

# **Road and Street Naming Policy**

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#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Road and Street Naming Policy is to ensure that the approach to naming roads and streets follows a consistent process and that road names reflect the unique identity of the Carterton district.

#### **SCOPE**

This policy applies to all roads and streets in the Carterton district. It does not apply to unformed or paper roads, unless Carterton District Council (CDC) deems it necessary. There may be circumstances which fall outside this policy, where decision-making discretion will need to be applied.

#### **OBJECTIVE**

This policy is designed to provide guidance and support in order to ensure that names moving forward reflect our district history and play their part in telling the history of Carterton, both the known history and the stories that have not been told.

#### **ROAD AND STREET NAMING**

Under the Local Government Act 1974 (s.319A), CDC is responsible for naming roads and streets in the district. Refer to Appendix 1 for an overview of the process to name a new road/street.

#### **Road and Street Naming Criteria**

Preference is given to road/street names that, in relation to the site concerned, meet one of the defined criteria. The criteria, in order of preference, are:

- recognition of Māori cultural significance; refer to appendix 2
- recognition of cultural significance other than Māori; reflection of the landscape or topographical features;
- recognition of historical events that have a significant impact on the community; or
- honouring local residents who have made significant contributions to the Carterton district (alive or deceased) refer to appendix 3

Road/street names are also required to be unique and not duplicated in the Carterton district (in spelling or sound).

#### **Style Guide for Road and Street Names**

To ensure a consistent standard, road/street names are required to:

- be easy to spell and pronounce;
- be correctly spelt;
- not include diacritical marks such as hyphens and apostrophes (with the exception of macrons in Māori names in order to aid pronunciation and preserve the correct interpretation);
- not be offensive or named after any commercial organisation;
- In general short roads will be given short names to avoid cartographic problems. Ie; road/street names in proportion to the length of the road, to ensure the name will be displayed correctly on maps.

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For roads/streets named after a person, the full name of the person will be used where the full name is of a reasonable length. If the full name is too long, consideration may be given to using the surname only.

The suffix used must be appropriate to the form of the road/street. Refer to Appendix 1 for a list of road/street name suffixes and descriptions.

#### **Approval Delegation**

Approval of new road/street names is delegated to the Policy and Strategy Committee. This delegation enables efficient decision-making within legislative timeframes.

The exception to this is if the recommended road/street name is likely to be controversial. In this circumstance, the recommendation will be submitted to CDC's full Council for approval.

## Request to Name a Road

Where new roads need to be named as a result of a new subdivision or development the developer shall be given the opportunity of suggesting up to three options, in order of preference. When submitting the preferred options supportive comment should be given on why the names have been chosen, including any meaning and/or historical background.

The full costs of the signs and their erection are to be paid for by the developer.

#### **Changing Existing Road And Street Names**

Existing road/street names may be changed at CDC's discretion, if the amendment will result in a clear and significant benefit to the community. This may include:

- rectifying a misspelt or known incorrect name (including the suffix);
- or avoiding confusion, duplication or ambiguity.

A member of the public, emergency services, Council or a Councillor can request that a road name be changed. Council will usually only consider changing the name if a significant majority of the residents or business owners in the road support the proposed change or there is significant public benefit in making the change, especially for emergency services.

A recommendation on whether to change the road/street name will be made after undertaking appropriate consultation.

#### **Requests from the Public**

If a request to change a road/street name is initiated by a member of the public, the request must:

- be in writing;
- include a clear and evidenced justification for the change; and
- be supported by a petition signed by at least 80% of property owners in the relevant road/street.

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### **Private Rights of Way**

A development using one right of way that accommodates several dwellings can have a Court, Lane, or Way name formally identified. The Council does not have statutory power to name private ways but this does not preclude Council from either:

- Formally identifying names in well accepted usage ;or
- Formally recording the name agreed to by property owners.

Where a name can be formally recorded against a Right-of-Way, numbering proceeds as for new roads.

#### **Approval**

The recommendation for changing the name will be submitted to the Policy and Strategy Committee for approval.

Any proposed additions or deletions to either Appendix 1, 2 or 3 shall be submitted to the Policy and Strategy Committee for approval.

#### **CONSULTATION**

#### **Consultation with Mana Whenua**

If a road/street is located in or near an area of significance to tangata whenua, the local Mana Whenua will be consulted. Preference will be given to a name identified by Mana Whenua.

If a developer proposes names for a road/street located in or near an area of significance to tangata whenua, they are required to consult with local iwi prior to submitting name options to CDC. Evidence of the consultation must be provided.

If a Māori name is proposed for any road/street in the district, local iwi will be consulted to ensure the name is correct and appropriate.

