

## Naming of Public Places

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Relevant Legislation:	<i>Local Government Act 1999</i> <i>Geographical Names Act 1991</i> <i>Development Act 1993</i> <i>Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016</i> <i>South Australian Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988</i>
Related Policies:	Community Engagement (Public Consultation) Policy Be the Future of Burnside – Our Strategic Community Plan 2016-2026

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Naming of Public Places Policy provides direction in the naming of public places including reserves and public roads.

### 2. Strategic Plan Desired Outcomes

- 2.1 Sustainable, engaging, healthy and functional public spaces and streetscapes
- 2.2 Conservation and enhancement of the historic character of the City
- 2.3 A vibrant and diverse community that has a strong sense of belonging and wellbeing
- 2.4 A safe community that values and supports its people

### 3. Our Approach

- 3.1 An accessible network of public spaces that respond to the needs of the community
- 3.2 Support the protection of the City's local heritage, character built heritage and natural heritage
- 3.3 Safe streets and public places which create a sense of pride and community

#### **4. Legislative Requirements and Corporate Policy Context**

- 4.1 The *Geographical Names Act 1991* provides powers to the Minister for Planning, Transport, and Infrastructure and the Surveyor General to control the naming of 'places'.
- 4.2 The authority to name reserves/public places is provided to Councils via section 219 of the *Local Government Act 1999 (the Act)*, which directs that Council must assign a name to a public road created by land division, and provides Council with the power to:
  - 4.2.1 Assign names to public places, public or private roads; and
  - 4.2.2 Change the name of a public place, public or private road.
- 4.3 Assigning or changing the name of a public place or public or private road shall require a resolution of Council.
- 4.4 In accordance with Council's Community Engagement (Public Consultation) Policy, assignment or change of a public place/reserve name is subject to an appropriate level of public notification and community consultation prior to naming or renaming a Reserve, Place or Road.
- 4.5 Council is also required under section 219(7) of the Act to give public notice of the adopting or altering of this Policy.

#### **5. Interpretation**

- 5.1 For the purpose of this policy:
  - 5.1.1 "Reserve" means a parcel of land available to be used by the public for recreation and cultural activities.
  - 5.1.2 "Place" means an any area, region, locality, city, suburb, town, township, or settlement, or any geographical or topographical feature, and includes any railway station, hospital, school and any other place or building that is, or is likely to be, of public or historical interest".
  - 5.1.3 "Road" means a public road or private road under the care and control of Council.

#### **6. Policy**

##### **Reserve and Place naming**

- 6.1 Generally Council Reserves will be and are named after a prominent adjoining street or a locality indicator such as a suburb. This provides an easy and practical reference for the local community, users and emergency services.
- 6.2 Occasionally, Council receives requests from members of the public to name Reserves in memory of relatives, community members, previous land owners and the like. This Policy has been established to guide consideration of such requests within the framework of the provisions of section 219 of the Act.

- 6.3 Requests for naming/renaming a Reserve will be considered if they meet the following criteria:
- 6.3.1 The proposed name recognises an individual who has provided outstanding service to the community for a period in excess of 10 years and either the individual or relatives of the individual approve the use of the name; or
  - 6.3.2 The name reflects the character, landscape, function or history of the area or the site; or
  - 6.3.3 The proposed name is an Aboriginal name of relevance to the area and has the approval of the Kurna people; or
  - 6.3.4 The name is unique in the City and is not similar to the name of another site so as to cause confusion.
- 6.4 The proposed use of historic names must demonstrate consultation with the Burnside Historical Society.
- 6.5 Assigning or changing the name of a public place or public or private road shall require a resolution of Council.

#### **Road naming**

- 6.6 Requests for assigning or changing a Road name will be considered where Council considers that it is in the public interest to do so. The definition of public interest may include providing public recognition of any person or thing. A variation to preferred road names will be considered on the individual merits of the proposal.
- 6.7 A proposed name will be appropriate to the physical, historical or cultural character of the area concerned and assessed against the following criteria:
- 6.8 Be derived from the following:
- 6.8.1 Aboriginal names;
  - 6.8.2 early explorers, pioneers, settlers and other eminent persons;
  - 6.8.3 local history;
  - 6.8.4 mining, industry or other historical usage;
  - 6.8.5 thematic names such as flora, fauna or ships; or
  - 6.8.6 war/casualty lists.
- 6.9 The proposed use of an Aboriginal name must have approval from the local Kurna people.
- 6.10 The proposed use of historic names must demonstrate consultation with the Burnside Historical Society.

## **Community Consultation**

- 6.11 Section 219 of the Act requires that public notice must be given of the assigning or changing of a name of a public place or road. However, given the often sensitive nature of road and Reserve naming, adequate community consultation in accordance with Council's Community Engagement (Public Consultation) Policy will be undertaken before Council decides to assign a name to or rename a road or Reserve.
- 6.12 Consultation with the residents in respect of a road name will include suggested names and ask for other proposed names. If a theme is adopted, the request for suggested names will advise that they be consistent with the defined theme.

## **7. Review and Authority**

- 7.1 This Policy will be reviewed every three to four years in accordance with Council's Policies and Protocols Framework.

## **8. Availability**

- 8.1 The Policy is available to be downloaded, free of charge, from Council's website [www.burnside.sa.gov.au](http://www.burnside.sa.gov.au)
- 8.2 The Policy will be available for inspection without charge at the Civic Centre during ordinary business hours and a copy may be purchased at a fee as set annually by Council.

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## **9. Further Information**

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