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COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE

Our Place, Our Vision – Marrickville Community Strategic Plan 2023	
1.6	Marrickville is a diverse community that values and celebrates its many cultures
2.3	The community understands and has a strong sense of its history
2.4	Increased awareness and appreciation of aboriginal art, culture and history in Marrickville

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVE

The policy objectives are:

1. To ensure Council compliance with relevant legislation and the *New South Wales Road Naming Policy*.
2. Through the naming of local roads and lanes recognise:
 - (a) The traditional Aboriginal custodians and their contribution to the Marrickville local government area by the use of Aboriginal language words or the recognition of significant Aboriginal historical figures and events, and
 - (b) Other important historical figures that lived in or contributed to the Marrickville local government area including historical landowners and others who have made significant contributions to Marrickville’s social and political history.
3. Provide a consistent approach in the determination of road names to minimise incidents of duplication and ambiguous address information which may impact on emergency services, rating, postage and community transport and way finding.

POLICY STATEMENT

At the Infrastructure, Planning and Environmental Services Committee in April 2015, Council resolved to review the road naming policy and confirmed its commitment to:

1. Naming roads to recognise the traditional Aboriginal custodians and the contribution of Aboriginal Australians to the Marrickville Local Government Area. This includes through the potential use of Aboriginal language names or the recognition of significant Aboriginal historical figures or events;
2. Recognise important historical figures who lived in or contributed to the Marrickville Local Government Area through the naming of local roads, noting that this should not be limited to historical landowners but where possible include others who have made significant contributions to Marrickville’s social and political history.

SCOPE

The Policy will apply to the naming or renaming of roads and lanes for which Council has jurisdiction within the Marrickville local government area.

POLICY

1. All road naming proposals shall conform to the 'General Principles' encompassed in the "NSW Road Naming Policy" as published by the Geographical Names Board of NSW.
2. Research will be undertaken to identify potential names appropriate to the physical, historical or cultural character of the area concerned, considering both written and oral history and traditions, and which comply with the Geographical Names Board requirements.
3. Aboriginal names will be in the local language chosen in consultation with the Marrickville Aboriginal Consultative Committee (MACC).
4. Options and recommendations for proposed name(s) will be presented to Council for selection of a preferred option(s).
5. Council will publicly exhibit its preferred option(s) for a period not less than 28 days and notify prescribed authorities in accordance with the provisions of the Roads Act & Regulation.
6. Landowners and residents whose property boundary adjoins the road or lane under consideration will be notified in writing of the proposal.
7. Results of the public exhibition period will be reported to Council to determine the name following consideration of submissions received.
8. The chosen name will be published in accordance with the provisions of the Roads Act and Regulations including the NSW Government Gazette and in a local newspaper.
9. Prescribed authorities, persons who made a submission on the proposal and landowners and residents whose property boundary adjoins the road or lane will be advised of the chosen name.

RELATED LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- Roads Act, 1993
- Roads Regulation 2008
- Geographical Names Act, 1966
- *NSW Road Naming Policy*, Geographical Names Board of NSW, Oct 2013
- *NSW Road Naming Procedure and Process*, Geographical Names Board of NSW, Oct 2013
- Aboriginal Naming/Co Naming Policy, Marrickville Council
- *The Sydney Language*, Jakelin Troy, 1994

APPROVALS

Elected Council.

POLICY HISTORY:

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1	Policy adopted by Council at CM 3/97 Item ES.14	8 April 1997	80994.14
2	Policy amended by Council at IP0316 Item 4	March 2016	25355.16