



8.3.2 NAMING OF UNMADE ROAD RESERVE (MCHENRY) – OFF WILLIAMS ROAD, SCOTSDALE

File Ref:	A366 / GOV.49 / New Road File
Applicant / Proponent:	M McHenry
Subject Land / Locality:	Unmade Road Reserve, off Williams Road, Scotsdale
Disclosure of Officer Interest:	Nil
Date:	7 February 2019
Author:	Claire Thompson, Executive Assistant
Authorising Officer:	Bill Parker, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	8.3.2a – Map showing location of unnamed road reserve 8.3.2b – GNC Policies and Standards – Commemorative Names

Summary:

The Shire has received a request to name an unnamed road reserve, located off and to the north west of Williams Road, Scotsdale (see Attachment 8.3.2a).

Background:

Nil

Consultation:

Section 1.8 of Landgate's *Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in WA* states that any proposed change to rename or any new name, which would be considered to be of significance to the immediate or extended community, must include evidence of consultation with the community. Local governments must ensure that the level and form of consultation undertaken reflects the significance of the naming proposal. Whilst this does not apply to the naming of new roads where there are currently no residents, businesses or ratepayers or will be directly affected.

The Officer has recommended that landowners adjoining Williams Road, Scotsdale be consulted on the naming proposal with a 14 day submission period.

Council Officers have liaised with Landgate who have confirmed that the road is unnamed therefore the Shire is welcome to put forward a naming proposal.

Statutory Obligations:

Landgate's *Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in WA* relates and must be considered before putting proposed names forward to the Geographic Names Committee.

Policy Implications:

Policy P100603 – Road & Reserve Naming within the Shire relates. The name McHenry is currently listed in the Council's approved names and this would be removed should the name be allocated to the unnamed road reserve.

Budget / Financial Implications:

The cost of advertising the proposed name would be accommodated under the planning advertising budget.

Strategic & Corporate Plan Implications:

The report and officer recommendation is consistent with Council's adopted Strategic Community Plan Aspirations and Objectives and the Corporate Business Plan Actions and Projects in the following specific ways:

Denmark 2027

L5.0 Our Local Government

L5.2 To have meaningful, respectful and proactive collaboration with the community.

C4.0 Our Community

C4.3 To create a community that nurtures and integrates natural, cultural and historical values.

C4.4 To recognise and respect our local heritage and Aboriginal history.

Corporate Business Plan

Nil

Sustainability Implications:

➤ **Governance:**

There are no known significant governance implications relating to the report or offer recommendation.

➤ **Environmental:**

There are no known significant environmental implications relating to the report or officer recommendation.

➤ **Economic:**

There are no known significant economic implications relating to the report or officer recommendation.

➤ **Social:**

Using the names of local identities who have contributed significantly or in a significant way provides an interesting insight into the history and culture of areas. They form an integral part of personal identity by defining where people were born, live, have lived and form where their ancestors have come from.

➤ **Risk:**

Risk	Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Risk Impact / Consequence	Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control)	Principal Risk Theme	Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment proposed)
That Council not approve the proposed name for the unnamed road reserve.	Rare (1)	Insignificant (1)	Low (1-4)	Not Meeting Community expectations	Accept Officer Recommendation

Comment/Conclusion:

In 2018 the Shire received a request from the McHenry family to consider naming a portion of unnamed road reserve which is used to access their family farm, off Williams Road, Scotsdale. Landgate have confirmed that the road is unnamed and that Council could put forward a naming proposal for Geographic Names Committee (GNC) consideration.

The Author has assessed the proposed name against GNC policies and standards (section 1.4) and is of the opinion that it would comply with the guidelines and be suitable to submit to GNC for consideration.

The information below has been provided by the McHenry family as supporting information for the proposed name.

“In around 1997, the WA State Nomenclature Committee were in the process of naming all unnamed roads, and they put forward to the Shire ‘McHenry Road’ to name the unnamed road to our farm off Williams Rd. At the time, the Denmark Shire refused the Nomenclature Committee’s suggestion, stating their policy of only naming roads after people posthumously. Around 20 years later, the road remains unnamed, and we feel that now four years after Michael (my Dad’s) death, it is the right time to have the road to the farm named.

In terms of naming the road posthumously after Michael, we have some summary details on his community contribution written up already as per naming submission requirements.

