

---

## NAMING OF ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

### APPROVALS

<b>POLICY NUMBER</b>	CORP-POL-093	<b>DOC.ID</b>	4624869
<b>CATEGORY</b>	Community		
<b>POLICY OWNER</b>	Office of the CEO		
<b>APPROVAL DATE</b>	12 December 2023	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	8605

---

## OBJECTIVE

To set out Council's requirements for naming and renaming of existing and proposed roads and assets/infrastructure throughout the Isaac region.

## SCOPE

This policy applies to the naming or renaming of all roads and Council-owned and managed infrastructure or assets. This policy does not apply to State Controlled Roads or a place under the *Place Names Act 1994*.

## DEFINITIONS

### TERM / ACRONYM

### MEANING

Asset/Infrastructure

Includes but is not limited to bridges, parks, reserves, buildings, paths, trails, sporting grandstands/courts, pools, halls, libraries, community buildings, roads, raceways/tracks, properties, and structures (or part thereof) or any other facility owned and/or maintained by Council.

Council / IRC

Isaac Regional Council.

Park

A piece of land designated as a park under the Town Plan, a garden, open space, or sportsground/field open to the public and primarily dedicated for recreational use.

A park does not include national parks, conservation parks, resources reserves, nature refuges, coordinated conservation areas, wilderness areas, World Heritage management areas, international agreement areas and forest reserves for which responsibility for naming is prescribed in the *Nature conservation Act 1992*.

Private Road

As described in Section 60(4) of the *Local Government Act 2009* – a road over land which is owned by a person who may lawfully exclude other persons from using the road.

Road

As described in Section 59(2) of the *Local Government Act 2009*

However, a road for the purposes of this Policy does not include:

- a state-controlled road, or
- a public thoroughfare easement.

- When used in this policy road shall also mean a private road.

Road Register

A register showing a list of all roads within the IRC region. A road register does not include all private roads, unformed or unmade roads.

## POLICY STATEMENT

The intent of this policy is to reflect Council commitment to a consistent approach to naming of roads and infrastructure and assets and ensure that:

- the names of roads and infrastructure are reminders of local history, culture and citizens;
- names used are appropriate for the region;
- emergency services and utility services are able to identify and locate properties with expediency; and
- pedestrians and vehicles can navigate easily within the region.

### Requests to Name or Rename

A request for the naming or renaming of roads or infrastructure may arise:

- From IRC or the community for an existing named or unnamed road or asset, or
- As a result of new roads or assets being constructed as part of IRC works or development works.

Upon receipt of a formal application in writing, all requests are assessed against the provisions and guiding principles contained in this policy. Requests to name or rename roads or assets will require the applicant to demonstrate that the name chosen meets the provisions and principles.

Proposals for naming/renaming of roads or asset should include:

- Proposed name.
- Location of the road or asset, including a map.
- Background information on why the proposed name is considered appropriate (include any history, cultural or local relevance) and reasons for the application. In the case of renaming, explain why the current name is not considered appropriate or any other relevant information.
- Contact details of the proposer(s).

Prior to considering a proposed name, and before submitting for approval, officers will assess the proposed name in accordance with this policy, the Queensland Government [policy](#) and [principles](#) and intergovernmental [principles](#). Public consultation will also be considered to ensure all residents, elected members and interested parties have had opportunity to comment on the proposed name.

### Renaming of Infrastructure

Roads and infrastructure may be renamed upon request if:

- The person or body or entity after which the road or infrastructure was named has been discredited or dishonoured;
- The name is no longer appropriate or likely to cause distress to members of the community;
- There is very strong community desire for a name change;
- The name is duplicated elsewhere in the IRC area;
- It has been discovered that the information submitted regarding the naming of the road or infrastructure has been found to be factually incorrect;
- The road name does not comply with the AS/NZS 4819:2011 for Rural and Urban Addressing; and/or
- Roads with multiple names exist.

## Infrastructure Naming Categories

Roads or assets may be named after one of the following categories:

- Geographic/natural features located nearby or flora and fauna native to the area.
- Events, moments, or people of historic significance from the local area, for example, pioneering families, early settlers, or historical events.
- Names with local cultural significance for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples with a strong connection to the subject land.
- Any other category, subject or topic deemed appropriate at the discretion of Council.

## Acknowledgment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Place Names

Council recognises the connection between language and land including place names for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples with the lands and waters of the Isaac region. To acknowledge the connection, roads and infrastructure may be named with a culturally appropriate and significant name cultural links and association to the specific location can be demonstrated. The name used may be derived from local language and may describe the characteristics of the infrastructure or location or tell its story or song line.

