
10.16 Road Naming Within the Shire

Policy Owner	Works and Services
Person Responsible	Chief Executive Officer
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OBJECTIVE

To enable Council to prioritise and determine the allocation of road names to roads that are new, renamed, or named for the first time.

POLICY

Council will generally apply the Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia, as adopted by Landgate.

In applying these standards, Council gives preference to the use of historic surnames of individuals such as Freeman of the Shire, former Chairmen of the Road Board, Shire Presidents, Elected Members, and other notable community-nominated individuals. These names should meet the following inclusive principles, listed in order of priority (highest to lowest):

1. Road names should not be duplicated within the Shire;
2. Surnames of Freeman of the Shire;
3. Surnames must be of deceased persons (except in the case of Freeman);
4. Surnames of Chairmen and Shire Presidents, in order of length of service;
5. Surnames of Elected Members, in order of length of service;
6. Surnames of former pioneers whose property was predominantly served by a specific historic road reserve.

The Register of Elected Members and Freeman of the Shire will be used to prioritise the selection of names in accordance with the above principles.

Where possible, preference will be given to assigning a name within the general locality where the individual resided or owned land. If no suitable name is available from the list of Freeman, Chairmen, Presidents, or Elected Members in that locality, Council may consider a name aligned with the Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia, such as, but not limited to, the surname of the original landowner served by that road.

Nothing in this policy prevents Council from recommending an alternative name if Council considers the alternative name to be more appropriate.

REVIEW

Reviews of this policy are to be undertaken every 3 years or earlier if required.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for implementation of this policy.