

NAMING CONVENTIONS COUNCIL POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

The names of Bunbury's geographic features are an important part of our community's identity and what it values as part of its heritage and cultural past, present and future. They provide not only an important tool for way finding but are also essential to our 'sense of place'. This Policy defines the standards and procedures for the naming of roads, reserves, bridges and other places within the City of Bunbury.

POLICY SCOPE

This policy applies to elected members and staff regarding the consideration of naming proposals for geographic features and, for new road, bridge and reserve naming proposals.

POLICY DETAILS

The City of Bunbury recognises Noongar people as the traditional owners of the South West. This Policy acknowledges that natural features and places in Bunbury were named by the traditional owners, the Wardandi people, long before European settlement. This Policy seeks to encourage the enduring use of Aboriginal language for geographic features, roads, reserves, bridges and other places that either do not already have an official name or that are considered for renaming.

It is acknowledged that Aboriginal names which may appear at first to be complex in spelling or pronunciation will, over time, become familiar and easy to use by Bunbury's community, as proudly a landmark of the South West.

Applications for naming proposals must be prepared in accordance with Landgate's Aboriginal and Dual Naming Guidelines, and Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia (2017), as amended, and require a resolution of endorsement by Council prior to a submission being lodged with Landgate for its approval.

Applications for the naming of roads must additionally be prepared in conformity with the provisions of AS/NZS 4819:2011 Rural and Urban Addressing (as amended).

POLICY PROCEDURES

Any person, community group or organisation may present a proposal in writing to the City of Bunbury for comment and/or support on a new name or an amendment to an existing name within the local government's municipal boundaries.

Applications are checked against the Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia. Initial advice from Landgate may be requested as part of this investigation.

In the case where the request for a name submitted is a person's name the submission must include details of the significance / contribution to Bunbury and not be a living person. If the applicant is not an immediate relative, written permission of the family is to be included in submission.

Submissions for naming proposals involving traditional Aboriginal names, or contemporary names derived from Aboriginal language, must have demonstrated consultation with the relevant Aboriginal groups prior to submitting the naming proposal for Council's consideration to endorse.

Names originating from Aboriginal language should be indigenous to the locality of the geographic feature and should be written in a standard recognised format for administrative boundaries, localities, roads and reserves.

The naming of new roads and reserves in contemporary Aboriginal language local to the area is encouraged, subject to being written in a standard recognised format and with generic descriptor (e.g. 'street').

Dual naming of cultural and natural topographic features and crown land reserves is supported as a means of giving concurrent and shared recognition of two cultures. Dual naming enables the assignment of an additional name to a feature that already has an official name that is widely accepted and in long use and when a name change is not possible or acceptable. Dual naming submissions will be given consideration when a feature already has either an official or established name of non-Aboriginal origin and that a recognised Aboriginal name should also apply.

Following assessment against the Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia, a report to Council will be prepared for consideration.

If the request is supported by Council, the name will be submitted to Landgate for approval.

COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

LEGISLATION

- *Local Government Act 1995*
- *Land Administration Act 1997*

INDUSTRY

- Landgate, Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia (2017)
- Aboriginal Naming: A guideline to Aboriginal naming and dual naming of geographic features and places in Western Australia (2020)
- Australian Standard AS/NZS 4819:2011 Rural and Urban Addressing

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