



Policy Type

Council

Policy Purpose

The aim of this policy is to set the framework for the naming of roads, Public Open Space (POS), and minor infrastructure within the City of Cockburn prior to assessment by Geographic Names – Landgate.

When land is subdivided, it is common for a 'theme' for road and reserve names to be applied within the subdivision.

Geographic Names – Landgate is the authority responsible for managing the naming of geographical features, administrative boundaries, localities and roads and for the maintenance of the State's Gazetteer, GEONOMA and nomenclature database.

Prior to applications being forwarded to Geographic Names – Landgate, the City will notify all Elected Members providing the opportunity for comment. If one or more Elected Member disagrees with the proposal then the matter is to be placed before Council (no response from Elected Members will indicate acceptance). As a result no timeframe can be given for the processing of such applications.

This Policy is to be read in conjunction with all relevant legislation and State Policy, should any inconsistencies arise any legislation and State Policy will prevail as the authority lies with the Minister.

Policy Statement

The key objective is to provide a consistency to the road network and Public Open Space (POS) within the City of Cockburn.

- (1) The names applied to roads and reserves within the City shall be in accordance with the Geographic Names – Landgate's *Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia*.
- (2) Developers of new subdivisions shall advise the City of their preference on names for new roads and reserves within the subdivision.
- (3) Approved Geographic Names are intended to be enduring, therefore the City does not support the renaming of roads or reserves in absence of exceptional circumstances.
- (4) Preference will be given to the naming of reserves after an adjacent road or feature in order to maximise the identification of that reserve with an area.



- (5) Proposals to name reserves other than after an adjacent road or feature, should be based upon themes suggested in Geographic Names – Landgate’s *Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia*
- (6) Guidelines for the naming after personal names are provided in Geographic Names – Landgate’s *Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia*.
1. Names that commemorate, or may be construed to commemorate, living persons will not be considered for road or reserve naming.
 2. Where indigenous names are proposed, the City will consult with City of Cockburn’s Aboriginal Reference Group and will provide feedback to the applicant.
- (7) In exceptional circumstances reserves may be renamed. This is detailed in Geographic Names – Landgate’s *Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia*:
1. Evidence of substantial community support for a change of name must be provided by the applicant; and
 2. The Minister is the final authority on all such matters.
- (8) As detailed in Geographic Names – Landgate’s *Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia* road names should be appropriate to the physical, historical or cultural character of the area.
- (9) As detailed in Geographic Names – Landgate’s *Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia* minor structures in reserves may be named in honour of living or deceased community members where a tangible contribution to the reserve or the community in general can be established.
- (10) Where the road has been named after a local person or family who:
- served in the Armed Forces in a war or peace keeping activity; or
 - in a commemorative event.

Application can be made to Geographic Names - Landgate, for the City to add a poppy symbol to road fingerboard signs within the district

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