

Public Exhibition - Naming Proposal - Mount Carmel Place, Waterloo

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Summary

As part of the Our Lady of Mount Carmel School sesquicentenary celebrations in 2008, a Resolution of Council was made on 2 June 2008 to approach the Crown Lands office to seek their endorsement and ratification of the naming of the service lane in Waterloo Park to "Mount Carmel Way."

The NSW Geographical Names Board was approached about the naming of the service roadway, however, as it is a private road, it was not formally gazetted at that time. A sign identifying the road as Mount Carmel Way was installed by City staff. The road runs along the rear boundary of the school from Kellick Street through Waterloo Park, Waterloo. Its function is to provide access to the rear of the school and the Priest's residence.

In August 2021, Sydney City South Parish Priest Fr Paul Smithers wrote to the City of Sydney to request formal recognition of a small lane in Waterloo as "Mount Carmel Way". The City's internal Naming Proposals Working Group considered the request to ensure it aligned with naming standards and the City's Naming Policy.

In September 2021, the City's Naming Proposal Working Group found that under the new NSW Place and Road Naming Proposal System, private roads can be registered and (if they comply with standards) can be endorsed by the NSW Geographical Names Board and included in the official list of road names (Gazetteer of Road Names).

To formally register the name with the NSW Geographical Names Board and meet its current standards, we will not be able to use the road suffix type "Way"; the road will need to be named "Mount Carmel Place". This name has been tested on the NSW place and road naming portal and has been given pre-approval status acknowledging it meets their standards.

It is recommended that Council provide in-principle approval to name the road "Mount Carmel Place" and that the name be placed on public exhibition for community comment for a minimum period of 28 days.

Recommendation

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) provide in-principle approval to name the road "Mount Carmel Place" and that the name be placed on public exhibition for community comment for a minimum period of 28 days; and
- (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 Road

Attachment B. Historical Justification

Background

1. As part of the Our Lady of Mount Carmel School sesquicentenary celebrations in 2008, Council resolved on 2 June 2008 to approach the Crown Lands office to seek their endorsement and ratification of the naming of the service lane in Waterloo Park to "Mount Carmel Way".
2. The NSW Geographical Names Board was approached about naming the service roadway, however, as it is a private road, it was not formally gazetted at the time.
3. A sign identifying the road as Mount Carmel Way was installed by City staff.
4. In August 2021, Sydney City South Parish Priest Fr Paul Smithers wrote to the City of Sydney to request formal recognition of the small lane that run along the boundary of the school with Waterloo Park, Waterloo, as "Mount Carmel Way". The road leads to the Priest's residence and a back entrance to the school. Fr Smithers proposed that formally registering the name will ensure it is in databases used by emergency services and improve safety for those using the road.
5. After investigation into the background, current naming standards and policies, and the 2008 Resolution of Council to name the road, the City's internal Naming Proposal Working Group agreed to respond to the request from the school community to commence the process to formalise "Mount Carmel Place" at its September 2021 meeting.
6. The proposed name aligns with Principle 1 of the Naming Policy: names must be meaningful, clear and concise, and can reflect the location and purpose; and principle 2: names must have local or cultural relevance, reflecting the heritage and history of local people, events, the community or landscape. The name is also in common usage.
7. The road is technically a private access road on Crown Land (Waterloo Park). It is only used to access the rear of the school property and the Priest's residence.
8. Under the new NSW Place and Road Naming Proposal System, private roads can be registered and (if they comply with standards) can be endorsed by the NSW Geographical Names Board and included in the official list of road names (Gazetteer of Road Names).
9. The City of Sydney is the responsible authority for managing Waterloo Park and may legally name the private road.
10. To formally register the name with the NSW Geographical Names Board and meet its current standards, we will not be able to use the road suffix type "Way"; because the road is not a thoroughfare to another street. The road will need to be named "Mount Carmel Place".
11. The name "Mount Carmel Place" has been tested on the NSW place and road naming portal and has been given pre-approval status acknowledging it meets their standards.
12. Mount Carmel Place recognises the long historical association of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church and School in the district of Waterloo. Further details on the history of the site is provided in Attachment B.

Key Implications

Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision

13. 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 lane will ensure its gazettal and recognition with the NSW Geographical Names Board.
 - (b) Direction 4 - A city for walking, cycling and public transport - formally naming the lane will assist in wayfinding.

Organisational Impact

14. Naming the lane will have minimal organisational impact. Signage will be installed once the name is gazetted.

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 2022/23 operational budget for the installation of signage.

Relevant Legislation

17. The Geographic Names Act 1966 (NSW) and Geographical Names Board Guidelines - the recommended names comply with this legislation and meet the Geographical Names Board Guidelines.

Critical Dates / Time Frames

18. There are no critical time frames for this naming proposal.

Public Consultation

19. The process for naming roads 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; and
 - (e) endorsement by the Geographical Names Board and subsequent publication in the NSW Gazetteer of Road Names.

20. The naming proposal will be advertised on the Sydney Your Say website, notices will be letterboxed to surrounding properties (approximately 200 metres radius) and there will be a public notice on site.

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