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SUBJECT: COUNCIL APPROVED ROAD NAMES REGISTER

The *Local Government Act 1989* provides Council the power to approve, assign or change the name of a road. Council in exercising this power must act in accordance with the guidelines provided for under the *Geographical Place Names Act 1998*. Council has established the Place Names Committee to act as an advisory body on geographical place names issues.

Developers and the general public are welcome to submit place/road naming proposals to Council (via the Place Names Committee) for consideration. The following guidelines, based on the *Naming Rules for Places in Victoria* (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning), apply to these proposals:

Language

- Geographic names, except when they are proper nouns, must be written in standard Australian English or a recognised format of an Australian Indigenous language local to the area of the feature, locality or road.
- Geographic names should be easy to pronounce, spell and write, and preferably not exceed three words (including feature or road type) and/or 25 characters.
- Diacritical marks (symbols such as ´, ¸ or ¯) will be omitted from names drawn from languages that use such marks.
- An apostrophe must be deleted from geographic names written with a final's, and the possessives should not be included in the first instance.
- Abbreviations, e.g. Mt in place of Mount, are not allowed. An exception applies to the use of the honorific Saint.
- Names starting with Mc or Mac must not have a space included between the Mc or Mac and the rest of the name.

Linking the name to the place

Names should have a sense of connection with the area. This could relate to things such as indigenous culture and occupation of the land, local flora and fauna, Australian war contributions, European exploration and settlement, local geography and geology, significant events or the cultural diversity of industrial/mineral/agricultural production.

Commemorative names

Naming often commemorates an event, person or place. The names of people who are still alive should be avoided because community attitudes and opinions can change over time.

Where the names of deceased persons are being considered for naming of a road, place or feature, the person being commemorated should have had a direct and long term association with the feature or have made a significant contribution to the area or region. For example:

- Early or long time settler (50 + years);
- Developer or restorer of the feature or place;
- Donor of the land to the community;
- Advocate and active protector of the land or feature for public benefit.

A commemorative name applied to a locality or road should use only the surname of a person, not a first or given names. A commemorative name applied to a feature can use the first name and surname of a person; although, it is preferred that only the surname is used. The initials of a given name are not to be used in any instances.

Commercial and business names

Naming authorities should not name places after commercial businesses, trade names or non-profit organisations.

Non-discriminatory names

Place names must not cause offence on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, disability, sexuality or gender.

Recognition and use of Indigenous Australian names

The use of traditional Indigenous Australian names is encouraged for features, localities and roads, subject to agreement from the relevant Indigenous communities.

Duplication

Place names must not be duplicated. Duplicates are considered to be two (or more) names within close proximity, and those which are identical or have similar spelling or pronunciation. Duplication is not allowed within the one locality or within the following distances:

- metropolitan urban area, within 5 kilometres;
- regional urban area, within 15 kilometres;
- rural or remote area, within 30 kilometres.

Road Naming

- Use of the definite article 'the' is not acceptable for sole use as a road name (e.g. it is not acceptable to name a road *The Avenue*).
- Road types are not to be used in the formation of a road name, for example Back Street Road or Boulevard Street.
- The use of numerals is not acceptable for a road name, either in full alphabetised or numeric format (i.e. neither Four, Fourth, 4 nor 4th are acceptable). This is because of the possible confusion between the road name and the address number.
- Upper, lower, little, old or new and the cardinal directions north, south, east and west are not to be used as part of a road name. The only exceptions are:
 - when the name is derived from a local feature such as 'little hut' or 'old gum';
 - when the name is derived from a locality name that uses a cardinal direction.
- Destination-to-destination names, e.g. Melbourne–Geelong Road, are not acceptable. This is because there are too many possible aliases available (i.e. Melbourne Road, Geelong Road, Geelong–Melbourne Road and perhaps even a local name such as High Street where the road runs through a township); therefore, a single name is preferred.
- Hyphens and the word 'and' are not to be used.
- Bridges will be named for identification purposes only and signage will only be installed on newly (re)constructed bridges to indicate the name of the waterway.

The *Naming Rules for Places in Victoria* provides further detail on naming conventions and can be found at <https://www.propertyandlandtitles.vic.gov.au/naming-places-features-and-roads/naming-rules-for-places-in-victoria>

General enquiries on geographical place naming issues may be directed to Sale Civic Centre on 1300 366 244 or PlaceNames@wellington.vic.gov.au.

