9.5 Naming of new streets in a subdivision off George Campbell Drive, Eurunderee

REPORT BY THE PROPERTY SUPPORT OFFICER
TO 20 MAY 2020 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400087, R0790041 P23468

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receive the report by the Property Support Officer on the naming of new streets in a subdivision off George Campbell Drive, Eurunderee;

2. formally approve the names of Bilirr Close, Wirrang Close, Gudhamang Close and Murrung Close for these new streets.

Executive summary

Formal approval is requested to name the new streets in a subdivision at Mudgee Airport off George Campbell Drive in the locality of Eurunderee, Bilirr Close, Wirrang Close, Gudhamang Close and Murrung Close.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

Detailed report

Council, being the Roads Authority, is required to name new or unnamed streets and roads. Following the approval of a new subdivision at Mudgee Airport, Council wrote to neighbours of the subdivision on 16 January 2020 requesting their naming suggestions. Public consultation was also invited in an advertisement placed in the 24 January 2020 issue of the Mudgee Guardian and on Council’s website. No submissions were received.

Council provisionally approved the names of Yoyang Close, Wirrang Close, Wangarang Close and Murrung Close from the Pre-Approved Names List at their 18 March 2020 Meeting.

Per ‘A First Wiradjuri Dictionary’ by Stan Grant (Sr) & John Rudder (2005) the meaning of these names are – Yoyang – Black Cockatoo, Wirrang – Rock Wallaby, Wangarang – Tortoise and Murrung – Grey Box.

The Geographical Names Board approved the names of Yoyang, Wirrang, Wangarang and Murrung on 15 February 2018. Council also sought the advice of the Mudgee Local Aboriginal Land Council who notified that Wirrang and Murrung were acceptable for use. However, while of the Wiradjuri language, Yoyang and Wangarang were not of the local dialect. The local word for black cockatoo is Bilirr and the local word for tortoise is Gudhamang.
Yoyang Close, Wirrang Close, Wangarang Close and Murrung Close were advertised in the 27 March 2020 issue of the Mudgee Guardian and on Council’s website with no additional submissions or objections received.

Notices of the new road names were served on Australia Post, the Registrar General, the Surveyor General, the NSW Ambulance Service, NSW Fire & Rescue, NSW Rural Fire Brigades, NSW Police Force, NSW SES and NSW VRA via the NSW Online Place and Road Naming Proposal System with no objections received.

In light of the information supplied by the Mudgee Local Aboriginal Land Council, Yoyang Close will be replaced with Bilirr Close and Wangarang Close will be replaced with Gudhamang Close in this report to ensure the new streets are still named after the same local fauna, but in the correct Wiradjuri dialect. The GNB have been advised of these amendments and will adjust their notifications via the NSW Online Place and Road Naming Proposal System in due course.

Street naming is legislated under the Roads Act 1993. This Act empowers the authority in charge of the road with the rights to name it. The naming of these streets will allow the completion of street addressing within the new subdivision. Section 162 of the Roads Act (1993) states that “a road authority may name and number all public roads for which it is the authority. A road authority may not alter the name of a public road unless it has given the Geographical Names Board (GNB) at least two months’ notice of the proposed name.”

In accordance with Council’s Road, Bridge & Place Naming Policy, should Council formally endorse the naming of these new streets, notice of the approved names will be:

1. published in the Government Gazette, the Mudgee Guardian and on Council’s website.
2. Concurrently, notice of the new names will be sent to Australia Post, the Registrar General, the Surveyor General, the Chief Executive of the NSW Ambulance Service, NSW Fire & Rescue, NSW Rural Fire Brigades, NSW Police Force, NSW State Emergency Service and NSW Volunteer Rescue Association, and, in the case of a classified road – Roads and Maritime Services.

### Community Plan implications

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### Strategic implications

**Council Strategies**

Not applicable.

**Council Policies**

Road, Bridge & Place Naming Policy.

