- The history of the individual or family within the region;
  - The individual or family made significant contributions to the community; or
  - The individual or family was of national importance.

\* Evidence may include things such as newspaper clippings, public notices, funeral notices, articles for industry newsletter etc.

12) Proposals for road names are to include the correct road type suffix and should be representative of the physical form of the road to assist motorists and pedestrians, using the preferred road types (referred to Appendix 2).

**Private Developments**

- 13) Property Developers should refer to Council’s unreserved names within Council’s approved Names Register when naming new roads or streets.
- 14) Where the unreserved names are insufficient, the Developer is required to:
  - (a) comply with the provisions of this Policy, including when naming internal roads for a development that will not become public roads;
  - (b) obtain written approval from Council for the Street Names by provided at least three (3) alternative names for each road and usually approved prior to applying for Survey Plan sealing and;
  - (c) supply the Street sign and maintain it until Council accepts maintenance of the road as a public road;
  - (d) position the Street sign to avoid unnecessary confusion and in compliance with Council’s direction as to the appropriate location.

**ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 15) The Applicant, in applying to Council for a Street to be named, is required to comply with this Policy, ensuring the application is submitted in writing with all of the required supporting documentation.
- 16) Council will assess all applications received by adhering to the provisions of this Policy.

**APPLICABLE LEGISLATION AND REGULATION**

- 17) Applicable legislation and regulation:
  - (a) *Local Government Act 2009*

**RELATED DOCUMENTS**

- 18) Related documents are:
  - (a) *Australian Standard 1743:2018*
  - (b) *Australian/New Zealand Standard Rural and Urban Addressing AS/NZS 4819:2011*
  - (c) *Australian Standard AS 4590-2006; and*
  - (d) Council’s Street Name Register.

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER**

Chief Executive Officer

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1	General Manager Works	28 October 2021	New

**APPENDIX 1: DESIGNATED THEMES**

**APPENDIX 2: ROAD TYPE SUFFIX**

## APPENDIX 1

### Designated Street Name Themes

- Biggenden** Royal family members (in the older part of Biggenden) and significant people in the history of the area (in the newer part of Biggenden).  
(Listed in the approved street names register)
- Eidsvold** Streets and Roads named after pioneering families, explorers and historical figures
- Gayndah** Streets and Roads named after pioneering families and historical figures
- Monto** Naming of streets to the east of the railway line after scientists and streets to the west of the railway line after explorers.
- Mount Perry** Street naming was selected from the list of Shire Chairmen and Mayors. When that list was exhausted the naming progressed to the list from the Australia Day Citizens Awards. All roads are named after properties.
- Mundubbera** Pioneering families, explorers, historical figures or the Royalty

## APPENDIX 2

### Road Type Suffix

- **Crescent** geometrically a crescent or half moon, rejoining the road from which it starts;
- **Esplanade** a wide, open and level area often along a water front or leading to a specific feature;
- **Cul-de-sac** use of types such as Place, Close and Court that have connotations of no through roads are to be used. There maybe exceptions where changes to the design have occurred since the original name was approved;
- **Lane** should only be used on short narrow roads;
- **Terrace** should be used where the road acts like a terrace; and
- **Entrance** should only be used on short connection roads which form an “entrance” to a subdivision off a main collector road;

### Preferred Road Types

The following is a list of preferred road types to be used:

Avenue	Drive	Street
Boulevard	Esplanade	Terrace
Close	Lane	Way
Court	Place	
Crescent	Road	