Council may need consult with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples upon receipt on any request to use traditional names to determine spelling, pronunciation, origin and history and to determine the appropriateness of the request.

Likewise, Council may contact Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Peoples to invite them to provide culturally appropriate names for unnamed roads or assets.

The use of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander names will be consistent with the [Principles for the Consistent Use of Place Names](#) governed by the Permanent Committee on Place Names (Intergovernmental Committee) which includes:

- a. the need for consultation with groups within the community;

- b. the acceptance of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Peoples' right to have input into the process of adopting approved asset, infrastructure, road or place names;
- c. the recognition that traditional names exist;
- d. the recognition that multiple names of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin, together with a European name, may exist;
- e. the recognition that local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander names may predate the arrival of Europeans in Australia;
- f. the equal status of oral recording of asset, infrastructure, roads and place names with that of documentation;
- g. the recognition that the use of some names will be subject to restrictions;
- h. consideration to be given to using local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander names for those features with an unrecorded name, in accordance with Resolution 22 'Aboriginal/native geographical names' of the Fifth United Nation Conference on the Standardisation of Geographical Names;
- i. the need to comply with the written form of the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander language, where one exists, from which a name is drawn; and
- j. the need for consultation with bodies affected by the naming proposal.

## Guiding principles

Council reserves the right to allocate names in accordance with this Policy. Following community consultation (where required), Council will draw upon feedback received to add value to the decision-making process. However, Council has no obligation to accept any name proposed by any group, entity, developer, or individual.

Where Council receives a written request for road or infrastructure naming or renaming, the application will be considered against the required government strategy and principles and the criteria listed below.

- All Roads that are open to or used by the public must be named in accordance with the provisions defined in the Australian Standard "AS/NZS4819:2011 – Rural and urban addressing" and be recorded on the Roads Register maintained by Council.
- Road names must remain unique within significant landmarks – any name change along a road, outside intersections or triggered by local government boundaries must be avoided.
- Promotion of public safety and service delivery – All proposed names must be unique to ensure no confusion or delay in any way for public safety and service delivery (e.g., mail delivery, communication, transport, ambulance, fire).
- Names must not identify a corporate, commercial, or business entity however charitable organisations may be permitted at Council's discretion.

Note: The use of names that seem to identify a corporate, commercial or business entity may still be used so long as the purpose for the name use relates to another criteria listed in this policy. E.g., Smith Street

may be still be used to recognise the contributions of a local identity with the surname Smith, regardless of whether there is a local business or corporation etc. with Smith in its title.

- Sensitivity to diverse cultural situations should be applied and derogatory or discriminatory terms or terms likely to cause offence should be avoided.
- Recognition and use of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' languages are encouraged.
- Names must comply with relevant Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) conditions (where applicable).
- Demonstration of linkage to locality and reflection of local themes such as local historical, ancestral, cultural, landscape, biodiversity, feature etc are encouraged.
- All names must adhere with state, federal and World Heritage naming convention requirements.
- All names must be clear and unambiguous.
- While roads are required to be known by one name only, dual naming to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' languages and place names may be used.
- If personal names are used, the person commemorated should:
  - a. have been directly involved in, was instrumental in or had made a significant contribution to the development of the land or area;
  - b. have demonstrated outstanding levels of civic service;
  - c. have achieved role-model status in the wider community or have donated property or funds for community benefit;
  - d. be recognised in memoriam. The adoption of a personal name during the lifetime of the person concerned should only be made in exceptional circumstances and where the following can be demonstrated:
    - Councillors with three or more terms of office at Council.
    - Twenty or more years association with a local community group or service club.
    - Twenty or more years of association or service with a local or state government or organisation.
    - Recorded long-term action (15 years) by an individual to protect, restore, enhance, or maintain an area that produces substantial long-term improvements for the community.

In rare circumstances, Council may grant an exception to this policy based on the above grounds.

## LEGISLATIONS AND RELATED GUIDELINES

- *Local Government Act 2009*
- *Local Government Regulation 2012*
- *Place Names Act 1994*
- *Transport Operations (Road Use Management Act) 1995*

- 
- *Transport Infrastructure Act 1994*
  - AS/NZS4819:2011 – Rural and urban addressing
  - [Strategy for Naming and Co-naming of Public Buildings and Facilities](#) – Queensland Government
  - [Queensland Government Place Names Principles](#)
  - [Principles for the Consistent Use of Place Names](#)

## REFERENCES

ID	NAME
CORP-PRO-107	Naming of Roads and Community Infrastructure Procedure
CORP-FRM-509	Request to Name/Rename Roads and Community Infrastructure Form