**Legislation**

Road Regulation 2008.
Geographical Names Act, 1996.
Financial implications

The cost and installation of street signs will be met by the developer.

Associated Risks

Nil.

CAROLYN ATKINS
PROPERTY SUPPORT OFFICER

LEONIE JOHNSON
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

30 April 2020

Attachments: 1. GNB Letter dated 15/2/19.
3. Submission.

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

BRAD CAM
GENERAL MANAGER
The General Manager
Mid-Western Regional Council
PO Box 156
MUDGEE NSW 2850

ATTENTION: Carolyn Atkins

Dear Carolyn

ROADS ACT 1993, ROADS (GENERAL) REGULATION 2008
SECTION 162 – NAMING OF PUBLIC ROADS

I refer to your letter dated 8 February 2018, which proposed the following public road names:

CUTHEL LANE, MARIYAN LANE, MARTIN LANE, DEAN LANE, YANGAN LANE, YOYANG LANE, YURANA LANE, YURALI LANE, YULAN LANE, BALGANBAA LANE, WANGARANG LANE, MURRUNG LANE, YAMAGAN LANE, YARRANY LANE, BAGURRA LANE, MURRUBIR LANE, GUNGAN LANE, WIRRANG LANE

On behalf of the Geographical Names Board (GNB) and Surveyor General (SG), the names have been reviewed under the GNB NSW Addressing User Manual and the following objection has been raised:

MARTIN LANE - objection is raised under Principle 6.7.4 Uniqueness, Duplication of the NSW Addressing User Manual. A road name will be regarded as a duplicate if it is the same or similar in spelling or sound to an existing name, regardless of the road type. Martin Street is already existing in the proximity area.

Should you wish to proceed with adoption of the name to which objection has been raised, then Council should write to the Secretary of the Geographical Names Board, PO Box 143, Bathurst NSW 2795 setting out reasons why the name is valid. The matter will then be put to the Board who may choose to overturn the objection.

CUTHEL LANE, MARIYAN LANE, DEAN LANE, YANGAN LANE, YOYANG LANE, YURANA LANE, YURALI LANE, YULAN LANE, BALGANBAA LANE, WANGARANG LANE, MURRUNG LANE, YAMAGAN LANE, YARRANY LANE, BAGURRA LANE, MURRUBIR LANE, GUNGAN LANE and WIRRANG LANE are approved for use.
Kind Regards,

Nikko Muldoon
Trainee Spatial Information Officer
Geographical Names Board of NSW
15 February 2018
Mudgee Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 1098
MUDGEE NSW 2850

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO UTILISE NAMES OF ABORIGINAL ORIGIN

Council would like to utilise several Wiradjuri words in the naming of four streets at Mudgee Airport. Please refer to the below map for the location.

Council proposes to utilise the names Yoyang, Wirrang, Murrung and Wangarang from Councils Pre Approved Name List for the roads in this subdivision. These names have Aboriginal origin from the Wiradjuri language, and are relevant to Mudgee districts flora/fauna. As such Council would appreciate input and approval from The Mudgee Local Aboriginal Land Council over the use and meaning of these names. As per ‘A First Wiradjuri Dictionary’ by Stan Grant (Snr) & John Rudder (2005) Council understands the meaning of these words to be as follows:

Yoyang – Black Cockatoo
Murrung – Grey Box
Wirrang – Rock Wallaby
Wangarang - Tortoise

If the Mudgee Local Aboriginal Land Council has any objection to the use of these names of Aboriginal origin, or additional advise in relation to them, please advise Council by 1/5/2020.

Please do not hesitate to contact Carolyn Atkins or Sarah Pringle of Council’s Revenue and Property Department on ☎ 02 63782850 or 1300 765 002 regarding this matter.

Yours faithfully

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PROPOSED ROAD NAMING – UNNAMED ROAD RESERVE OFF SPRING RIDGE RD

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter dated 3rd July 2017. We are pleased Council are addressing this road name as Council previously wrote to us in 2011 about submitting an appropriate name, and we did indeed provide Council with a submission at that time.