#### **Consultation with Affected Property Owners**

Affected property owners will be consulted, including those who own property on the road/street being named or those who own property on roads that will be serviced by the road being named.

If a developer proposes names for a road/street, evidence of consultation with affected property owners is required.

#### **Consultation with Related People**

If a road/street is proposed to be named after a person, the relations of that person will be consulted (where possible).

#### **REVIEW OF POLICY**

This policy will be reviewed every five years.

# **DEFINITIONS**

Road: As defined in the Local Government Act 1974 (s.315). This includes all ÇDC roads, streets, access ways, service lanes and state highways.

# **REFERENCES**

Local Government Act 1974

# **Appendix 1: Road/Street Name Suffix Guide**

Туре	Suffix	Description/usage
Alley	Aly	Usually narrow roadway in a city or town
Arcade	Arc	Covered walkway with shops along the sides
Avenue	Ave	Broad roadway, usually planted wither side with trees
Boulevard	Blvd	Wide Roadway, well paged, usually ornamented with trees and grass plots
Circle	Cir	Roadway that generally forms a circle
Close	CI	Short enclosed roadway
Court	Ct	Short enclosed roadway, usually surrounded by buildings
Crescent	Cred	Crescent shaped roadway, especially where both ends join the same thoroughfare
Crest	Crest	A roadway running along the top or summit of a hill
Drive	Dr	Wide main roadway without many crossing streets
Esplanade	Esp	Level roadway alongside the sea, a lake or river
End	End	A no exit street
Glade	Gld	Roadway usually in a valley of trees
Glen	Glen	In narrow valley
Green	Grn	Roadway often leading to a grassed public recreation area
Grove	Grv	Roadway that features a group of trees standing together
Heights	Hts	A roadway traversing high ground
Hill*	Hill	Applies to a feature rather than a route
Highway	Hwy	Highway Only
Lane	Ln	Narrow roadway between walls, buildings or a narrow country roadway
Lookout*	Lookout	A roadway leading to or having a view of fine natural scenery
Loop	Loop	Roadway that diverges from and rejoins the main thoroughfare
Mall	Mall	Wide walkway, usually with shops along the sides
Mead	Mead	Mowed land
Meadows	Meadows	Mowed land
Mews	Mews	Roadway in a group of houses; traditionally rural residential area converted to a residential area
Parade	Pde	Public roadway or promenade that has food pedestrian facilities along the side
Place	Pl	Short, sometimes narrow, enclosed roadway
Promenade	Prom	Wide flat walkway, usually along the water's edge

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Quay	Qy	Roadway alongside or projecting into water
Ridge	Rdge	A roadway along the top of a hill.
Rise	Rise	Roadway going to a higher place or position
Road	Rd	Open roadway primarily for vehicles; route between places
Square	Sq	Roadway which generally forms a square shape, or an area of roadway bounded by four sides
Straight	Straight	Rural road
Street	St	An urban road
Terrace	Tce	Roadway on a hilly area that is mainly flat
Track	Trk	Walkway in natural setting; narrow country street that may end in pedestrian access
View	View	Street with a view of significance
Vista	Vista	Street with an outlook of significance
Walk	Walk	Thoroughfare for pedestrians
Way	Way	Only to be used for private roads
Wharf	Whrf	A roadway on a wharf or pier

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# **Appendix 2: List of Culturally Significant Names**

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# **Appendix 3: List of Significant Names**

## Schedule of preferred road names

<u>Name</u> <u>Reason</u>

Warrington **Historic Identity** Elizabeth Reigning Monarch Kaio WW1 Veteran Van Baarle Developer Wolters First Town Clerk Lipinski Early settlers Te Aroha **Heart of Carterton** Daysh **Historic Identity** 

**Former County Chairs** 

County Chair 1877-1878 Gilligan Pharazyn County Chair 1878-1882 County Chair 1887-1904 Bunny County Chair 1904-1920 Perry McGregor County Chair 1933-1940 County Chair 1940-1943 Court Scott County Chair 1971-1976 County Chair 1976-1983 Lukies Monk County Chair 1983-1989

**Former Mayors** 

KeysPast Mayor1984-1995BeyerPast Mayor1995-2000TankersleyPast Mayor2000-2004McPheePast Mayor2004-2010

Hart WW1 veteran – Brigadier General

Lawrence Historic Identity

Patterson Current resident's fondness of Carterton

Goodin Historic Identity

Routhan Historic Identity - gifted land to Council

Maunsell Historic Identity
Mark Former Mayor
Knutson Historic Identity
Knowles Historic Identity
Pankhurst Historic Identity
Kiddie Historic Identity
Francis Love Historic Identity

Koers Local Business Identity