

Naming of Public Places Policy

Purpose	This Policy provides direction in the naming of public places including reserves and public roads.
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Policy Statement	1. Introduction
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| | <p>1.1 The <i>Geographical Names Act 1991</i> provides powers to the Minister for Planning, Transport, and Infrastructure and the Surveyor General to control the naming of 'places'.</p> <p>1.2 The authority to name reserves/public places is provided to Councils via section 219 of the <i>Local Government Act 1999</i> (the Act), which directs that Council must assign a name to a public road created by land division, and provides Council with the power to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assign names to public places, public or private roads; and• Change the name of a public place, public or private road. <p>1.3 Assigning or changing the name of a public place or public or private road shall require a resolution of Council.</p> <p>1.4 In accordance with Council's Community Engagement and Consultation Policy, assignment or change of a public place/reserve name is subject to an appropriate level of public notification and community consultation prior to naming or renaming a Reserve, Place or Road.</p> <p>1.5 Council is also required under section 219(7) of the Act to give public notice of the adopting or altering of this Policy.</p> |
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	2. Reserve and Place naming
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| | <p>2.1 Generally Council Reserves will be and are named after a prominent adjoining street or a locality indicator such as a suburb. This provides an easy and practical reference for the local community, users and emergency services.</p> <p>2.2 Occasionally, Council receives requests from members of the public to name Reserves in memory of relatives, community members, previous land owners and the like. This Policy has</p> |
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been established to guide consideration of such requests within the framework of the provisions of section 219 of the Act.

2.3 Requests for naming/renaming a Reserve will be considered if they meet the following criteria:

- The proposed name recognises an individual who has provided outstanding service to the community for a period in excess of 10 years and either the individual or relatives of the individual approve the use of the name; or
- The name reflects the character, landscape, function or history of the area or the site; or
- The proposed name is an Aboriginal name of relevance to the area and has the approval of the Kaurna people; or
- The name is unique in the City and is not similar to the name of another site so as to cause confusion.

2.4 The proposed use of historic names must demonstrate consultation with the Burnside Historical Society and be verified by Council Administration.

2.5 Assigning or changing the name of a public place or public or private road shall require a resolution of Council.

3. Road naming

3.1 Requests for assigning or changing a Road name will be considered where Council considers that it is in the public interest to do so. The definition of public interest may include providing public recognition of any person or thing. A variation to preferred road names will be considered on the individual merits of the proposal.

3.2 A proposed name will be appropriate to the physical, historical or cultural character of the area concerned and assessed against the following criteria:

3.3 Be derived from the following:

- Aboriginal names;
- early explorers, pioneers, settlers and other eminent persons;
- local history;
- mining, industry or other historical usage;

- thematic names such as flora, fauna or ships; or
- war/casualty lists.

- 3.4 The proposed use of an Aboriginal name must have approval from the local Kaurna people .
- 3.5 The proposed use of historic names must demonstrate consultation with the Burnside Historical Society and be verified by Council Administration.

4. Community Consultation

- 4.1 Section 219 of the Act requires that public notice must be given of the assigning or changing of a name of a public place or road. However, given the often-sensitive nature of road and Reserve naming, adequate community consultation in accordance with Council's Community Engagement and Consultation Policy will be undertaken before Council decides to assign a name to or rename a road or Reserve.
- 4.2 Consultation with the residents in respect of a road name will include suggested names and ask for other proposed names. If a theme is adopted, the request for suggested names will advise that they be consistent with the defined theme.

Other Useful Documents

Related Documents

- Community Engagement and Consultation Policy
- Burnside 2030 Strategic Community Plan

Relevant Legislation

- *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988*
- *Geographical Names Act 1991*
- *Local Government Act 1999*
- *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*

Glossary

Throughout this document, the below terms have been used and are defined as:

Place or Public Place means a place (including a place on private land) to which the public has access, but does not include any part of a community

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parcel divided by a plan of community division under the *Community Titles Act 1996*;

Reserve means a parcel of land available to be used by the public for recreation and cultural activities.

Road means a public road or private road under the care and control of Council.

Administrative As part of Council's commitment to deliver the City of Burnside Strategic Community Plan, services to the community and the provision of transparent information, all policy documents are reviewed as per legislative requirements or when there is no such provision a risk assessment approach is taken to guide the review timeframe.

This Policy document will be reviewed every 4 years unless legislative or operational change occurs beforehand.

Adoption Date: 19 November 2024

Review Date: November 2028

Strategic Plan Reference Principles: Spans all Strategic Plan Principles

Theme: Community and Place

Goals:

1. A thriving, healthy, inclusive and connected community
3. A City of accessible and liveable precincts, open spaces and treasured heritage

Priorities:

- 1.3 A sense of community that is inclusive and celebrates all cultures
- 3.1 Master-planning our precincts and open spaces
- 3.2 Balancing protection of character and heritage with planned growth
- 3.3 Functional and attractive streets, spaces and neighbourhoods that are green and cooling

Review History

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ECM Reference:	Authorising Body:	Date/Decision ID	Description of changes
987630	Council	21 October 2008, O2492	
		27 July 2010, C7942	
		22 April 2014, C9696	
		10 October 2016, C10638	
		8 May 2018, C11682	
		12 May 2020, C12599	
		19 November 2024 C112024/13826	Updates to legislation, policy, plan, and responsible officer references; an inclusion that proposed names are to be verified by Council Administration; and the definition of 'public place' updated to be consistent with the <i>Local Government Act 1999</i> . Minor editorial and format changes have also been made consistent with the current Policy template

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