

9.7 Naming of a new road in a subdivision off Rifle Range Road, Mudgee

REPORT BY THE REVENUE OFFICER
TO 13 DECEMBER 2023 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400103, R0790141

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receive the report by the Revenue Officer on the naming of this road Wilton Grove;
2. name this road Wilton Grove;
3. approve staff to submit Wiltonville Grove as an alternative road name if Wilton is rejected by the Geographical Names Board; and
4. advertise the proposed name and receive a further report at the end of the exhibition period to formalise the name of the road.

Executive summary

A subdivision off Rifle Range Road in the town of Mudgee includes a new road. Addressing requirements for the subdivision will necessitate the naming of the new road.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

Council, being the Roads Authority, is required to name new and unnamed streets and roads. The purpose of this report is to provide a list of names submitted by the public from which Council can choose a name for this new street.

Following the approval of a new subdivision off Rifle Range Road in the locality of Mudgee, Council wrote to the property owner and neighbours of the subdivision on 25th October 2023 requesting their naming suggestions. Public consultation was also invited in an advertisement placed in the 3rd November 2023 issue of the Mudgee Guardian and on Council's website. Submissions closed on 24th November 2023 and during this period one submission was received which was for Wilton Grove. This name was evaluated via the Geographical Names Board and an issue was found with Wilton as it sounds similar to Wilson Road in Windeyer, however the GNB will not make a determination until a proposal is submitted.

The recommended name of Wilton Grove relates to William Wilton who migrated to Australia with his wife Elizabeth in 1841. He purchased 4000 acres at McDonalds Creek, calling the property 'Wiltonville' where he grew sheep and cattle. William contributed to the local community as a businessman, committee member of the Mechanic's Institute, a Magistrate and one of the first

Trustees of the Mudgee Showground. He was also a keen local cricketer and is buried in Mudgee Cemetery with his descendants.

If the GNB do not approve Wilton, Council can submit Wiltonville as an alternative road name.

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 this new road will allow the completion of street addressing within this 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 roads 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 and Place Naming Policy, the name that Council endorses for this road will be:

1. Advertised in the Mudgee Guardian and on Council’s website inviting submissions in writing from the public for a period of 21 days.
2. Concurrently, notice of the new name will be sent to Australia Post, the Registrar General, the Surveyor General, 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 – Transport for NSW, inviting submissions in writing for a period of 14 days.

At the expiration time for lodgement of submissions, a further report will be prepared for Council addressing any submissions received and recommending the formal adoption of the proposed road name, and Gazettal of the new road name.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Connecting Our Region
Goal	High quality road network that is safe and efficient
Strategy	Provide traffic management solutions that promote safer local roads and minimise traffic congestion

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

Not Applicable

Council Policies

Road, Bridge and Place Naming Policy

Legislation

Roads Act 1993

Road Regulation 2008

Geographical Names Act, 1996

Geographical Names Board of NSW Address Policy and User Manual, May 2021

Financial implications

The cost and installation of two street signs located at the intersection of Rifle Range Road and the road being named. These costs will be met by the developer.

Associated Risks

Nil

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DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

27 November 2023

Attachments: 1. Submission.
2. Map.

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

BRAD CAM
GENERAL MANAGER

Sarah Pringle

From:
Sent: Sunday, 5 November 2023 1:12 PM
To: Council
Subject: Road Naming Submission D/A0295/2022 Rifle Range Road
Attachments: 25 Rifle Range Road Name Submission.pdf

Dear Sir

Please find attached our Road Naming Submission for new road created by subdivision off Rifle Range Road Mudgee D/A0295/2022.

I will deliver a hard copy to customer service.

Kind Regards

Symond Carr
Director
S.A. CARR & CO. PTY .LTD

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1/11/2023
S.A.Carr and Company Pty Ltd.

The General Manager
Mid-Western Regional Council.
P.O.Box 156
Mudgee NSW 2850.

RE: Road Naming DA0295/2022 Rifle Range Road Lot 69 DP 756864.

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of the Hooper family that are the current owners and developers of the above-mentioned land.

We would like to put forward a submission to name the new road off Rifle Range Road created by subdivision, recognising William and Elizabeth Wilton, their family, and their descendants.

“WILTON AVENUE”

Our submission is based on local history, early settlers, and eminent persons.

William and Elizabeth arrived in Australia from Wiltshire England on 23/12/1841 and purchased land in the Mudgee district, “Wiltonville”, 4,000 acres freehold at McDonalds Creek. Over time they worked the land into the largest wool growing property and woolshed of the time in the district producing a wool clip of 100 bales whilst grazing 250 head of cattle.

