




ASSET NAMING POLICY

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Signed by Chief Executive Officer

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1 PURPOSE

This policy provides guidance for the naming or renaming of assets for which Council is the coordinating or responsible authority including but not limited to roads, streets, open spaces, parks, bridges and features within the Loddon Shire.

2 SCOPE

This policy applies to applicants for naming or renaming of local assets or features, and council staff responsible for considering their applications.

3 POLICY

Pursuant to section 11(9) of the Road Management Act 2004, the relevant coordinating road authority must also act in accordance with the guidelines in force at the time under the Geographic Place Names Act 1988.

The following principles shall be applied when considering any application to Council for naming or renaming of local assets or features:

- Loddon Shire will only consider those applications for either naming or renaming of assets and features within its municipal district for which it is the coordinating authority.
- Only applications that comply with the Guidelines for Geographic Place Names shall be considered.
- All naming/renaming applications will be assessed according to the Asset Naming Procedure.
- In considering naming applications which comply with the naming guidelines and which contain multiple naming suggestions, preference shall be given to those names which maintain links with the local community or history of the area.
- It is acknowledged that a number of pre-existing road names within the Shire may not comply with the current naming guidelines. This policy shall only apply to new naming applications.
- Unless Council can be satisfied that modification of existing road names which do not comply with the current naming standards is required, e.g. due to confusion between similar road names in close proximity to each other, applications for naming changes to road names on the basis of non-compliance with the Guidelines for Geographic Place Names will not be considered.
- Only those assets which are deemed to be of a significant geographic or structural nature shall be considered for naming e.g. roads, bridges, buildings, reserves.

4 HUMAN RIGHTS STATEMENT

It is considered that this policy does not impact negatively on any rights identified in the Charter of Human Rights Act (2007). Loddon Shire Council is committed to consultation and cooperation between management and employees. The Council will formally involve elected employee Health and Safety Representatives in any workplace change that may affect the health and safety of any of its employees.

5 REVIEW

The Director Operations will review this policy for any necessary amendments no later than 3 years after adoption of this current version.