

Policy

Title: Road Naming

Category: Roads, Traffic and Walkways

Date Last Adopted: 17 March 2025

1. Objectives

The policy was developed to provide clarity on the selection of appropriate names for new roads and to enable members of the public to submit suggestions for the naming of new roads.

2. Background

This policy was developed following the rescission of the previous policy and list of suggested street names. The policy was subsequently reviewed following a resolution of the Council of 21 December 2015 that: The Council's policy on road naming be reviewed to give a preference to road names which have an historical connection with the area and provide opportunities to better represent the City's cultural diversity.

3. Policy

That:

1. When a new public road is created as a result of a subdivision or development, the subdivider or developer is given the opportunity to suggest a name for that road.
2. Any suggested name must be in accordance with Placenames Tasmania's *Tasmanian Place Naming Guidelines* and Australian Standard AS1742.5 1997 – Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices – Street Name and Community Facility Name Signs (Section 2).

3. The Council will give preference to proposed names which reflect an historical connection with the area or provide opportunities to better represent the City's cultural diversity.
4. Members of the public are also able to suggest names for new roads in accordance with Clauses 2 and 3 of this policy.
5. These suggestions from the public, once approved by the Council will be placed on a periodically maintained consolidated list which includes the relevance and significance of each name.

Periodically maintained list of suggested street names as at 21 November 2016.

Name	Date of Council Approval	Relevance/Significance of Name
McQuitty	24 March 1997	In honour of brothers Flight Sergeant William Morrison McQuitty, Flight Sergeant Robert John McQuitty and Flight Sergeant Lieutenant David Henry George McQuitty who all died due to combat during or soon after the Second World War.
Shield	24 March 1997	In honour of Flight Sergeant Vernon Rippon Shield who died in combat during the Second World War.

6. If the suggestion from the public relates to a certain subdivision of development, then the suggestion will be provided to the subdivider or developer for consideration.
7. The name suggested shall be circulated to the relevant statutory authorities and neighbouring municipalities to ascertain if they have any objections to the proposal on the grounds of confusion with other names.
8. When the need arises to allot a name to a road, the name proposed by the subdivider, developer or member of the public is to be referred to the City Infrastructure Committee which shall either recommend that the Council approve a name or select a name from the list provided in Clause 5 of this policy.
9. Upon approval, road name/s be submitted through Placenames Tasmania for consideration by the Place Names Advisory Panel in accordance with the *Place Names Act 2020* and when the road has been constructed.
10. The appropriate signs be erected.



11. If reasonable objections are raised during the process outlined in part 7 above, a further name from the list or an alternative source be selected by the City Infrastructure Committee and re-circulated.

4. Legislation, Terminology and References

‘Tasmanian Place Naming Guidelines’, effective May 2021.

AS1742.5 1997 – Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices – Street Name and Community Facility Name Signs (Section 2).

Place Names Act 2020 effective 1 July 2020

Place Names Tasmania: www.placenames.tas.gov.au

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