

Road and bridge naming

Purpose

The objectives of this guideline are to:-

1. Establish criteria for the naming of new roads and bridges and the renaming of existing roads and bridges that fall within the jurisdiction of the MidCoast Council administration.
2. Regulate procedures for the naming of new roads and bridges and the renaming of existing roads and bridges that fall within the jurisdiction of the MidCoast Council administration.
3. Provide a standard method of naming and renaming of road and bridges within the MidCoast Council area.

Provide guidelines for the selection and approval of new road and bridge names, in accordance with the requirements of the Geographical Names Board of New South Wales, the Roads Act 1993 and the Local Government General Regulation 2005, within the MidCoast Council area.

Coverage of the guideline

This procedure realigns the Road and Bridge naming processes and provisions of the former Gloucester Shire, Great Lakes and Greater Taree Councils to ensure a consistent approach.

This procedure relates to the naming of new roads and bridges, as well as the renaming of existing roads and bridges that fall within the legislated jurisdiction of the MidCoast Council administration. It specifically relates to the requirements of the Geographical Names Board of New South Wales in accordance with Council's obligations, as a road authority, under the Roads Act 1993 and the Local Government General Regulation 2005.

In the event of an inconsistency between this guideline and another Council document, whether made before or after this procedure, this guideline prevails to the extent of the inconsistency. This guideline supersedes all requirements of the former council's documents.

Guideline content

Any person may complete an application form to name a new or existing road or bridge in accordance with the provisions described herein;

Council may arrange for the naming of a Crown Road, following approval from the Department of Lands, should it be in the interest of assisting emergency services locate properties.

Proposed names of new roads and bridges offered for approval shall be considered using the following guidelines:

- All applications for the naming of roads and bridges must be made using the Road and Bridge Naming application form and all associated fees and charges paid upon lodgement;
- Euphony shall be considered when determining appropriateness of proposed name(s);
- Where appropriate, name continuity shall be maintained for roads and bridges in the vicinity of and crossing boundaries between adjoining Council areas;
- Three (3) names should be provided and state reasons to support the requested name for each suggestion.
- The proposed names should be appropriate for the physical environment, historical and/or cultural character of the subject area;
 - Names of living persons should not be used.
 - Where the name of a deceased person is proposed, evidence should be shown that the person has contributed significantly to the area which the road/bridge is located.
 - Preferred sources for road names include Aboriginal names, local history, early explorers, pioneers, settlers and other eminent persons, war/casualty lists and thematic names such as flora, fauna or ships.
- Naming proposals should represent the values of the community and be mindful of future generations.
- Naming proposals should have a maximum length of ten letters (excluding the suffix).

Any person may make a submission regarding a proposed road or bridge name or change to a road or bridge name in accordance with the specifications given in the notice of such proposal.

Approval guidelines

All names of new or existing roads and bridges are to be judged for appropriateness according to the criteria below. These criteria are intended as a guideline for the reviewing body. Proposed road and bridge name(s) or change of road and bridge name(s) shall:

- Comply with the aforementioned requirements;
- Reflect any relevant street naming theme adopted by Council for the area;
- Maintain continuity of street and road names in the vicinity, if no themes have been adopted;
- Be unique within the MidCoast Council area and, where possible, not duplicate names in proximity to neighbouring Council areas;
- Have an appropriate suffix for the road type and the subject street/road; and
- Be deemed appropriate if they are offensive or likely to give offence.

The selection and approval process for the naming of roads and bridges, within the MidCoast Council area, shall comply with the requirements of Geographical Names Board of New

South Wales, as described in their publications, the Roads Act 1993 and the Local Government General Regulation 2005, as amended from time to time.

Proposed names shall be published in relevant local newspaper inviting written submissions be made by specified dates.

Where the subject road or bridge is highly significant, or if considerable difficulty in selection of new name or name change is encountered, a Council Resolution shall be sought.

Names must be approved prior to use.

Applications for new roads within subdivisions should be accompanied by spatial extent description, including Start and End Coordinates (currently GDA94, MGA Zone 56, Easting and Northing) plus the total length of the road.

Approved names shall be shown in the final subdivision release plan.

All approved names shall be gazetted in the NSW Government Gazette.

Council retains the right to change or modify names of new or existing roads and bridges that fall within the jurisdiction of the MidCoast Council administration, if and when it is deemed necessary to do so.

Definitions

Euphony: pleasantness of sound

Road(s): is a catch all phrase to describe any public thoroughfare deemed to be under the jurisdiction of MidCoast Council, whereby Council is empowered as the administering authority thereof, as defined in the Roads Act 1993.

References and related documents

Section 138 of the Roads Act 1993

Local Government Act 1993

Local Government General Regulation 2005

Geographical Names Board of New South Wales - NSW Addressing User Manual

Author and file reference

Manager Projects and Engineering is responsible for the overall administration and implementation of this Guideline.

All Council staff and Councillors who have responsibilities for compliance as defined by this Guideline are responsible for its implementation, however only staff with appropriate delegations from the General Manager are authorised to undertake investigate an enforcement activities associated with certain legislation.

<p>NOTE: Council's Road and Bridge Naming Guideline may be updated from time to time. The guideline current at the time that the application is assessed will apply.</p>
