

ITEM 4. PROPOSED NAMING OF A PRIVATE LANE AT 18-32 OXFORD STREET, DARLINGHURST

FILE NO: X006676

SUMMARY

This report seeks in-principle approval for the naming of an unnamed private lane, owned by the Owners Corporation of Strata Plan 20734 at 18-32 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst, as "Winns Lane". The owners have requested that the City assist in the naming process.

With respect to private lanes, the Geographical Names Boards NSW Address Policy states, "Local Governments are responsible for endorsing the authoritative road name and ensuring it is approved by the GNB and gazetted."

This report also seeks endorsement for the public exhibition of the proposed name for a period of 14 days, in accordance with Part 2, Division 2 (Naming of Roads), Road Regulation 2008.

RECOMMENDATION

It is resolved that:

- (A) approval be given to advertise, for a period of 14 days, the proposed name of Winns Lane for the private lane off Liverpool Street, Darlinghurst; and
- (B) a further report be submitted to Council, on the results of advertising the proposed name and the public consultation process, at the end of the required advertising period.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Diagram showing the location of the subject private lane proposed to be named "Winns Lane"

Attachment B: Extract of City of Sydney's "Civic Survey plan No.10", c.1950, showing the location of the Winns department store buildings at 16-32 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst.

BACKGROUND

1. The subject private laneway was formerly part of the southern end of Yurong Street and the western part of Norman Street, which were closed by the City in 1974. The lane remained as a right of way through part of the multi-storey residential/commercial development site now known as 18-32 Oxford Street, completed in 1983.
2. The property adjacent to the above streets was part of the Winns Ltd department store, which traded on the site from 1911 until its closure in 1982. The existing building at 223-225 Liverpool Street, adjacent to the lane, was part of the Winn's retail complex and still displays the name Winns on its Liverpool Street façade (identified as Thomas Hardy & Sons on Attachment B). Oxford Street was once a vital shopping strip, with several department stores, including Winns, Reuben Brasch's, Edward Arnold's and Buckingham's Emporium Palace.
3. A request by the Owners Corporation at 18-32 Oxford Street to formally name the subject lane has been recently received. Naming the lane will address current problems courier deliveries and taxis have in finding the property's goods delivery location off Liverpool Street. Naming will also create an identity on various mapping formats, which will assist in wayfinding.
4. The Geographical Names Board's NSW Address Policy indicates that the formal naming of private streets and laneways is now the responsibility of the local council.
5. The proposed name meets the standards for road names set out by the Geographical Names Board.
6. The City's History Unit has been consulted and supports the proposed name. "Winns Lane" is historically appropriate to the site and meets the guidelines of the City's draft Naming Policy.

KEY IMPLICATIONS

Social / Cultural / Community

7. The proposed name of "Winns Lane" will create an identity for the site on various mapping formats and assist in wayfinding for visitors, courier deliveries and taxis.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

8. Installation of signage will be met from within existing operational budgets.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

9. The City of Sydney is the roads authority and, under section 162 of the *Roads Act 1993*, may name all 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*.
10. 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 Association, the State Emergency Service and the NSW Volunteer Rescue Association. The notice must state that written submissions on the name must be directed to the roads authority and must specify to whom and the date by which any submissions should be made.

CRITICAL DATES / TIME FRAMES

- 11. There are no critical dates/ timeframes associated with this proposal.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

- 12. A road-naming proposal will require online submission to notify authorities and advertising in the government gazette, as well as the display of public notices at the City's Neighbourhood Service Centres and on-site.
- 13. Surrounding residents and businesses will be notified of the proposed naming by letterbox drop.

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