

## 12.4 Renaming of ROW 130, ROW 52 and ROW 87

<b>Location</b>	Town-wide
<b>Reporting officer</b>	Jack Bidwell
<b>Responsible officer</b>	Ben Killigrew
<b>Voting requirement</b>	Simple majority
<b>Attachments</b>	1. ROW Maps [ <b>12.4.1</b> - 3 pages] 2. ROW Suffix Conventions [ <b>12.4.2</b> - 1 page]

### Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorses the names selected for ROW 130, ROW 52 and ROW 87; and
  - a) ROW 130 to Blewett Lane
  - b) ROW 52 to Benton Lane; and
  - c) ROW 87 to Edmiston Lane.
2. Approves the Chief Executive Officer to undertake the process to rename the rights of way in Recommendation 1.

### Purpose

To endorse the names selected by the Town for the purposes of renaming ROW 130, ROW 52 and ROW 87.

### In brief

- Following a Council resolution and several requests from community members, the Town has been investigating the requirements to rename selected Right of Ways throughout the Town.
- Advice provided to the Town that naming or renaming of the Town's Right of Ways will require the same process to be undertaken to ensure the Standards of the Geographic Naming Policy are applied.
- Local Governments are responsible for the numbering process, they may also propose a name and vote on it, but the suggestion then needs to be submitted to the Names Committee at Landgate who selects the official name.

### Background

1. Requests to assign names to the Town's Right of Ways (ROW) are received frequently from residents having difficulty directing friends, visitors, delivery drivers and trades people to property facing a Right of Way. These requests are becoming more frequent due to the increase in urban development. Consequently, the orientation of properties with primary access and frontages onto ROW has resulted in many requiring names (approximately 129 in total) for address purposes.

2. In addition to several community requests, a Council resolution was carried at the September OCM requesting:  
 "That Council:
  - a. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to investigate whether ROW 52 can be re-named.
  - b. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to investigate an appropriate name for the laneway and present a report to Council for consideration by December 2019, if ROW 52 is able to be re-named as per the point above."
3. The Town has received advice that the renaming of ROW 52 is the same process to rename other Rights of Way.
4. There are currently three ROW with requests to be renamed (ROW 130, ROW 52 and ROW 87) and these are seeking to be addressed within this report.

## Strategic alignment

Civic Leadership	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL03 - Well thought out and managed projects that are delivered successfully.	A consolidated approach to renaming the ROWs will provide efficiency by having a singular project methodology applied.
CL10 - Legislative responsibilities are resourced and managed appropriately, diligently and equitably.	The coordinated approach will ensure the correct legislative process is applied correctly and all names are approved and registered appropriately.

## Engagement

Internal engagement	
Property Team	Input into report and the process to undertake naming or renaming of ROW, Parks and Reserves.
Project Management	Input into report and the process to undertake the project and assessing the complexity of the project delivery.
Community Development	Input into report and the process to identify names, engage with stakeholders and undertake process to select appropriate names.

## Legal compliance

*Schedule 3.1 of the Local Government Act 1995*

*Clause 2.15 of the Town of Victoria Park Local Law – Activities on Thoroughfares and Trading in Thoroughfares and Public Places Local Law 2000 Consolidated*

*Australian/New Zealand Standard – Rural and Urban Addressing AS/NZS 4819:2011*

## Risk management consideration

Risk and consequence	Consequence rating	Likelihood rating	Overall risk analysis	Mitigation and actions
<b>Reputational</b> Negative public perception towards the Town may result if the ROW are not named and further inconvenience residents	Minor	Possible	Moderate	Consistent approach to apply for renaming of Right of Ways as requests are made to ensure inconveniences are minimised.
<b>Service Interruption</b> Continuous ad-hoc requests to name/rename ROW diverts officer resource allocation away from other projects or activities that are higher priority to the Town.	Moderate	Likely	High	A simplified process with a single point of contact to ensure resources are appropriately managed.
<b>Compliance</b> Non-compliance of names applied to ROW, Parks and Reserves if proper process not applied.	Major	Unlikely	Moderate	This approach will ensure the correct process is undertaken and names are lodged and registered with the appropriate authorities.

## Financial implications

<b>Current budget impact</b>	The supply and installation cost of three street signs is \$950.00 ex GST, there are no application fees payable to Landgate. Previous initiatives to rename ROWs have been funded from the Sign Maintenance Budget and it is proposed that this budget is utilised in this instance. Sufficient funds exist within this budget to fund the renaming of the three proposed ROWs.
<b>Future budget impact</b>	Not applicable.

## Analysis

5. Assigning names to Rights of Way (ROW) ensures street addresses are compliant with the Geographical Standards for Rural and Urban Addressing (AS/NZS 4819:2011). The Standards take into consideration access points, street orientation and consistency to improve the efficiency of, for example, emergency service vehicles attempting to locate a dwelling with a frontage to a ROW.
6. Prior to submitting any names to Landgate, Commemorative naming needs to comply with the Australian/New Zealand Standard – Rural and Urban Addressing AS/NZS 4819:2011 as well as pass Landgate’s Geographical Names Committee preliminary validation assessment in accordance with their Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia.
7. The Geographical Naming Policy requires the following provisions to be satisfied:
  - a. Posthumously;
  - b. Permission of the immediate family must be obtained;
  - c. Based on demonstrated record of achievement;
  - d. Having a direct and long-term association with the location and made a significant contribution to the area;
  - e. The proposal commemorating an individual with an outstanding national or international reputation has had a direct association with the area in which it is to be located;
  - f. Such application is in the public interest;
  - g. There is evidence of broad community support for the proposal.