In relation to the Nomenclature Committee’s suggestion, our farm, Lot 2011, is surrounded by the Mt Lindesay National Park to the north, and the Denmark River to the south, with no other shared boundaries to freehold properties. At this point in time, we have owned the farm for 36 years; around 4 times longer than the previous longest owner. Prior to us, there was a total of 22 years of freehold, 7 prior owners, with the longest of them owning the farm for only 9 years.

In terms of a practical benefit to the road name change, we often receive mail incorrectly addressed 101 Williams Road (despite our mail address being PO Box 17 in town). Commonly the mail has handwritten comments such as ‘in the state forest’, or ‘Not at PB’ - as it is often mistakenly sent to Williams Road in Peaceful Bay. A renaming of the road would solve this issue.

As it is a single lane road through the forest, we believe the road may be more appropriately called a lane, i.e. McHenry Lane. We’ve checked there isn’t another McHenry Rd/St/La/etc., anywhere in Denmark or adjoining LGAs (and all the other criteria the State Govt need). We also have some alternatives on hand as per requirements of this sort of a submission.”

The Late Michael McHenry’s contributions to the broader community

After moving to Denmark to farm, Michael was a member of the Great Southern Junior Football Committee, President and Committee Member of the Denmark Junior Football Club, and was awarded a life membership of the Denmark-Walpole Football Club.

When Michael was the president of the Denmark Junior Football Club, he introduced modified rules, which were controversial at the time. This change enabled Denmark children to play safely, against others of similar age, and compete with Albany and districts clubs. This greatly increased the number of children playing football in Denmark, and enabled Denmark to have an under 12’s, under 14’s, under 16’s, and Colts teams under his direction. Michael and Pauline were also heavily involved in retaining the football oval and clubrooms from redevelopment, as the Denmark Shire at the time were seeking to repurpose the oval precinct. Michael was also instrumental in providing football posts, and the introduction of football into the Denmark Primary School sports curriculum. After many years of support, in 1996 both Michael and Pauline were awarded life membership of the Denmark/Walpole Football Club.

Michael was a member of the Denmark LCDC (Land Conservation District Council), and was involved in field days showing tree plantings and weed control, in addition to water and soil quality sampling and monitoring in local catchments and waterways.

Michael and Pauline were early members of the Australian Master TreeGrowers and Land for Wildlife. The family farm is a prime example of precision agroforestry in shelterbelts, and riparian vegetation protection. Michael and Pauline bought the farm in Denmark in 1982, only to later find out it was under quarantine for declared weeds, and had existing issues with saline groundwater.

Over the years the weeds were removed, and many areas were fenced and revegetated, and with riparian vegetation protection reducing saline groundwater flow into Denmark River. Michael and Pauline have maintained 30 years of salt measurements in their dams and the Denmark River, demonstrating their ability to monitor and mitigate the impact of salt on their farm and on those downstream. The diverse tree plantings in largely fence-line shelterbelts maximised pasture growth and provided protection and fodder for their highly productive fine wool and prime lamb sheep, and Aberdeen Angus. The McHenry's Mt Lindesay Perendale Stud (prime lamb sheep) is WA's only registered Perendale sheep stud, now in its' 31st year.

Michael was also on the Denmark Agricultural College Advisory Committee for around 12 years. He was heavily involved in retaining the old Agricultural College (as the WA State Government at the time sought to close it), and foster its relocation and expansion into what it is today.

Michael was also volunteer in the Mt Lindesay Fire Brigade for many years.

Michael is survived by his wife Pauline, his two sons Shaun and Mark, their wives Amie and Julia respectively, and his 6 grandchildren; Jayde, Lennox, Matilda, Cass, Leith, and Elara. All of which now live on the same farm Michael and Pauline bought in 1982.

