

Policy



STRATEGIC

NAMING OF ROADS, PARKS, LANDMARKS AND FACILITIES

Head of Power

Local Government Act 2009

Key Supporting Council Document

Lockyer Valley Regional Council Corporate Plan 2022 – 2027:

- A development assessment process that facilitates sustainable outcomes for the community.

Policy Objective

Lockyer Valley Regional Council has the authority to name roads, parks, reserves, landmarks and facilities in its jurisdiction. This policy provides guidelines for the naming of local roads, parks, reserves, landmarks and facilities in the Lockyer Valley region. The policy:

- Provides a consistent procedure for the naming of local roads, parks, landmarks and facilities;
- Provides staff, community and developers with clear information on Council's requirements for the naming of infrastructure assets;
- Enables consistent and legible application of the AS/NZS 4819:2011 Rural and Urban Addressing; and
- Provides clear identification of assets and infrastructure.

Policy Statement

Lockyer Valley Regional Council has the authority to name roads, parks, landmarks and facilities in its jurisdiction. Council will ensure that names are appropriate and relevant, and that proposals from the community are considered.

Procedure

Council may assign an official name to a gazetted road that is used to access properties, parks, landmarks and facilities. This does not prevent Council from assigning a name to other gazetted roads, which may be unconstructed or not provide direct property access.

Official road names are only assigned to private roads or easements by exception, such as where a road name would:

- Reduce potential confusion for the travelling public, emergency vehicles and other service providers; or
- Provide an effective address to properties.

Requests for naming of roads, parks, reserves, landmarks and facilities are to be provided to Council in writing via the approved form suggesting at least three options for names in accordance with this policy. Council officers will review the request, make any necessary amendments and prepare a report and recommendation for a decision at an ordinary Council meeting. The applicant will be notified of the decision in writing. Council retains the discretion for an alternative name to be adopted where the suggested names are not suitable.

All names will be recorded within Council’s corresponding asset register.

Rules for Nomenclature

Council will ensure that proposed names are appropriate and relevant, and that proposals from the community are considered in the context of following categories:

- Flora, Fauna (including Australian animals and birds), geographical or cultural features found in the locality
- Indigenous names
- Landscape or physical forms
- Name/s of historic significance
- Australiana
- Pioneers and long-term landholders
- People who have served or represented the community well e.g. in sport or the arts.

Generally, proposed road names should be consistent with any existing naming theme of the surrounding area.

Names that are not preferred are those that are:

- Difficult to pronounce
- Very long or composed of two or more words
- Difficult to spell
- Hyphenated words
- Plural or possessive in nature
- May offend or be seen to be offensive
- Duplicate or nearly duplicate either in sound or spelling another road in the Lockyer Valley Regional Council area or a nearby road outside the Region
- Names of living persons (they are named for posterity, not the present)

Road names must include an appropriate road type suffix compatible with the class and type of road. Road types, abbreviations and descriptions as per AS/NZS 4819:2011 (appendix A). Place names will be appropriate to the type of asset (e.g. park, playground, sports field).

Road Type	Abbreviation	Description	Open Ended	Cul-de-sac
Approach	App	Roadway leading to an area of community interest (e.g. public open space, commercial area, etc.).	✓	
Avenue	Av	Broad roadway, usually planted on each side with trees.	✓	

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Chase	Ch	Roadway leading down to a valley.	✓	✓
Circuit	Cct	Roadway enclosing an area.	✓	
Close	Cl	Short, enclosed roadway.		✓
Court	Ct	Short, enclosed roadway.		✓
Crescent	Cr	Crescent-shaped thoroughfare, especially where both ends join the same thoroughfare.	✓	
Drive	Dr	Wide thoroughfare allowing a steady flow of traffic without many cross-street.	✓	
Place	Pl	Short, sometimes narrow, enclosed roadway.		✓
Road	Rd	Open way or public passage primarily for vehicles.	✓	
Street	St	Public roadway in a town, city or urban area, especially a paved thoroughfare with footpaths and buildings along one or both sides.	✓	
Terrace	Tce	Roadway usually with houses on either side raised above the road level.	✓	
Way	Way	Roadway affording passage from one place to another. Usually not as straight as an avenue or street.	✓	

Related Documents

AS/NZS 4819:2011 Rural and Urban Addressing
Place Names Act 1994