

## PLACE AND FEATURE NAMING POLICY

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<b>Related Policies:</b>	Nil
<b>Applicable to Unit(s):</b>	Assets and Projects Built Environment
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Manager Assets and Projects
<b>Statutory Reference:</b>	<i>Local Government Act 1989;</i> <i>Geographic Place Names Act 1998</i>

### OVERVIEW

This policy is provided to give direction for the naming of localities, roads and other features that are owned or maintained by Wellington Shire Council, or where Wellington Shire Council has been asked to become involved in naming a feature. "Road" for the purpose of this policy includes street, lane, avenue, court and the like, and excludes roads managed by State Government authorities such as VicRoads, Parks Victoria and Department of Environment Land Water and Planning

### THE POLICY

Proposals for new names or name changes including proposals from developers for their subdivisions are to be submitted to Council's Place Names Committee for consideration. All decisions from the Place Names Committee will be presented to Council for consideration. Community views are encouraged particularly those of the local historical societies, RSLs and other community groups.

The *Local Government Act 1989* Schedule 10, Clause 5 states:

1. A Council may:
  - a. approve, assign or change the name of a road; and
  - b. erect signs on a road; and
  - c. approve, assign and change the number of a road and any premises next to a road; and
  - d. require people to number their premises and to renew those numbers.
2. The Council, in exercising a power under paragraph (a) of sub-clause (1) must act in accordance with the guidelines under the *Geographic Place Names Act 1998* and must advise the Registrar under that Act of the action it has taken.

Council has adopted a Council Approved Road Names Register to provide guidelines and to give effect to its policy position on road, place and feature naming. This document is available to the general public on Council's website. The responsibility to ensure that the maintenance and implementation of the Register and guidelines accords with Council's policy position is vested in the Manager Assets and Projects.

## HUMAN RIGHTS

Wellington Shire Council is committed to upholding the Human Rights principles as outlined in the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic)* and referred to in Council's Human Rights Policy. The Human Rights Checklist has been completed and this policy accords with Council's policy commitment to uphold human rights principles.

### Related Documents

Type:	Details:
Guidelines:	Naming Rules for Places in Victoria Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities 2016. (State Government document)