

POL	NAMING OF STREETS & PUBLIC OPEN SPACE	APD75
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BACKGROUND:

Upon land being sub-divided for development, it is common for developers to present a 'theme' for names to be applied to the road network within the development area. In addition, there is Public Open Space (POS) made available for the City's purposes and names need to be allocated to such space.

The Geographic Names Committee (GNC) at Landgate is the authority responsible for managing the nomenclature needs for geographical features, administrative boundaries, localities and roads and for the maintenance of the State's Gazetteer, GEONOMA and nomenclature database.

Proposals are also required to be endorsed by the City, prior to being recommended to the Geographic Names Committee (GNC) branch at Landgate.

PURPOSE:

The objective of this policy is to detail the City's criteria in relation to the naming of roads, Public Open Space (POS), and places within the City of Cockburn area prior to being forward to the GNC.

A key objective is to provide a consistent nomenclature process for application to the road network and POS within the City.

POLICY:

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- (1) Developers of new subdivisions shall advise the Council of their preference on names for new roads within subdivisions prior to lodgement of clearance of subdivision.
- (2) The names applied to streets and Public Open Space (POS) within the City shall be in accordance with the *Geographic Names Committee. Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia* - [http://www.landgate.wa.gov.au/docvault.nsf/web/PS_LD/\\$FILE/GNCommittee.pdf](http://www.landgate.wa.gov.au/docvault.nsf/web/PS_LD/$FILE/GNCommittee.pdf)
- (3) Applications are to be submitted to the City for the naming of street(s), POS and/or places and shall include the following:
 - A **Cover Letter or email** describing the details and purpose of the application.
 - A City of Cockburn **Street and Place Name Application Form** demonstrating the application of the GNC policies and standards.
 - 1 X copy of **plans** illustrating the requirements set out within the Street Name Application Form.
- (4) Prior to applications being forwarded to the GNC, the City will notify all Elected Members providing the opportunity to comment. If one or more Elected Members disagree with the proposal then the matter is to be placed before Council (no response from Elected Members will indicate acceptance). As a result, in some circumstances it may take up to 8 weeks for a formal response detailing an outcome from the City to the applicant.
- (5) If amending a street name, following advice from the relevant Elected Members, the landowners of the affected street are to be advised of the proposal and their comments sought. If more than 50% of those surveyed agree with the proposal, the amendment is to proceed. If more than 50% of those surveyed disagree with the proposal then the matter is to be placed before Council for determination. (No response will indicate acceptance).
- (6) As required by the GNC policies and standards, names should be appropriate to the physical, historical or cultural character of the area. As a result, the City promotes the use of names that reference:
 - **Indigenous names – feature or descriptive – example:**
Walliabup is the original name for Bibra Lake, *Yorga Mar* means off shore breeze, and *Beeljar* was the name of the people who greeted the first European settlers to Cockburn.
 - **Locational names or early property names – example:**
Emplacement Crescent is named for the large gun emplacements that once dominated the skyline there. *Davilak* is the name given to his estate by early cattle entrepreneur Manning.

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- **Early explorers, pioneers or settlers of the area – example:**
Manning Park is named for the Manning family, *Wellard Street* named for Manning’s business associate who helped him pioneer the local cattle import industry in the area where these place names persist.
 - **Statesman or former Western Australian politician – example:**
Many streets in Cockburn are named after state or federal MPs including the names *Forrest*, *Murdoch*, *Beazley* and so on.
 - **Ship or event for etc pertaining to Western Australia – example:**
Newmarket, Sandown and Flemington are names that figure in historical maps of North Coogee and refer to the sport of horse racing that was so popular along this beach in the late 19th to mid-20th century.
 - **Flora or fauna native to the area – example:**
Trees and birds of the area are frequently used to establish a theme for a neighbourhood – the streets of Yangebup immediately west of North Lake Road are named after a species of local birds (*Osprey*, *Lapwing*, *Curlew* and so on).
- (7) Where indigenous names are proposed, the City will consult with the Aboriginal Reference Group and will provide feedback to the applicant.
- (8) The origin of each name should be clearly stated within applications and subsequently the City will record these details for future reference.

Note: Applicants may wish to contact the City regarding a current register of suitable names. This register is regularly updated and may assist with name selection in some instances.