William was a local businessman, a committee member of the Mechanic’s Institute, a Magistrate, an Alderman and Mayor of the Cudgegong Borough Council in the late 1800’s (see attached), one of the first trustee’s of the Mudgee Showground in 1881 (see attached) as well as a keen cricketer participating in many a thrilling game between Mudgee & West End teams, and between the various families, the Wiltons, the Honeysett’s and the Rayners.

Unfortunately, both the homestead and Wiltonville woolshed were destroyed by fire on separate occasions as well as Kellet’s Store in Market Street where there was once a lane named Wilton Lane, this no longer exists.

William and Elizabeth are buried in the Mudgee Cemetery along with members of their direct family in the Wilton Cryp.

We trust you look favourably upon our submission recognising the Wilton family history and the large contribution that has been made to the Mudgee area and community, as a whole over the past 182 years.

Yours faithfully

Director
S.A.Carr and Company Pty Ltd.



After a period of political lobbying during the 1870s regarding the construction of the Mudgee Railway, its route was finally determined to locate close to the Burrundulla site, which therefore compromised the potential to continue to conduct shows there⁹. The search then began for a larger, permanent site for the Showground. This initiated a history of legislative dedications and trustee appointments.

The establishment and growth of the Showground precinct as it is seen today, at its current site commenced in the late 19th century.

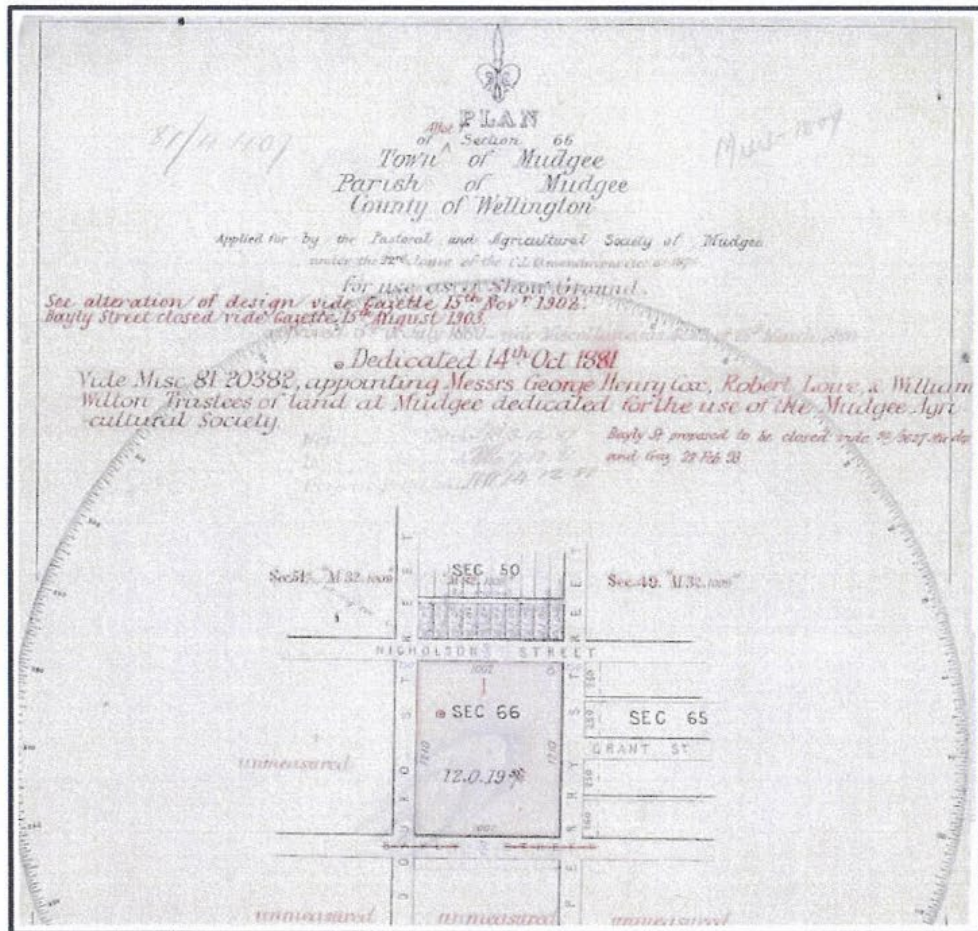


Figure 2 – Plan showing first dedication for Mudgee Showground in 1881

Lot 1 of Section 66 was dedicated for the purpose of Mudgee Agricultural Society on 14 October 1881 (see Figure 2). Although shows had been held in Mudgee since the 1840s, this era commenced the staging of the first Mudgee Show at the current locality. On 11 November 1881, the first Trustees were appointed to the Showground. These were: George Cox, Henry Cox, Robert Lowe and William Wilton.

On 14 November 1893, Lot 2 was dedicated and added to the existing Showground (see Figure 3).

⁹ The railway officially opened 11 September 1884: Ref www.mudgeeguardian.com.au/story/local-history-sir-john-robertson-the-premier/



