9.6 Naming of new streets in a subdivision off Saleyards Lane, Mudgee

REPORT BY THE PROPERTY SUPPORT OFFICER
TO 20 MAY 2020 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400087, R079141 P23701

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receive the report by the Property Support Officer on the naming of new streets in a subdivision off Saleyards Lane, Mudgee; and

2. formally approve the names of Marskell Circuit and Croake Way for these new streets.

Executive summary

Formal approval is requested to name the new street in a subdivision off Saleyards Lane in the town of Mudgee, Marskell Circuit and Croake Way.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

Detailed report

Council, being the Roads Authority, is required to name new and unnamed streets and roads. Following the approval of a new subdivision off Saleyards Lane in the town of Mudgee, Council wrote to the 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.

From submissions received, Council provisionally approved the name of Marskell Circuit, and also Croake Way from the Pre-Approved Names List, at their 18 March 2020 Meeting.

Marskell relates to Christopher Edward (Ted) Marskell (1907-1999) was born at Murragamba between Ulan and Wollar. Ted spent his early life working as a drover and shearer, but his passion always lay in the saleyards. He moved to Mudgee in 1945 and worked as a stock and station agent and in 1955 purchased his own stock agency. He was an auctioneer at the saleyards across the region for 45 years. Ted was a well known personality locally and was a witness and contributor to the rise of the stock and station industry in our region.

Croake relates to the Croake Family who came from Ireland to settle in the Pyramul district in 1846. Several generations have been award winners in super fine merino wool. A record was set in 1994 for the highest price per kilo at the Sydney Wool Sales by Valdor Croake. A sample of
Croake award winning wool is held at the Powerhouse Museum as an example of a milestone in Merino development due to the Croake family breeding system. The Croake family have been strong supporters of their communities in Pyramul and Mudgee via P & C, Sports Associations, Pastures Protection Board and Rural Fire Service.

The Geographical Names Board has been advised of the possible street names and approved Croake on 26 May 2015. Marskell was submitted and has been approved.

Marskell Circuit and Croake Way 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.

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.
  2. GNB Approval - Marskell.
  3. Submission.
  4. Submission.
  5. Submission.
  7. Map.

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 of 16th February 2015, which proposed the following public road name for pre-approval:

CROAKE

On behalf of the Geographical Names Board (GNB), Surveyor General (SG) and Registrar General (RG), the name has been reviewed under the GNB NSW Addressing User Manual and there is no objection to its use.

Kind Regards,

Rhet Humphrys
Geographical Names Board Secretariat
26 May 2015
View Road Name Proposal

Proposal Marskell
Submitted 25 Feb 2020 04:03:17 pm by Mid-Western Regional Council

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Roads in Proposal

Narrow search by Road Name...

PA Marskell Circuit
Road Location MUDGEE
Proposal status Approved
5th February 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Proposal For Street Naming Of CROAKE

I wish to nominate The Name of “CROAKE” to be considered for the naming of one of the new streets, avenues etc that are currently being investigated in Mudgee.

The Croake family which, originated from Ireland and settled in the Pyramul district of Mudgee in 1846 were one of the pioneering families in the growing of superfine wool in our Mudgee region and this tradition still continues today with the 5th generation of superfine wool growers.

My Great Grandfather Noel Croake who produced and sold his wool under the brand of “NC Pyramul” gained notoriety for his superior wool and then my Grandfather & Grandmother Valdar and Elizabeth Croake who sold under the brand of “Four Winds Pyramul” took their superfine wool to another level – winning Three Ermenegildo Zegna Wool awards for Superfine Merino Fleeces finer than 18.5 microns in 1992, 1995 & 1999. This competition is open to Australian & New Zealand woolgrowers and is the ultimate award for superfine wool growers. They won the 1995 award with what still remains the highest score of 99.8 out of a possible 100 points. Darryl & Irene Croake my Uncle and my deceased brother Ivan Croake have also won this award in other years.

In addition to these accomplishments my Grandfather Valdar who passed away in 2011 once held the record for the highest price per kilo for wool sold at the Sydney wool sales when he achieved a price of 101,000 cents per kg for his 14.6 micron type 1PP wool in 1994.

My Grandfather and Grandmother Valdar & Elizabeth Croake also have a sample of their award winning fleece of wool on display at the Power House Museum in Sydney as it marks a milestone in the evolution of the Australian Merino due to the Soft Rolling Skin breeding system that Valdar and Betty used at their stud.

