

1.7 PROPOSED NAMING OF A LANEWAY ABUTTING TANDARA COURT, CHADSTONE

Responsible Director: Peter Panagakos

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Receives this report on the outcome of submissions received to Council's public notice in respect of the proposal to name the unnamed laneway abutting Tandara Court, Chadstone "Colwell Lane" (The Proposal), being Road R1 on Plan of Subdivision PS55996 and comprised in certificate of title volume 11168 folio 088 (the Laneway).*
- 2. Notes that 19 submissions were received in respect of the Proposal.*
- 3. Accepts the report's recommendation to proceed with "Colwell Lane" for the naming of the Laneway based on an assessment of the submissions received.*
- 4. Having complied with its obligations under the Geographic Place Names Act 1998 as outlined in "Naming rules for places in Victoria – Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities 2016", authorises the Chief Executive Officer or her delegate to lodge an application with The Victorian Registrar of Geographic Names and Geographic Names Victoria for the registration and gazettal of "Colwell Lane" as the name for the Laneway.*

INTRODUCTION

This report discusses the outcome of the public notification process for the proposal to name the unnamed laneway abutting Tandara Court, Chadstone "Colwell Lane" (the Proposal), being Road R1 on Plan of Subdivision PS55996 and comprised in certificate of title volume 11168 folio 088 (the Laneway), and makes a recommendation for Council's consideration.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting held 20 November 2021, Council resolved as follows:

"That Council:

- 1. Notes the need to name the currently unnamed laneway abutting Tandara Ct, Chadstone (the Laneway) as outlined in the report.*

2. *Resolves to enact its powers as a Road Authority to name the Laneway pursuant to clause 5(1)(a) of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1989 and in doing so comply with the statutory naming requirements pursuant to the Geographic Place Names Act 1998 as outlined in "Naming rules for places in Victoria – Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities 2016".*
3. *Notes that following the completion of the community consultation process, a further report shall be submitted to Council for consideration based on the feedback and submissions received regarding this proposal.*

CONSULTATION

The Public Notice

In accordance with the above Council resolution and pursuant to the "Naming rules for places in Victoria – Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities 2016", officers have completed a consultation process with both the **immediate** and **extended** community.

Immediate Community

- Letters outlining the Proposal were mailed to all residential properties abutting the Laneway.
- A survey was included with the letter which the residents were to return to Council by Monday 24 January 2022. The survey contained the following questions:
 - *Do you agree or disagree with the Proposal to name the Laneway?*
 - *If you do not support the Proposal, please indicate why.*
 - *Would you like to make any other comments in support of, or in objection to, the proposed name?*

Extended Community

- A public notice advertising the Proposal was published in The Age newspaper and on Council's website on 11 December 2021 calling for submissions on the Proposal to be received by Monday 24 January 2022. The public notice also called for any living relatives of the Colwells to contact Council so consent for use of the name could be obtained.
- Letters were also sent to the following service authorities seeking their input on the Proposal:
 - Ambulance Victoria.
 - Oakleigh Police Station.
 - Fire Rescue Victoria.
 - Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA).

Submissions

A total of 17 submissions were received as a result of the community consultation.

The submissions are summarised in the below table:

GROUP	Immediate Community	Extended Community	Submissions without address details.	Total
Agree with the Proposal	8	0	0	8
Disagree with the Proposal	1	5	3	9
Total Submissions				17

- 8 out of 9 submitters who disagreed stated that the Laneway should be given a traditional owner Language name.
- 1 submitter from the immediate community who disagreed does not want the Laneway named as they do not see the need and believes it will encourage more use of the Laneway, which will disrupt their adjoining business.
- All service authorities responded, and none objected to the Proposal.

OPTIONS

Given the objections received, there are 2 options open to Council in proceeding with naming the Laneway.

Option 1 – Proceed with the Proposal

Council resolves to proceed with the Proposal and officers will lodge an application with The Victorian Registrar of Geographic Names and Geographic Names Victoria for the registration and gazettal of “Colwell Lane” for the Laneway.

Option 2 – Amend the Proposal and re-consult the community with a traditional owner language name for the Laneway

Council resolves to amend the Proposal and directs officers to consult with the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation for a

suitable Traditional Owner Language name for the Laneway, and re-consults with the community with the new name.

Having considered the submissions, and options, it is recommended to Council that it proceeds with **Option 1** and resolves to name the Laneway “Colwell Lane”, for the following reasons:

- The overwhelming majority of the immediate community, which will be most affected by the naming, did not object to the Proposal.
- 4 out of 10 objections did not include address details, so it cannot be confirmed whether or not these submitters reside within the municipality.
- Geographic Names Victoria has previously confirmed that “Colwell Lane” is not in breach of the Naming Rules.
- “Colwell” provides the required link to place and recognises local history.
- None of the service authorities objected to the Proposal.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications for this matter.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

There are no human rights considerations for this matter.

GENDER EQUITY ASSESSMENT

There are no further gender equity considerations in addition to those noted in the previous report submitted to Council at its meeting held 20 November 2021.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost to Council will be for the supply and installation of new signage for the Laneway. The cost to install new signage is approximately \$100 (excl. GST) per sign.

CONCLUSION

The naming of the Laneway will eliminate confusion for emergency services and other service authorities attending the private properties who use the Laneway as their street address and primary access. It is recommended that Council resolves to proceed with “Colwell Lane” as the name for the Laneway.