Public advertising of the proposed names to the community prior the submission to the GNC is not required by Landgate.

- The Town has selected the names of three prominent women from the Town of Victoria Park for the proposed renaming of ROW 130, ROW 52 and ROW 87. The renaming is proposed as below:
  - ROW 130 to Blewett Lane;
  - ROW 52 to Benton Lane; and
  - ROW 87 to Edmiston Lane.
- Mary Florence Blewett was a sister-in-charge of the out patient clinic in Greenbushes and moved to Victoria Park in 1949 following the death of her husband who was captured and later died as a prisoner of war in World War II. Mrs Blewett built a house on Sussex Street in East Victoria Park and lived there with her three children. She worked as a Matron at St Ives Hospital in Hubert Street and participated in volunteer work for the Red Cross.
- Ellis May Benton was born and lived in Victoria Park. She was enlisted in World War II in May 1942, aged 19 years, and served in the Air Force as a Corporal until she was discharged in April 1946.
- Agnes Carmel Edmiston was born and lived in Victoria Park. She was enlisted in World War II in June 1942, aged 20 years, and served in the Air Force as an Aircraftwoman until she was discharged in November 1944.
- Each name was selected based on past reports recommending the naming of Rights of Way, suggested names for Rights of Way were sought from the previous Culture and Local History Working Group and the Local History Coordinator. As the group no longer exists, suggested

names were sought from the Local History Officer. The recommended names are on a list of Prominent Women from Victoria Park who were either enlisted and served in World War II or were a registered nurse or midwife.

- These names align with the precedent set by the Town which has historically named a number of roads after nurses or midwives who worked in the local area, as well as servicemen from Victoria Park who served in World Wars I and II.
- The names proposed in this report have passed Landgate's preliminary validation assessment and can proceed to the Geographic Names Committee for approval.

## Relevant documents

Not applicable.

## Further consideration

8. A map has been included as Attachment 12.4.1 to show the location of ROW 52, ROW 87 and ROW 130.
9. Not that ROW 87 is incorrectly named as Rouse Lane on Google Maps. Confirmation had been made with Landgate that Rouse Lane does not extend past Mint Street and once Landgate assigns a name for ROW 87, the Town will be able to inform Google Maps of the name correction.
10. Confirmation has been made with the Community Development team that further information regarding the origin and history of the names can be included at the site in various forms. For example, a sign or plaque can be hung under the new street sign used to identify the ROW name. The preferred method for this can be workshopped with Elected Members at a future Concept Forum.
11. The list of options for the renaming of ROW 52 can be selected the list in Attachment 12.4.2. This list is the different options for the suffix of the name (e.g Lane, Way, Promenade etc). The prefix of the name (e.g. Blewett, Benton etc) is more difficult to select due to the complex requirements of the GNC. It is suggested that a list of preferred names is prepared by Elected Members and supplied to the Town, who can then submit these options to Landgate to assess.
12. Once a list of preferred names is supplied to the Town the assessment process is relatively concise and can be completed with 2-4 weeks. The assignment of the name by Landgate, once submitted by the Town, is not provided by Landgate but indicated at 10 business days.

## OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

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## AMENDMENT:

**Moved:** Cr Brian Oliver

**Seconded:** Cr Jesvin Karimi

1. That recommendation 1) b) be deleted.
2. That an additional point 3 be inserted "Notes that Benton Lane as a suitable name for a different right of way"
3. That an additional point 4 be inserted "Requests a further report be presented to a future Ordinary Council Meeting for alternative names for ROW 52"

**CARRIED (7 - 0)**

**For:** Cr Bronwyn Ife, Cr Wilfred Hendriks, Cr Brian Oliver, Cr Ronhhda Potter, Cr Claire Anderson, Mayor Karen Vernon, Cr Jesvin Karimi

**Against:** nil

**Reason:** For Council to receive further options for the renaming of ROW 52.

### **SUBSTANTIVE COUNCIL RESOLUTION (271/2019):**

**Moved:** Mayor Karen Vernon

**Seconded:** Cr Claire Anderson

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2. Approves the Chief Executive Officer to undertake the process to rename the rights of way in Recommendation 1
3. Notes that Benton Lane as a suitable name for a different right of way.
4. Requests a further report be presented to a future Ordinary Council Meeting for alternative names for ROW 52.

**CARRIED (7 - 0)**

**For:** Cr Wilfred Hendriks, Cr Brian Oliver, Cr Jesvin Karimi, Cr Claire Anderson, Cr Bronwyn Ife, Mayor Karen Vernon, Cr Ronhhda Potter

**Against:** nil

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