The Croake family has also always contributed to the local community with Noel Dec’d, Valdar Dec’d, Austin Dec’d, and Ivan Dec’d all holding various positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Pyramul P&C Association, Sports Association, Cricket and Tennis clubs over the years and Austin also was on the board of The Pastures Protection for many years.
In addition to this Valdor served as an active member of the Pyramul Bush Fire Brigade for 60 years. Valdor was also a skilled, expert blade shearer and regularly demonstrated this dying art and local shows, field days and wool days having blade shorn at many of the top sheep studs in New South Wales including “Raby”, & “Haddon Rig”.

Another of the “Croakes”- Russell owed and ran the Riverside Caravan Park in Mudgee for many years and both he and his son Gregory were long time member of the Mudgee Fire Brigade.

I feel the name CROAKE deserves recognition for their role in the Mudgee District community over the years, especially for their contribution to the Superfine Wool Industry. Their achievements have been noted in Newspapers, Radio and Television over many years which has brought the township of Mudgee to the attention of an Australian and worldwide audience – Valdor and Elizabeth’s fleece from their win is still on display at the Italian headquarters of the Zegna Corporation Gruppo Ermenegildo showrooms at Trivero where international buyers assemble annually to view the new seasons cloths. It is a reminder to all who visit that Mudgee is at the epicentre of superfine wool growing.

T rusting you will give my request the consideration I feel it deserves.

Yours faithfully

Hayley Julius
Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to nominate The Name of “VALDOR CROAKE” or “CROAKE” to be considered for the naming of one of the new roads, streets, avenues etc that are currently being investigated in Mudgee.

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Hayley Julius
16 January 2020

Mr John EJ Marskell

RE – NAMING OF TWO NEW STREETS IN A SUBDIVISION OFF SALEYARDS LANE

Dear Mr Marskell,

Notice is hereby given that Mid-Western Regional Council, pursuant to Section 162 of the Roads Act 1993 as amended, is intending to name two new streets in a subdivision off Saleyards Lane that neighbours your property.

Please refer to the attached map for the location.

Council has received previous requests to utilise the names Croake and Goodlet for the naming of roads in Mudgee, and are proposing to utilise these names for the roads in this subdivision.

As your property is neighbouring this subdivision, Council invites you to submit a name or names for these roads if you wish. The Geographical Names Board Guidelines for the Naming of Roads identifies that the preferred sources for road names include the following:

- Aboriginal names
- Local history, including property names
- Early explorers, pioneers, settlers and other eminent persons (not living)
- War/casualty lists
- Thematic names such as flora, fauna or ships.

Please keep in mind that a name cannot relate to a living person or a commercial interest. Names should also be reasonably easy to read, spell and pronounce, and should not duplicate a name already in use in the Council area. Please include the reasons or background information for your proposed name in your submission.

Council will advertise for public submissions in the 24/1/20 Mudgee Guardian.

Submissions should be made in writing, giving reasons, and addressed to the General Manager, Mid-Western Regional Council, PO Box 156, MUDGEE NSW 2850. Submissions will be accepted until end of business on Friday 14/2/20. The matter is then expected to go to Council's March Council Meeting.
Hi Carolyn

Sorry taken so long to get back to you as my computer has been off air for 10 days.

I wrote a bit of a history about the Marskells & have condensed it down for you.

Ted was 1st cousin to my father in law Jim Robinson on both Marskell & Robinson side

I think it would be good to name a road after Ted even though he was an old rogue.

Basically

George Marskell m Harriet Dennis (England) arrived 1856.

Son William Marskell married Therese Robinson George’s daughter Mary Marskell married George Joseph Robinson

Gson Christopher Edward Marskell married Clare Ellen ‘Nell’ Isbester

hope this is satisfactory

kind regards Lynne

(short history) George and Harriet Marskell came to Australia on the Morayshire on 19th January 1856, and made their way firstly to the Cassilis district, where a son John was born in 1859. There information from the shipping list is: Maskell, George, aged 21 farm labourer; Native Place: Burwell, Cambridgeshire; Parents: William & Mary Marskell, living at Burwell, Church of England religion; Reads and Writes; No relatives in the colony. Maskell, Harriet, aged 18; Native Place: Burwell, Cambridgeshire; Parents: Edward & Ann Dennis, father living, mother deceased. Church of England; does not read or write. Oral history has it that they married aboard ship on the way to Australia, but on further investigation, it was found that they married at Church of England parish of Burwell, Cambridgeshire on 29th September 1855, witnessed by John Dean and Ann Button. This must have been immediately before setting off. George Marskell (then spelt Maskall) was baptised at Burwell on 19th May 1834, the son of William, and Mary nee Cook, and was known to have 3 older brothers. His wife Harriet Dennis, was baptised on 10th December 1837 at Fordham Cambridgeshire, the daughter of Edward Dennis and Ann Clack.

