

Information Sheet

Road and Place Naming

The naming of roads and places is governed by the *Land Administration Act 1997*, under sections 26 and 26A. To ensure road and place naming is undertaken appropriately, the Town has adopted Policy 12/010 – Road and Place Naming, to guide the selection of appropriate names and provide an approval framework.

What can be named?

Road	Any public or private land-based thoroughfare, including alleyways, roads, fire tracks, bike paths and walking tracks
Topographical Feature	A unique geographical place or attribute, including mountains, watercourses, bays, valleys etc
Locality	Commonly referred to as a 'Suburb' in an urban area
Local Parks and Recreational Reserves	Including public gardens, shelters, ablutions, playground equipment, barbeques, or features such as ponds lakes, bushland and walking trails
Buildings	Pavilions and other structures within local parks or recreational reserves may be named in honour of living community members who have contributed towards the establishment of the structure or the community in general. Landgate approval of these names is not required where the reserve has already been named as a whole, however must still conform to the same naming policies and standards.

General Guidelines

Do's	Do not's
Written in Australian English	Start with 'The'
Simple to pronounce, spell and write	Include prepositions – e.g. 'about', 'above', 'near' etc
	Include suffixes – e.g. 'North', 'Park', 'Grove'
	Use the word 'City', 'Town' or 'Shire'
	Use hyphens or the word 'and'

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Commemorative Naming Guidelines

Do's	Do not's
Submit applications posthumously only	Do not commemorate victims of, or the location of accidents or tragedies
Include proof of permission of the immediate family	Past or ongoing public service in all levels of government is not sufficient
Include demonstrated record of achievement	Current or past ownership of land is not sufficient, including developers
Include evidence of broad community support	Derogatory or offensive
In relation to roads, use surname only	Use initials

Can I rename an existing feature?

Renaming of existing features is not supported, except in exceptional circumstances that may pose a risk to health and safety. This does not however include dual naming, as this is the addition of an Aboriginal name and not a complete renaming.

What is the Reserve Road and Place Name Register?

The Register is a list of names pre-approved by the Town. Any future naming project may choose to select a name or theme from the register for application to the road or place, or submit an application for consideration of a new proposed name. Names on the Register may be suggested by any member of the Town or the public, provided they satisfy the requirements of the Town's Policy 12/010.

It should be noted that the above guidelines are only a summary of the primary requirements for all types of naming. A number of more specific requirements apply to the various types of names, and will be assessed following submission of an application. It is also important to note that the Town is not the final approval authority for the naming of a road or place. **Support of a proposed name by the Town will not guarantee approval of the proposed name by Landgate.**

For further information please contact the Town's Town Planning and Development Team on 08 9158 9300 or at ePlanning@porthedland.wa.gov.au.