

9.4 Naming of a Bridge on Burrendong Dam Road over Meroo Creek, Yarrabin

REPORT BY THE REVENUE OFFICER
TO 16 AUGUST 2023 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400103, ROA100071

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receive the report by the Revenue Officer on the naming of a Bridge on Burrendong Dam Road over Meroo Creek, Yarrabin;
2. support the name of Flynn Bridge;
3. provide public notification of the proposed name and call for further submissions in accordance with the Road, Bridge & Place Naming Policy; and
4. receive a further report at the end of the exhibition period to formalise the name of the road.

Executive summary

Council has received a request from the public to name the bridge on Burrendong Dam Road over Meroo Creek at Yarrabin.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

Council received a request for the bridge on Burrendong Dam Road over Meroo Creek to be named. Letters were sent to the immediate neighbours of the bridge, and advertising was placed in the 16th June 2023 Mudgee Guardian. Submissions closed on the 14th July 2023.

Three submissions were received with the following names suggested:

· Merrendee · Edwards · Flynn

These names were evaluated via the Geographical Names Board and an issue was found with Merendee and Edwards, with both names already in use as Merrendee Road in Yarrabin and Edwards Close in Bombira. Flynn was accepted for use with no objections.

The recommended name of Flynn relates to three generations of the Flynn family who owned and resided at Merrendee Station located adjacent to the bridge to be named. The family was well known and very active in the area.

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

Two name signs at an approximate cost of \$300. These costs are included in the existing signage budgets.

Associated Risks

Nil

SARAH PRINGLE
REVENUE OFFICER

LEONIE VAN OOSTERUM
ACTING DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

26 July 2023

Attachments: 1. Submission.
2. Submission.
3. Submission.
4. Map.

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

BRAD CAM
GENERAL MANAGER

Sarah Pringle

From: Rhonda Mellor
Sent: Wednesday, 24 May 2023 1:03 PM
To: Council
Subject: Naming a bridge crossing

I would formally like to put in a request on behalf of Merrendee Station Burrendong Dam Rd Yarrabin to have the bridge over the Meroo River named MERRENDEE BRIDGE.

(Photo included of point of interest)

Please let me know if this is possible and how we go about it. Many thanks

Andrew Mellor

Manager

Merrendee Station



Sent from my iPhone

TO THE GENERAL MANAGER
MID WESTERN COUNCIL
MUDGEE



SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SUBMISSION RE PROPOSED
NAMING OF BRIDGE ON BURRENDONG
DAM ROAD OVER MEROO CREEK AS
ADVERTISED MUDGEE GUARDIAN 23/6/23
I HAVE TWO SUGGESTIONS FOR NAMING
THAT BRIDGE

(1) AUB EDWARDS BRIDGE - HE WAS A FORMER
OWNER OF WORLDS END AT THE BRIDGE,
PRIOR TO CURRENT SUBDIVISION

OR

(2) NEIL FLYNN BRIDGE - HE WAS THE FORMER
OWNER OF MERENDEE STATION ON MEROO
CREEK

OR

EDWARDS OR FLYNN BRIDGE.

REGARDS OWEN FITZSIMMONS

23/6/23

From: [Michelle Flynn](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: Proposed Bridge name - Burrendong Dam Road over Meroo Creek
Date: Friday, 14 July 2023 12:09:22 PM
Attachments: [image0.jpeg](#)
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[image1.jpeg](#)
[image2.jpeg](#)
[image3.jpeg](#)

Attention
General Manager

I'm writing to put forward my family name for the proposed Bridge naming of the Burrendong Dam Road over Meroo Creek .

My name is Michelle Flynn I have strong connections to the Mudgee area via both my mothers and fathers line .

My mother Diana Stafford's line is a well known family from the Cooyal area .

The Blackman's my mothers lineage is from Aboriginal Thomas Henry Blackman son of Thomas Harley Blackman and Aboriginal Gomerai woman known as Mary Ann .

My father Michael Neil Flynn's father Neil Flynn owned and lived at Merrendee station at the historical time of the resumption of land for the Burrendong Dam .

Merrendee Station is very close to the Meroo River and considering the history it would make me very proud to have the Flynn family name considered as a name for the bridge at the Burrendong Dam road over a Meroo Creek .



I have used some quotes from Dale Edwards book Ghosts of Burrendong to show my connection to the area below .

“ Merrendee Station was originally owned by the Webb family and later leased by Gundowda's C.E Suttor. For the years C.E Suttor had control of Merrendee, the big old homestead was lived in by Bert and Mary McGrath .”

“Merrendee station was later sold by the Webb family and purchased by the Flynn family.”

My great grandfather Thomas Flynn and his wife Rose purchased the property and his son.

“Neil Flynn and his wife Beverley moved to live in this lovely old homestead and at that time had carried out renovations to improve and modernise this very impressive building that still stands gracefully looking out over the Burrendong waters where old Yarrabin village once stood .

The Flynn's were still the owners at the time of resumption by the WC and IC

They had some country along the river totally resumed including some of their best flats and the old Merrendee woodshed where so many thousands of sheep had over the years passed through to be shorn .

Merrendee was later sold by the Flynn family and is still a very successful grazing property today . “

My grandfather Neil Flynn is buried at Mudgee .

I recently had his grave restored .

I visit the area regularly and hope that my proposal will be favourably considered .

A few photos of my family at Merrendee and a more recent visit where I was shown through the homestead by the current manager .

Michelle (granddaughter of Neil Flynn) and Deborah Flynn (daughter of Neil Flynn) on the

Burrendong Dam at Merrendee around 1971



Michael Flynn with daughters Nicole Michelle and Peta Flynn at Merrendee .



Pictures of the Dam and homestead at Mudgee 2022 .

Kind regards
Michelle Flynn

Sent from my iPad