George and Harriet were living at Reedy Creek by 1860 when Edward was born. Reedy Creek appears to be the early name given to Goulburn River near Ulan. By 1862 they were at Combo Creek, Wilpinjong. George was a shepherd, who possibly first worked for Anthony Tindale and later selected a block from him when the land became available after the Robertson Land Act. They are supposed to be one of the first
selectors in the Wilpinjong area. George & Harriet Marskell lived at Hillside in the part with high pitched roof. It was then covered with bark.

William Marskell was born on 20th August 1871 at Combo. In the indexes his surname is spelt Marsdell. Father George Marskell's occupation is given as 'shepherd'. William married Theresa Robinson, a sister of George Joseph on 12th December 1896 at Wollard Catholic church. Bill & Theresa went to live at Keylah on the Ulan Road and at first lived under canvas while waiting to build a new slab home. They finally built a new sandstone home completed in 1922. Sadly the coming of the Wilpinjong mine has seen the demise of Bill & Theresa’s lovely sandstone home as all the valley landmarks have been demolished to make way for the mine works.

26/10/1953 (mon) The death occurred at his home at Wilpinjong on Sunday of Mr William Marskell, one of the oldest identities of the district, aged 82 years. The deceased who was known far and wide, resided for a lifetime in Wollard district and earned the respect of his fellow man. He was always prominent in the affairs of the community in which he lived and his death will leave a gap which will be hard to fill. He is survived by a widow and the following sons and daughters, viz. George (Mudgee) Christopher, Jack, Archibald, William, Mrs. Archer and Mrs. Daniels. To the sorrowing ones our sympathy is extended. The funeral took place at the CE portion of Wollard cemetery today. Rev. Canon Powell performed the last sad rites at the graveside.

Christopher Edward 'Ted' Marskell was born on 15th December 1907 at Murragamba. It was noted that at an early age his ability with maths and he attended Wilpinjong and then Wollar schools. It was stated that he could be sitting at the kitchen table while his father was checking the accounts and could read and add up looking at the paper upside down.

He later went to Bathurst to St Stanislaus for about a year but it wasn’t to his liking. He worked at the usual rural pursuits, burr cutting and shearing etc. He married Clare Ellen 'Nell' Isbister on 25th November 1935 and lived at Ulan for a while before moving to Mudgee about 1943. Ted began to work for Mara Brothers (formerly of Wollard) Stock and Station Agents and purchased that business in 1955. He was renowned as a good judge of cattle. Ted and Nell had six children: Joan, Ruth, John, David, Colleen and Annette.

Ted lived in a unit in Mortimer St before he entered Moran Nursing Home due to ill health, where he died in 2000. Mg11/1/2000 Christopher Edward 'Ted' Marskell was a well known personality locally and in saleyards across the state. Ted recently passed away at the age of 92. He was born in 1907 at Murragamba between Ulan and Wollar and worked on the land as a drover. In his early days Ted was a keen cricketer and a very good shearer but his passion lay in the saleyards. Ted moved to Mudgee in 1945 and joined one of the two stock and station agencies here at the time. He attended the one sale once every three weeks however they failed to satisfy him with some sales only having three head of cattle up to what was considered a 'large sale' at 17 or 18 head. He thought he could do better by himself so studied under a Sydney agent Stan Rezzonico and gained his auctioneers licence. Ted started up on his own on 23 Sept. 1955 and found recognition locally and in the saleyards across the state for his dedication to his job and the joy he obviously gained from it. He worked for 35 years auctioning stock and 45 years as a stock and station agent in Mudgee before retiring then years ago at the age of 82. Ted saw much change throughout his long life. He witnessed the rise of his industry in the local area, with the establishment of Mudgee's regional abattoir and a significant increase in the number of stock coming through the saleyards. Upon his retirement Ted claimed to have set the record which remained unbroken for the Mudgee Saleyards. 'I sold 125 lots one day in 75 minutes. That hasn't been since by any agents'. They were going for good prices too. Quick and lively thats the way, he said. After his retirement Ted continued with his lifelong interest in stock with commission paddock sales stock and station work and his regular paddys market. Ted said upon his retirement he had had a good life and was very happy although he did not really want to retire. Ted lost his wife Clare Ellen 'Nellie' in 1991 and spent the last three years of his life in Moran Nursing home. Ted was an eternal joker with never ending source of energy. He always had a story to tell and he will be dearly remembered by his family his many friends and colleagues.