

Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to ensure that a consistent, fair and equitable protocol is followed when naming Shire assets and public places.

Scope

This Policy is applicable to naming of Shire of Boddington (Shire) assets and Shire roads, inclusive of the entire asset or specific portion/s of it, which require a determination for naming.

Definitions

Term	Meaning
Policy	This Shire of Boddington Council Policy titled "Naming of Places".
Shire Assets	Any property, facility, structure, building, bridge, or asset under the control of the Shire of Boddington.
Shire Road	Any road, or variation of road, owned or under the control of the Shire of Boddington.

Policy Statement

Names of Shire assets and Shire roads are reminders of local history, culture and citizens, and are named or dual named appropriately to match the context and significance of the asset.

Guiding Principles

1. Where applicable, and always in the first instance, naming guidelines as set out in Policies and Standards for Geographic Naming in Western Australia is to be adhered to. The Shire is to apply to Landgate for the naming of Shire roads.
2. In general terms, naming should be unique, as well as use form, spelling and style of contemporary Australian English. In particular cases, naming practice should take into account the Noongar spoken language relevant to the geographic location of the Asset.
3. The restoration of traditional Noongar names of geographical features and dual naming of Shire assets is encouraged, to strengthen the connection to heritage and culture. Aboriginal names are to be in the local Noongar language and chosen in consultation with the Aboriginal community.
4. A name should be wherever possible:
 - Relevant to Australian, preferably local, history, flora, fauna, culture, local landscape and physical characteristics;
 - Short and simple - preferably one to two words;
 - Complementary with and sensitive to existing names and design themes of adjoining assets;

- Not easily confused with or duplicating names within the region or nearby local governments;
 - Be considerate of any potential risk to the reputation of the Shire and/or Council from aligning with an individual or company whose reputation may vary; and,
 - Have strong local community support.
5. If personal names are used, the person commemorated should:
- Have contributed significantly to the development, protection or enhancement of the immediate locality (Boddington) or greater region (Peel) that has produced long-term improvements in the area or community;
 - Have a long-term association with a local community group or service club (twenty years or more), service to the community or organisation is to have been voluntary; and,
 - Preferably be recognised in memoriam.
6. Public consultation is to occur in the naming or re-naming of existing roads and places.

Assessment Process

1. Any person, community group or organisation may present a proposal in writing to the Shire of Boddington for comment and/or support on a new name or an amendment to an existing name within the Shire of Boddington. The proposal is to include:
 - Address of the asset to be named;
 - A site plan clearly identifying the location and boundaries of the asset to be named;
 - The reason for the choice of name including the history, meaning, significance and relevance to the Boddington and/or Peel region or national/international contribution;
 - If the nomination is being submitted by an organisation, documented evidence (e.g. minutes from a committee / board meeting) should also be included in support of the nomination.
 - For personal names, the following information is also to be supplied:
 - Biographical details: dates of birth & death (if relevant); length and years of service or association;
 - Written permission from the family in the case of a deceased person
2. Applications are checked against relevant legislation and documentation.
3. Following satisfactory assessment, a report to Council is to be prepared for consideration.

Responsible Officer	Coordinator Community and Economic Development
History	Adopted 27 April 2023 (Resolution 41/23)
Delegation	
Relevant Legislation	Local Government Act 1995 Land Administration Act 1997
Related Documentation	Landgate, Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia (2017) Aboriginal Naming: A guideline to Aboriginal naming and dual naming of geographic features and places in Western Australia (2020) Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia Australian Standard AS/NZS 4819:2011 Rural and Urban Addressing