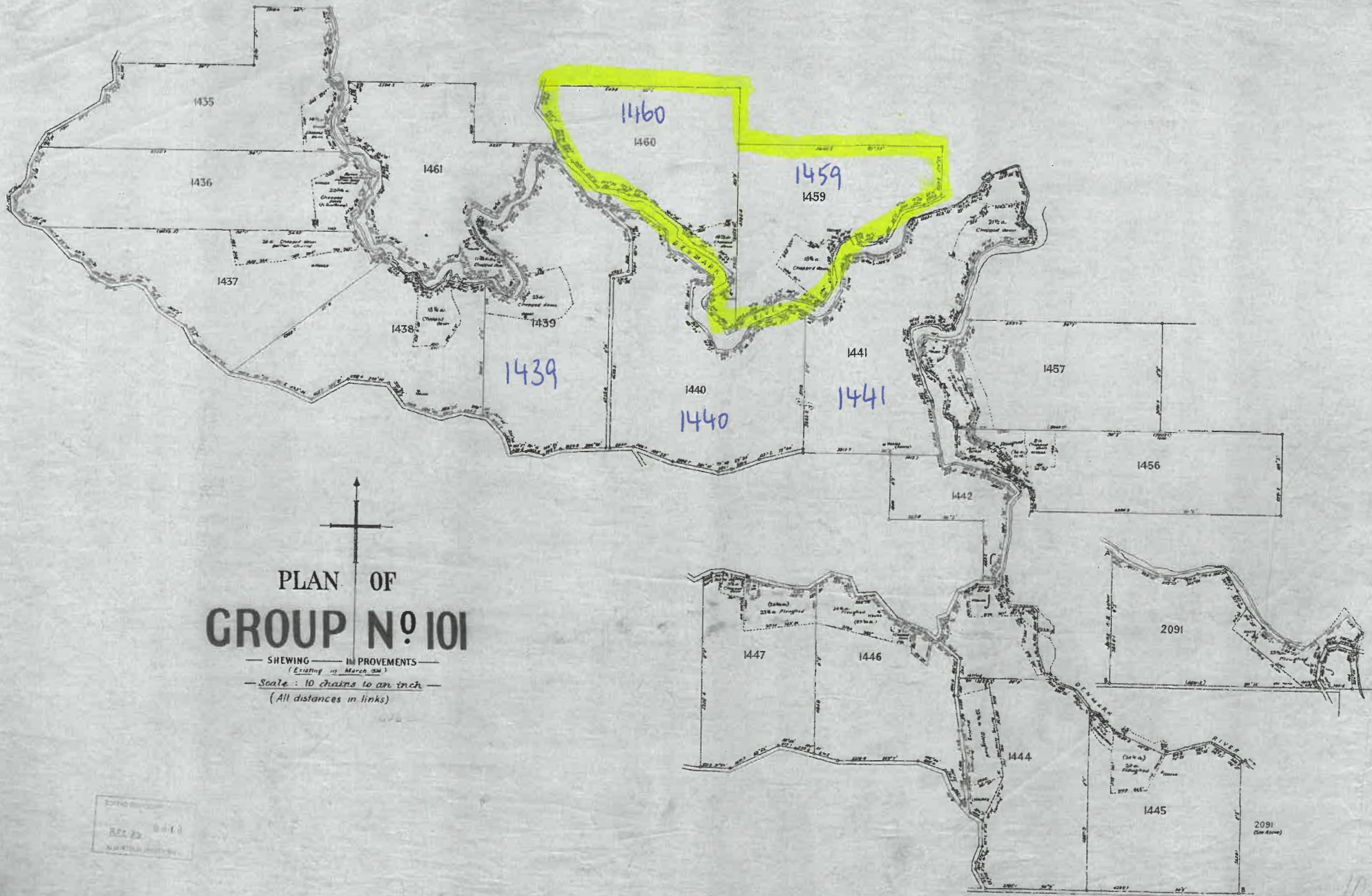
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GNC Guidelines prescribe that the use of the road type "Lane" should be reserved for a "narrow way between walls, buildings or a narrow country or city roadway". Whilst the final determination of road type will be made by GNC, "Lane" could be appropriate in the Officer's opinion based on the guideline.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION & OFFICER RECOMMENDATION	ITEM 8.3.2
MOVED: CR PHILLIPS	SECONDED: CR SEENEY
That with respect to the request to name an unnamed road reserve near Williams Road, Scotsdale, as shown on Attachment 8.3.2a, Council;	
1 Endorse the name "McHenry Lane";	
2 Undertake consultation on the proposed naming with landowners adjoining Williams Road, Scotsdale; and	
3 Should there be no adverse submissions received, request the Chief Executive Officer to submit the naming proposal to the Geographic Names Committee for consideration.	
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: 8/0	Res: 220219



16 July 2019 - Attachment 8.3.1b