A developer may select any road name from the Register for their subdivision for the purposes of certification without having to seek approval from the Place Names Committee and Council, provided that the road names selected are to be used within the locality specified in the Register. When a road name is selected the developer must notify the Place Names Committee to enable the name to be reserved.

Any proposed use of a road name from the Register outside of the locality specified is to be referred to the Place Names Committee and then to be presented to Council for consideration.

Council Approved Place / Road Name	Locality where name may be utilised	Notes	Date approved by Council
Armstrong	Dargo	Suggested by Dargo Heritage Museum	18-Jun-13
Borthwick	Sale & Fulham	ANZAC name suggested by Wellington Shire Heritage Network in commemoration of Keith Allan Borthwick	21-Mar-17
Carr	Newry or Maffra	After early settler James Carr, instrumental in the naming of the township of Newry	06-Jul-10
Centra	Sale	Centra family migrated to Sale from Italy in the 1950s, with successive generations also settling in Sale and recognised for their contributions to the local community.	05-Jun-18
Chough	Wellington Shire	Shortened name of the 'White-Winged Chough' native to southern & eastern Australia	20-Mar-12
Clapham	Sale & Boisdale	ANZAC name suggested by Wellington Shire Heritage Network in commemoration of lost soldier George Roy Clapham	21-Mar-17
Cleaver	Sale	ANZAC name suggested by Wellington Shire Heritage Network in commemoration of Edward (AKA Ben) Cleaver who died in the Charge of the 4th Light Horse Brigade at Bersheeba	21-Mar-17
Coleman	Wurruk	A life-long community member who contributed to the Wurruk community. Suggested by the Wurruk Harmony Group	16-Apr-13
Collins	Upper Dargo	Suggested by Dargo Heritage Museum	18-Jun-13
Connolly	Upper Dargo	Suggested by Dargo Heritage Museum	18-Jun-13
Cook	Dargo	Suggested by Dargo Heritage Museum	18-Jun-13
Cullen	Heyfield	One of the first families to settle in Heyfield (1880s) and had a blacksmith shop. Supported by Heyfield & District Historical Society	5-Dec-17
Dingwall	Maffra	Len Dingwall DCM served in El Alamein in WW1.	16-Apr-13
Dungey	Crooked River	Suggested by Dargo Heritage Museum	18-Jun-13
DuVe	Rosedale	After early settler Charles DuVe for services to the Rosedale community. Nomination supported by the Rosedale Historical Society	05-Sep-06
Ferres	Alberton	ANZAC name suggested by the Wellington Shire Heritage Network in commemoration of brothers Harold Dunstan Gordon and Sydney Eversley. Both attended Alberton State School. Harold was awarded the Distinguished Service Order, Military Cross and Bar to Military Cross and Sydney was killed in action in Gallipoli.	05-Jun-18

Fitton	Heyfield	ANZAC name suggested by Heyfield & District Historical Society in commemoration of lost soldier William Reid Fitton	20-Mar-18
Fitzpatrick	Heyfield	ANZAC name suggested by Heyfield & District Historical Society in commemoration of returned soldiers and brothers Samuel and Theodore Fitzpatrick. Samuel was awarded the Military Cross and Theodore was awarded the Military Medal	20-Mar-18
Garland	Castleburn, Cobbannah & Waterford	Suggested by Dargo Heritage Museum	18-Jun-13
Gibbs	Crooked River	Suggested by Dargo Heritage Museum	18-Jun-13
Grubb	Sale	The Grubb family were active in the Sale community, especially regarding the Sale Fire Brigade. They lived behind the fire station in York Street.	20-Sep-16
Hanratty	Sale	Preferably to be used in the northern part of Sale. Keith and Joan (nee Pavey) Hanratty owned the land where Glenhaven Estate is being developed from about 1950 through to 2000	07-Oct-14
Hardy	Castleburn, Cobbannah & Waterford	Suggested by Dargo Heritage Museum	18-Jun-13
Hind	Heyfield	ANZAC name suggested by Heyfield & District Historical Society in commemoration of lost soldier William Hind	20-Mar-18
Kelly	Dargo	Suggested by Dargo Heritage Museum	18-Jun-13
Lasich	Lower Dargo	Suggested by Dargo Heritage Museum	18-Jun-13
Lee	Castleburn, Cobbannah & Waterford	Suggested by Dargo Heritage Museum	18-Jun-13
Longmore	Maffra	ANZAC name suggested by Wellington Shire Heritage Network commemoration of lost soldier Thomas Longmore	21-Mar-17
Lucas	Crooked River	Suggested by Dargo Heritage Museum	18-Jun-13
Macleod	Seaspray	After the late Hector & Jean Macleod for their services to the community in the Seaspray area.	18-Mar-08
Macleod	Rosedale Area or surrounds	Preference for the Rosedale area bearing in mind the Guidelines for Geographic Names and the proximity rules for existing road names to recognise Sgt David J MacLeod who lost his life when his parachute failed to open in a WW2 training exercise when the plane he was in was crashed landed in a white out by Sgt Kevin Moloney	07-Jun-16
Maxwell	Maffra & Stratford	ANZAC name suggested by Wellington Shire Heritage Network in commemoration of lost soldier McKenzie (AKA Ken) Maxwell	21-Mar-17
McKenzie	Seaspray	After the McKenzie family who had long term historical links in the Seaspray area	20-Mar-07
Neates	Crooked River	Suggested by Dargo Heritage Museum	18-Jun-13
Niemann	Sale	John Niemann discovered the Sale Artesian Well (now the Boisdale Aquifer) in 1880	5-Dec-17
Pallot	Heyfield	ANZAC name suggested by Heyfield & District Historical Society in commemoration of lost soldier	20-Mar-18

