

Public Exhibition - Naming Proposal - Cabbage Lane

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Summary

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The planned laneway is shown as a road on the Lachlan Precinct 2012 Development Control Plan (DCP) proposal and does not currently have a name.

Due to development this road now requires addressing and as such a name is required.

The naming selection "Cabbage Lane" unifies the historic pattern of names in the area related to the history of market gardens in the area. Chinese market gardeners began to take up allotments in the vicinity of Waterloo and Alexandria into the 1880s. There were Chinese market gardens and a branch of Shepherd's Nursery on the site bounded by Bourke and Lachlan streets in the late 19th century. The nearby street names 'Tung Hop' and 'Sam Sing' provide recognition of the Chinese market gardeners and the Chinese community that existed in the area.

The proposed name complies with the City of Sydney naming policy.

This report recommends that, subject to community consultation, Council provide in-principle approval to name this laneway "Cabbage Lane".

Recommendation

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) provide in-principle approval to name the road "Cabbage Lane" and that the name be placed on public exhibition for community comment for a minimum period of 28 days
- (B) note that a further report will be submitted to Council, detailing the results of the public consultation process.

Attachments

Attachment A. Map showing location of the lane

Attachment B. Historical justification

Background

1. A new road in Waterloo off Lachlan Street requires naming.
2. The planned laneway is shown as a road on the Lachlan Precinct 2012 DCP proposal and does not currently have a name.
3. Due to development this road now requires addressing and as such a name is required.
4. The naming selection "Cabbage Lane" unifies the historic pattern of names in the area related to the history of market gardens.
5. The name Cabbage Lane is a reminder of the type of produce grown in the market gardens that proliferated throughout Sydney's southern suburbs, including Waterloo, in late 19th and early 20th centuries.
6. Chinese market gardeners began to take up allotments in the vicinity of Waterloo and Alexandria into the 1880s. There were Chinese market gardens and a branch of Shepherd's Nursery on the site bounded by Bourke and Lachlan streets in the late 19th century.
7. The nearby street names 'Tung Hop' and 'Sam Sing' provide recognition of the Chinese market gardeners and the Chinese community that existed in the area. These names are a reminder of everyday people, and everyday life in previous times and reflect the cultural diversity of people that lived in this area.
8. The 2 main vegetables cultivated by Chinese growers at Waterloo were cauliflowers and cabbages.
9. For more details about the historical justification of this name see Attachment B - Historical justification.
10. The proposed name complies with the City of Sydney naming policy. Specifically:
 - (a) Principle 2: Uniqueness - duplication is avoided with other existing names in a 10km radius.
 - (b) Principle 3: Diversity - This name acknowledges the multicultural nature of our society. Inclusiveness and addressing the imbalance of previous approaches are significant priorities for new names.
 - (c) Principle 6: Local or Cultural Relevance - the name has local relevance, reflecting the proximity of the market gardens that existed in the area.
11. The name has been pre-approved by the NSW Geographical Names Board. This means that the proposed name complies with the Geographical Names Board's requirements for language use for road names and that there are no duplication issues with this name. It has been thereby reserved for City of Sydney use as a road name for a period of 2 years.

Key implications

Strategic alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision

12. Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision renews the communities' vision for the sustainable development of the city to 2050. It includes 10 strategic directions to guide the future of the city, as well as 10 targets against which to measure progress. This report is aligned with the following strategic directions and objectives:
- (a) Direction 1 - Responsible governance and stewardship - formally naming the road will ensure its gazettal and recognition with the NSW Geographical Names Board.
 - (b) Direction 5 - A city for walking, cycling and public transport - formally naming the road will assist in wayfinding.
 - (c) Direction 8 - A thriving cultural life - supports recognition of Chinese cultural heritage and history in public spaces and streets.

Organisational impact

13. Naming the road will have minimal organisational impact. Signage will be installed once the name is gazetted.

Risks

14. This naming proposal is within the City's risk appetite:
- It helps to ensure public safety and meet community expectations by assisting with wayfinding.
 - It ensures we comply with our legal and regulatory requirements.
 - It supports the achievement of our strategic objectives.

Social / Cultural / Community

15. The community will have an opportunity to comment on the naming proposal during the exhibition period.

Financial implications

16. There are funds available in the 2026/27 operational budget for the installation of street signage.

Relevant legislation and policy

17. The Roads Act 1993 (NSW), Roads Regulation 2018 (NSW), Geographic Names Act 1966 (NSW) and the Geographical Names Board Place Naming Policy - the recommended name complies with the legislation and is in accordance with the Geographical Names Board Policy.

Critical dates / Time frames

18. Should Council approve the name, a formal naming application will be submitted to the Geographical Names Board for consideration.

Public consultation

19. The process for naming of public spaces generally proceeds as follows:
 - (a) in-principle approval by Council of the proposed name
 - (b) public notification of the naming proposal/s with a minimum 28-day response time
 - (c) Council approval following community consultation
 - (d) assessment by the Geographical Names Board of NSW through its formal application process
 - (e) final approval by the Geographical Names Board and subsequent publication in the NSW Government Gazette.
20. The naming proposal will be advertised on the Sydney Your Say website, notices will be letterboxed to surrounding properties and there will be a public notice on site.
21. If Council approves the name, an application will be made to the Geographical Names Board for gazettal.

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