



NAMBUCCA VALLEY COUNCIL

URBAN AND RURAL ROAD NAMING POLICY NO. ES 23

Our Vision

Nambucca Valley ~ Living at its best

Our Mission Statement

'The Nambucca Valley will value and protect its natural environment, maintain its assets and infrastructure and develop opportunities for its people.'

1.0 Policy objective

To ensure that the rural and urban road naming process and procedures comply with the NSW Geographical Names Board, relevant legislation under the Roads Act and Regulations and locality requirements within the Nambucca Local Government Area

The objective of this policy is to:

- provide consistent guidelines for Developers, the Community and Council when allocating new road names, or changing the name of existing roads in the Nambucca Local Government Area;
- ensure road names are appropriate, will stand the test of time and preferably are of local or historical significance;
- adopt the Geographical Names Board of NSW road naming guidelines as the basis for considering road names in the Nambucca Local Government Area;
- that where practical all road naming is to incorporate dual road naming - as road, street or locality signs are replaced to include a second Gumbaynggirr name written on the sign. (The proposed name is passed by Muurrbay Language Centre).
- discourage the use of names in accordance with the NSW Geographical Names Board, particularly names of living persons, corporations, Christian or given names of property developers and family members of property developers, unless it is considered those names have particular historical or local significance, or a particular attachment to the land being developed.

2.0 Related legislation

- Roads Act 1993, Section 162
- Roads (General) Regulation 2008
- AS/NZS 4819:2003 Geographic Information – Rural and urban addressing
- AS1742.5 -1997 Manual Of Uniform Traffic Control Devices Part 5 Street Name And Community Facility Name Signs

3.0 Definitions

- Definitions of road suffixes are contained within the procedures.
- Council – means Nambucca Valley Council.
- Public Road- includes roads that are under Council ownership, care, control and management
- Private Road – means a road that runs through private property and is privately owned by a member(s) of the general public.
- Great eminence - a position of superiority, distinction, high rank, or fame”. It is considered appropriate that the names of eminent persons **now** deceased may be perpetuated, particularly those of early explorers, settlers, naturalists, Councillors/Politicians, widely known or recognised renowned celebrities, scholars or sportspersons or other persons which have held a standing in society deemed as prominent or important (the key word being “deceased”).

4.0 Policy statement

4.1 Types of Roads Requiring Naming

There are four types of road that require naming:

- a dedicated public road
- b proposed public road (new subdivisions)
- c rights of carriageway servicing multiple lots
- d Crown reserve roads

5.0 History and Background

Council endorsed a recommendation at its meeting held on 26 October 2017 emanating from the September 2017 Business Advisory Committee meeting “That Council’s policy on Urban and Rural Road Naming to incorporate dual road naming - as road, street or locality signs are replaced to include a second Gumbaynggirr name written on the sign. (The proposed name is passed by Muurrbay Language Centre)”.

The policy for Streets/Roads Naming, Road and Street Names Selection was reviewed to ensure that the rural and urban road naming process and procedures comply with the NSW Geographical Names Board, relevant legislation under the Roads Act and Regulations and locality requirements within the Nambucca Local Government Area. A set of operational procedures were created which now sit behind the policy for staff and the general public. Council resolved at its meeting on 26 July 2012 to:

“Endorse the proposed name change for the Policy from Policy for Streets/Roads Naming, Road and Street Names Selection to Policy for Urban and Rural Road Naming as amended in July 2012 (Document 13884/2012)”.

With the exception of State Roads, Council is the authority responsible for the naming or re-naming of public roads within the Nambucca Local Government Area.

The naming of roads is an integral part of both the rural and urban addressing system and unique names shall be allocated to all urban and rural roads for uniformity and uniqueness, to facilitate location and provision of identification for emergency and essential services. Significant private roads, rights of way (servicing multiple lots) and roads under the control of other authorities will also be named.

The Geographical Names Board (GNB) is the official body for naming and recording details of places and geographical names in NSW. Under the *Geographical Names Act 1966*, the GNB has the power to:

- assign names to places
- investigate and determine the form, spelling, meaning, pronunciation, origin and history of any geographical name
- determine the application of each name with regard to position, extent or other reference.

Policy was adopted by Council at its meeting on 1 April 1993.

The NSW State Government adopted the Roads Act in 1993 and subsequently the Roads (General Regulation) 1994 which identified procedures.

Council has also identified procedures for roads other than dedicated public road.

Policy adopted by Council at its meeting on 19 March 1998 Roads.

(General Regulation) 1994 superseded by Roads (General Regulation) 2008.

Clause 4(c) modified on 20 April 2006 to show full name of Muurrbay Language and Cultural Co-Operative Ltd.

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