

ITEM 9. PROPOSED NAMING OF A PRIVATE LANE AT 18-32 OXFORD STREET, DARLINGHURST AS "WINNS LANE"

FILE NO: X006676

SUMMARY

This report seeks approval to name 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 follows the Resolution of Council of 27 March 2017, giving in-principle approval to advertise the above naming proposal, subject to the public notification required by the *Roads Regulation 2008*.

A public notice of the proposal was published in the Wentworth Courier and Central newspapers on 26 April 2017. A notice outlining the proposal and requesting comment 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 Brigade, the NSW Rural Fire Service, the NSW Police Force, the State Emergency Service, and the NSW Volunteer Rescue Association Incorporated.

No objections were received during the 14 day advertising period.

RECOMMENDATION

It is resolved that:

- (A) approval be given to name the private lane linking Liverpool Street with Norman Street, Darlinghurst as "Winns Lane"; and
- (B) notice of the new name be published in the NSW Government Gazette, a local newspaper, and notification be 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 private lane to be named 'Winns Lane'

BACKGROUND

1. The subject private lane 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 remains as a right of way through a residential/commercial development at 18-32 Oxford Street.
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 Winns retail complex and still displays the name "Winns" on its Liverpool Street façade. Oxford Street was once a vital shopping strip with several department stores, including Winns, Reuben Brasch's, Edward Arnolds and Buckingham's Emporium Palace.
3. A request from 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 incurred by courier drivers and taxis 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 naming of public streets and lanes is now the responsibility of the local council.
5. The City's History Unit has been consulted and supports the proposed name of Winns Lane as historically appropriate to the site and following the guidelines of the City's draft Naming Policy.

KEY IMPLICATIONS

Social / Cultural / Community

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

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

7. There is a small budget implication to produce advertisements and notices in the local newspapers. The property owners will be responsible for the cost of signage production and installation. There are no further budget implications associated with this proposal.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

8. 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*.

9. The naming process is as follows:

Notice is given of the proposed name by publishing in a local newspaper and by the serving of a notice on Australia Post, the Registrar General, the Surveyor General, the Chief Executive of the Ambulance Service of NSW, the NSW Fire Brigade, the NSW Rural Fire Service, the NSW Police Force, the State Emergency Service and the NSW Volunteer Rescue Association. The notice must state that written submissions on naming must be directed to the roads authority and must specify to whom and the date by which any submissions should be made.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

10. A public notice of the proposal was published in the Wentworth Courier and Central newspapers on 26 April 2017. A notice outlining the proposal was displayed at 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 Brigade, 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.
11. No objections were received during the 14 day advertising period.

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