

**ITEM 4. PROPOSED NAMING OF AN UNNAMED ROAD OFF NELSON STREET, ANNANDALE - POST EXHIBITION**

**FILE NO: X000571**

**SUMMARY**

This report seeks approval for the naming of the unnamed public road linking Nelson Street, Annandale with the Harold Park Tramsheds development in Forest Lodge as "Dalgal Way". This development is due to open to the public in early 2016 and street naming and subsequent addressing of the site is required to enable connection of utilities, wayfinding and mapping and other pre-opening activities.

The proposed name "Dalgal" is an Aboriginal Sydney language word meaning "mussel", an important food source for the Gadigal and Wangal people who camped around Rozelle Bay. The naming proposal aligns with one of the key actions detailed in the City's Reconciliation Action Plan 2015-17, that is, "to acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories through the naming of places within the City".

This report follows the Resolution of Council of 14 December 2015, giving approval to advertise the above naming proposal, subject to the public notification required by the *Roads Regulation 2008*.

Public notice of the proposal was published in the Inner West Courier on 19 January 2016 and Central newspaper on 20 January 2016. A notice outlining the proposal was displayed in Neighbourhood Service Centres at Glebe, Kings Cross, Redfern, Green Square, Town Hall House and on site. Notification of the proposal was also served on Australia Post, the Registrar-General, the Surveyor-General, the Chief Executive of the Ambulance Service of NSW, the NSW Fire Brigades, the NSW Rural Fire Service, the NSW Police Force, the State Emergency Service and the NSW Volunteer Rescue Association Incorporated, for comment on the proposal.

No objections were received during the 28 day advertising period.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is resolved that:

- (A) approval be given to proceed with the naming of the unnamed public road linking Nelson Street, Annandale with the Harold Park Tramsheds development in Forest Lodge as "Dalgal Way; and
- (B) notice of the new name is to be published in the NSW Government Gazette, a local newspaper and notification forwarded to the relevant authorities, in accordance with the requirements of the *Roads Regulation 2008*.

**ATTACHMENTS**

**Attachment A:** Diagram showing the location of the subject road proposed to be named.

**BACKGROUND**

1. The Heritage-listed Tramsheds building, at the northern end of the Harold Park development, is currently being restored and adapted for re-use by Mirvac Projects Pty Limited as a supermarket, retail tenancies and a community facility, which will be dedicated to the City of Sydney. Constructed in 1904, and originally known as the Rozelle Tram Depot, the building is one of the few remaining stabling and maintenance facilities which supported the extensive tram network servicing the Sydney CBD and suburbs until 1961.
2. The Tramsheds development will be accessible by road from the south via the extension of Ross Street, Forest Lodge, but limited to light traffic only. Consequently, heavier delivery and service vehicles will be restricted to access via the northern entry point - the subject public road. The unnamed road will require a name for addressing of the development property and the community facility, as well as for wayfinding and mapping.
3. The property, which now forms the road, was acquired for road purposes by Leichhardt Council in 1995 and dedicated as public road in 2005, but has never been formally named.
4. The road provides a direct vehicle and pedestrian link from Nelson Street, Annandale across the Johnstons Creek stormwater canal to the Tramsheds development in Forest Lodge. The concrete bridge across the canal forms part of the public road, and the western side of the canal defines the suburb boundary between Annandale and Forest Lodge.
5. Based upon advice from the City's History Unit and other stakeholders, the name proposed for the road is "Dalgal Way". "Dalgal" is an Aboriginal Sydney language word meaning "mussel". This name recognises that mussels, a common marine species along the foreshore, were a source of food for the Gadigal and Wangal peoples around Rozelle Bay.
6. The naming proposal aligns with one of the key actions detailed in the City's Reconciliation Action Plan 2015-17, that is, "to acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories through the naming of places within the City".
7. This Aboriginal language word was recorded by William Dawes in his notebooks and in other early journals (1790-1) (Jakelin Troy, *The Sydney Language*, p.57).
8. The Gadigal and Wangal people camped around Rozelle Bay. The mangrove and swamp zones of Blackwattle Swamp and Rozelle Bay were rich sources of food. Shellfish, such as mud and rock oysters, mussels, and cockles, supplemented a diet of fish, crabs and octopus.
9. The Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council was consulted prior to the preparation of this report and endorsed the proposed name -"Dalgal" - as culturally appropriate. The City's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel has also endorsed the proposed name.
10. Other names assessed by the City's History Unit, but not considered as appropriate as "Dalgal Way", include:

- (a) "Tramsheds Way" - a descriptive name, as the subject road leads directly to the tramsheds building. The name would provide further recognition of the historical importance of the Rozelle Tram Depot which operated on the site for nearly 60 years.
- (b) "Lillie Bridge Way" - this name would recognise the first sporting ground established on the site and also has descriptive relevance as the roadway traverses a bridge over the stormwater canal. Lillie Bridge Recreation Grounds were established by the Spencer Brothers in 1890 and formed the site that later became Harold Park. Additionally, a smaller stormwater channel running into Johnstons Creek Channel was known as the Lillie Bridge Branch Channel.

## **KEY IMPLICATIONS**

### **Social / Cultural / Community**

11. The proposed name of "Dalgai Way" is appropriate for the site and will create an identity for the primary entry to the development site and future Community Centre. The name is also consistent with one of the key actions of the City's Reconciliation Action Plan, by the designation of an Aboriginal Sydney language word as a place name.

## **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

12. There are no budget implications associated with this proposal.

## **RELEVANT LEGISLATION**

13. The City of Sydney is the roads authority and, under section 162 of the *Roads Act 1993*, may name all public roads for which it is the roads authority. Road naming is conducted in accordance with Part 2, Division 2 (Naming of Roads) of the *Roads Regulation 2008*.
14. The naming process is as follows:
  - (a) Notice is given of the proposed name, published in a local newspaper and served on Australia Post, the Registrar General, the Surveyor General, the Chief Executive of the Ambulance Service of NSW, NSW Fire Brigade, the NSW Rural Fire Service, the NSW Police Service, the State Emergency Service and the NSW Volunteer Rescue Association. The notice must state that written submissions on the name must be made to the roads authority and must specify to whom and the date by which any submissions should be made.
  - (b) Any person may make a submission regarding a proposed name. If, after considering any submission made to it, the roads authority decides to proceed with the naming or renaming, the roads authority must publish a notice in the NSW Government Gazette and in a local newspaper and must inform Australia Post, the Registrar General and the Surveyor General, giving sufficient details to enable the road to be clearly identified.

## **CRITICAL DATES / TIME FRAMES**

15. The unnamed road will require a name for addressing of the development property and the community facility, as well as for wayfinding and mapping. Naming of the unnamed public road is required prior to expected project completion in early 2016.

16. Tenancies within the Tramsheds development require physical addresses in order to begin operations (in particular, pre-opening fit-outs and deliveries) and promotion of their new location. The current address used for the Tramsheds of 200 Ross Street is not consistent with the actual location of the development.

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

17. Public notice of the proposal was published in the Inner West Courier on 19 January 2016 and the Central newspaper on 20 January 2016. A public notice outlining the proposal was displayed in Neighbourhood Service Centres at Glebe, Kings Cross, Redfern, Green Square, Town Hall House and on site. Notification of the proposal was also served on Australia Post, the Registrar-General, the Surveyor-General, the Chief Executive of the Ambulance Service of NSW, the NSW Fire Brigades, the NSW Rural Fire Service, the NSW Police Force, the State Emergency Service and the NSW Volunteer Rescue Association Incorporated, for comment on the proposal.
18. No objections were received during the 28 day advertising period.

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