We enclose a copy of our research as to an appropriate name carried out in 2011. This research is based upon the guidelines endorsed by the Geographical Names Board of NSW (1996).

Of the names listed from the first Dictionary of Wiradjuri (by Grant & Rudder) we include here 15 possible names that all relate to our particular area. The names are listed in order of our preference, with the first name “Mariany Lane” (means wedge Tail Eagle) as our preference, due to the fact that we have 2 wedge tail eagles that have lived and hunted on our property for the duration of our occupancy for almost 50 years (firstly by our business name ‘Goodman Creek Farm’, then company Quay Estates PL and later by our company Velyama PL).

We have recently discussed with 2 of our 3 neighbours who front the lane about the selection of an appropriate name. Both reluctantly accept the default name of Cuthel Lane as the lane borders the Cuthel property. Their reasons are weighted towards the ability of ambulance and fire services reaching the properties as they have recognised the lane as traversing the Cuthel property.

The Cuthel name is recognising the neighbour as a living person. Although there have been Cuthel’s living adjacent for 2 generations, that should not be a legitimate reason to call the lane after the current family. We suggest that this approach contravenes the guidelines.

There are other more worthy historical family names that precede. Eg. “Martin” took up the original grant for the land to portions of our property and our neighbours. Martin Lane would be also acceptable to us based upon historical precedence.
Similarly, there is another historical family that owned portions of our property in the 1920’s, who have important relevance to Australian history. Their family name was Dean. They arrived in the colony in 1830’s – Alexander Dean – and he and his family purchased a ship’s medicine cabinet from the master of the vessel they travelled from England. That cabinet was handed down to Alexander Dean who lived on our property in the pit sawn ironbark cottage (renovated and still in use here today). That medicine cabinet was purchased from the Deans eventually by Mr. Dougan who operated the Gulgong Pharmacy, and later that cabinet was donated to the Power House Museum. It is the only completely intact ships cabinet of the 18th century in Australia. The Deans were worthy farmers of the district. We would support the name ‘Deans Lane’ based upon historical precedence.

We however believe that the lane name should be based upon those indigenous people who lived in our district for thousands of years, and be relevant to our fauna and flora. We urge Council to submit to the Geographical Names Board our list of suggested names. We also submit that by taking a name from the Wiradjuri Tribe it eliminates a current family property name ‘Cuthel’ (who feels they should dominate their neighbours).

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

John Wood
Director
Velyama Pty. Ltd.
LANE NAME OPTIONS

RESEARCHED FROM WIRADJURI TRIBE DICTIONARY
(First Dictionary of Wiradjuri by Grant & Rudder)

The requirement is to provide a name to the Geographical Names Board for approval for the existing laneway from the Spring Ridge Road to the Goodman Creek traversing through the property owned by Robert Cuthel.

Suggested Names in no particular order:

- MALIYAN LANE (Wedge tail eagle)
- YANGAN LANE (Common Property)
- YOYANG LANE (Black Cockatoo)
- YURANA LANE (Yellow Box Tree)
- YURALI LANE (Blossom of Eucalyptus)
- YULAN LANE (Blackwattle tree)
- BALGANBAAL LANE (Boomerang shaped bend in a creek)
- WANGARANG LANE (Tortoise)
- MURRENG LANE (Grey Box)
- YAMAGAN LANE (Kurrajong Tree)
- YARRANY LANE (Wattle)
- BAGURRA LANE (Kurrajong Tree Blossom)
- MURRUBIR LANE (Heaven) in Aboriginal concept
- GUGGAN LANE (Running stream)
- WIRRANG LANE (Rock Wallaby)

The above names have been culled from the very extensive dictionary based upon the following criteria:

- They are relevant to this lane/district/fauna/flora
- They are easily pronounceable (many tribe names are not! I can assure you)
Road to be named Gudhamang Close

Road to be named Murrung Close

Road to be named Wirrang Close

Road to be named Bilirr Close