		Ernest Pallot. His brothers George and Clarence also served and returned	
Phelan	Dargo	Suggested by Dargo Heritage Museum	18-Jun-13
Reed	Rosedale	ANZAC name suggested by Wellington Shire Heritage Network in commemoration of lost soldier Clair William Reed	5-Dec-17
Riggall	Maffra	Louie Riggall 1868-1918. Female artist, who in WW1 joined the Voluntary Aid Detachments of the Australian Branch of the British Red Cross and served in Egypt and France and ran the Red Cross store at the hospital in Rouen, France. Suggested by the Maffra RSL	16-Apr-13
Robinson	Blackwarry	ANZAC name suggested by Wellington Shire Heritage Network in commemoration of brothers Alexander, Edward and Albert Douglas who lost their lives while serving in Europe.	05-Jun-18
Scott	Dargo	Suggested by Dargo Heritage Museum	18-Jun-13
Singleton	Maffra	Irene Singleton who served as a nurse and died of illness in Sumatra while a prisoner during WW2. She had two brothers who also died in the war. Suggested by the Maffra RSL.	16-Apr-13
Sittella	Wellington Shire	Shortened name of local bird species.	05-Apr-11
Spinebill	Wellington Shire	Shortened name of local bird species.	05-Apr-11
Stephen	Maffra	ANZAC name suggested by Wellington Shire Heritage Network in commemoration of lost soldier Kenneth Travers Stephen who was awarded the Military Cross	21-Mar-17
Stumpy Point	Wurruk	The stump adjacent to the highway in Wurruk is a local landmark. Suggested by the Wurruk Harmony Group	16-Apr-13
Swanton	Port Albert / Yarram	In recognition of the Swanton family for their contributions to the local community, in particular Robert Ernest Swanton for his efforts in starting school bus services in the area.	05-Jun-18
Tanner	Wurruk	A life-long community member who contributed to the Wurruk community. Suggested by the Wurruk Harmony Group	16-Apr-13
Tarndang	Wellington Shire	Local indigenous name for grass tree.	01-Mar-16
Tiddalik	Wurruk	In the Kurnai language, Tiddalik is a frog. Suggested by the Wurruk Harmony Group	16-Apr-13
Traill	Castleburn, Cobbannah & Waterford	Suggested by Dargo Heritage Museum	18-Jun-13
Walsh	Upper Dargo	Suggested by Dargo Heritage Museum	18-Jun-13
Watt	Lower Dargo	Suggested by Dargo Heritage Museum	18-Jun-13
Whitelaw	Briagolong	ANZAC name suggested by Wellington Shire Heritage Network in commemoration of the four Whitelaw brothers who died as a result of serving in the First World War	21-Mar-17
Woodhouse	Sale	ANZAC name suggested by Wellington Shire Heritage Network in commemoration of John James	21-Mar-17

	Woodhouse who died of wounds and was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal	
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* Road Names reserved for future subdivisions