
Governance and Administration Matters - 25 August 2026

ITEM 8.4 Road Naming - WSU, Milperra

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SUMMARY

- Council as the road naming authority is required to consider a request from Mirvac to name fourteen (14) new roads being developed within the former Western Sydney University (WSU) Milperra Campus site, which will accommodate approximately 430 new dwellings, as shown in Attachment 1 – WSU Milperra Site Plan.
- A shortlist of eighteen (18) names has been prepared for community consultation, as detailed in this report and in Attachment 2 – Detailed list and context of names. Following community engagement, fourteen (14) road names will be selected from the shortlist, having regard to community feedback.
- The proposed road names have been selected in accordance with the Roads Act 1993, the Roads Regulation 2018, the NSW Address Policy and User Manual (APUM), Council's Naming Policy, and Council's Memorials Policy.
- This report seeks Council endorsement to place the proposed road names on public exhibition and undertake community engagement.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council commences community engagement on a road naming proposal for fourteen (14) new roads being developed within the former Western Sydney University (WSU) Milperra site, with eighteen (18) shortlisted names presented for community consideration. It is intended that, following community engagement, fourteen (14) of these names will be selected for use as the final road names, in accordance with Council policies and legislative requirements.
2. Council receive a further report following the exhibition summarising submission and recommending any final changes.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachments](#)

1. WSU Milperra Site Plan
2. Detailed list and context of names

INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING ALIGNMENT

- This matter aligns with the following destinations in Council's Delivery Program: SS2 "Make the City safer and more accessible – care for others", SS3 "Value our history and identity", and LE1 "Engage, involve and empower the community to participate in decisions that affect them".

STRATEGIC IMPACT

- The proposed road naming is consistent with Council policies, relevant legislation and the requirements of the Geographical Names Board (GNB).

DETAILED INFORMATION

Purpose

- The purpose of this report is to seek approval to commence community engagement on eighteen (18) shortlisted names proposed for fourteen (14) new public roads within the former WSU Milperra Campus site, being Lot 105 DP 1268911 (2 Bullecourt Avenue) and Lot 1 DP 101147 (2A Bullecourt Avenue).
- The residential precinct includes fourteen (14) new roads that require names for addressing purposes. Council is considering a shortlist of eighteen (18) names to provide flexibility through community engagement before fourteen (14) final names are selected and progressed through the formal naming process.

Background

- A Planning Proposal (PP-2021-5837) was finalised in June 2024 to facilitate the redevelopment of the site for residential accommodation, including approximately 430 new dwellings.
- In response to the development, Mirvac has requested the naming of fourteen (14) new public roads within the WSU Milperra development, adjoining Bullecourt Avenue and Ashford Avenue. As the road naming authority, Council is required to consider and determine the request in accordance with the NSW Address Policy and User Manual (APUM), the Roads Act 1993, and the Roads Regulation 2018.

Discussion

- As the road naming authority, Council is responsible for naming local roads and is required to apply the APUM, the Roads Act 1993, the Roads Regulation 2018, Council's Naming Policy and Council's Memorials Policy when considering road naming proposals. These instruments support appropriate, consistent and practical road naming across Canterbury-Bankstown.
- Council has assessed the proposed names against the requirements of the GNB to confirm they meet the relevant naming criteria, including that commemorative road names honour persons who have been deceased for at least 12 months and that the proposed names are unique within a 10-kilometre radius.
- The naming criteria reflect Council's place naming principles and consider matters such as public safety, service delivery, ease of identification and uniqueness.
- The proposed road names reflect the site's rich heritage in academic learning and discovery, the service and sacrifice of soldiers and the area's natural environment.
- The proposal includes aboriginal names, names of significant individuals, including war servicemen and women, names recognising people who contributed to the area's heritage, and names reflecting flora and fauna significant to the region. Further details on the context of each proposed name are provided in Attachment 2 – Detailed list and context of names.

- The following shortlist of eighteen (18) names is proposed for community engagement and consideration. Fourteen (14) names will ultimately be selected from this shortlist for the fourteen (14) new roads. The applicable road type, such as Street, Road or Lane, will be determined following selection of the final road names.

Name	Reason for selection
Teachers	Reflects the site's educational heritage, recognising teaching as the first course offered at Milperra College of Advanced Education
Discovery	Drawing on the Site's evolution as a place of education and discovery
Principal	Reflects the four educational institutions that have operated on the site.
Student	Reflects the site's long association with education and learning.
Dillow	The name commemorates Lieutenant Rupert Dillow, who served with the 8th Battalion of the Australian Imperial Force during World War I. He fought in Gallipoli, Egypt, and France, where he was wounded multiple times, including bayonet and gunshot injuries to his thigh, arm, and leg. His bravery and endurance earned him the 1914–15 Star, British War Medal, and Victory Medal. After returning to Australia, he lived at the Bankstown Soldier Settlement in Milperra from 1917 to 1931, working a poultry farm despite ongoing health challenges. His life reflects the courage of those who served and the determination to rebuild in the face of adversity.
Keating	Amelia Keating made a significant contribution to the post-war settlement, balancing family responsibilities with farm work and independently managing the farm when her husband was hospitalised in 1925
Tribe	Commemorates Reginald Walter Tribe, who served as a Private in the 6th Light Horse Regiment during the First World War, embarking from Sydney in November 1915.
Literary	Recognises the Soldiers Settlement Progress Association Memorial Hall, later known as the Milperra Memorial and Literary Institute.
Resilience	Reflects the resilience of returned soldiers and the broader community in adapting to challenging social and physical conditions
Repatriation	Recognises the Returned Soldiers Settlement Scheme, a post-World War I initiative that supported the repatriation and rehabilitation of returned servicemen through settlement on the land
Olga	Olga Morton served as the postmistress for the Bankstown Soldier Settlement, providing an essential service that connected residents and supported daily life. Her contribution reflects the important role women played in building and sustaining the post-war settlement community
Decora	Refers to Melaleuca decora, a species associated with the Cumberland Plain Woodland and found in the southern portion of the site.
Ironstone	A sedimentary rock occurring naturally within the soils of the Cumberland Plain landscape.
Honeyeater	An endangered bird native to the Cumberland Plain Woodland.
Meadow Grass	An abundant grass species found in Cumberland Plain Woodland.
Savanna	Cumberland Plain Woodland is a critically endangered savanna, a type of grassland ecosystem

Bamura	Aboriginal name for "Grass", reflecting the abundance of native grasses that form a characteristic feature of Cumberland Plain Woodland
Balgayalang	Aboriginal name meaning "South", representing the site's geographical location within CBCity

- Council consulted with the GNB, which assessed the proposed names and confirmed its support.
- While the names outlined in this report are recommended, any alternative names submitted during the public exhibition period will be assessed against the Council's Naming Policy and the Geographical Names Board (GNB) requirements. Suitable names may be retained in Council's road naming bank for consideration in future road naming projects.

Recommended Approach (if appropriate)

Subject to Council consideration, it is recommended that:

- Council commences community engagement on a road naming proposal for fourteen (14) new public roads within the residential precinct of the former Western Sydney University (WSU) Milperra site, with eighteen (18) shortlisted names presented for community consideration. Following community engagement, fourteen (14) of these names are intended to be selected for use as the final road names, subject to Council consideration and the formal naming process.
- The matter be reported back to Council following the community engagement period.