

9.2 Naming of John Hawkins Bridge over Cudgegong River on Bylong Valley Way/Louee Street, Rylstone

REPORT BY THE PROPERTY SUPPORT OFFICER
TO 11 DECEMBER 2019 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400067, ROA100071

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Property Support Officer on the naming of John Hawkins Bridge over Cudgegong River on Bylong Valley Way/Louee Street, Rylstone**
2. **formally approve the name of John Hawkins Bridge for this bridge; and**
3. **recommend commencing the naming process to name the public reserve located on Lot 7300 DP 1140929 or the public reserve located on Lots 7013 7014 DP 1023898 Lots 9 & 10 DP 758891 in honour of Bill Staff.**

Executive summary

Formal approval is requested to name a bridge over Cudgegong River, on Bylong Valley Way/Louee Street in the town of Rylstone, John Hawkins Bridge.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

Detailed report

Council received a request from a member of the public for the bridge over the Cudgegong River on Bylong Valley Way/Louee Street to be named. Council wrote to the neighbours of the bridge requesting their naming suggestions and public consultation was also invited in an advertisement in the 19 July 2019 Mudgee Guardian and the August 2019 issue of the Rylstone-Kandos district newsletter, Community Capers.

From submissions received Council provisionally approved the name of John Hawkins Bridge at their 18 September 2019 meeting.

The proposed name of John Hawkins Bridge was advertised in the 1 November 2019 Mudgee Guardian and on Council's website with 1 thankyou, 1 submission in support, 3 objections and 1 objection to the naming process received. Notices of the proposed bridge name were also served on Australia Post, the Registrar General, the Surveyor General, the NSW Ambulance Service, NSW Fire & Rescue, NSW Rural Fire Brigades, NSW Police Force, NSW SES and NSW VRA with no objections received.

Council has the authority to name bridges and the naming of this bridge will assist in identifying locations along Bylong Valley Way when reporting incidents to the Emergency Services call centre (000).

In light of the support for Bill Staff, should Council formalise the naming of this bridge as John Hawkins Bridge, Council can also consider starting the naming process for another site in Mr Staff's honour. There are two unnamed sites nearby. There is a large public reserve located on Lot 7300 DP 1140929 bordered by Tongbong Road, Bylong Valley Way and the Cudgegong River. There is another public reserve located on Lots 7013, 7014 DP 1023898, Lots 9 & 10 DP 758891 bordered by the Cudgegong River, Louee Street and Rylstone Showground which contains a pathway along the river, under the bridge being named, to the Showground.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Connecting Our Region
Goal	High quality road network that is safe and efficient
Strategy	Provide traffic management solutions that promote safer local roads and minimise traffic congestion

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

Council is the naming authority for Bridges. Unlike road naming and place naming, the Geographical Names Board does not have any authority over the naming of bridges and this is entirely in Council's purview. In accordance with Council's Road, Bridge & Place Naming Policy, should Council formally endorse the naming of this bridge, notice of the approve name will be:

1. published in the Government Gazette, Mudgee Guardian and Community Capers.
2. concurrently, notice of the new name will be sent to Australia Post, the Registrar General, the Surveyor General, the Chief Executive of the Ambulance Service of NSW, NSW Fire & Rescue, the NSW Rural Fire Service, the NSW Police Force, the NSW State Emergency Service, the NSW Volunteer Rescue Association Inc., and, in the case of a classified road – Roads and Maritime Services.

Council Policies

Road, Bridge & Place Naming Policy

Legislation

Not applicable.

Financial implications

Cost of Gazettal notice is currently within existing advertising budgets.

Cost of two name signs and cost of installation is currently within existing street signage budgets.

Associated Risks

Nil.

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PROPERTY SUPPORT OFFICER

LEONIE JOHNSON
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

13 November 2019

- Attachments:*
1. Submission. (separately attached)
 2. Submission. (separately attached)
 3. Objection. (separately attached)
 4. Submission. (separately attached)
 5. Submission. (separately attached)
 6. Submission. (separately attached)
 7. Submission. (separately attached)
 8. Submission. (separately attached)
 9. Submission. (separately attached)
 10. Submission. (separately attached)
 11. Submission. (separately attached)
 12. Submission. (separately attached)
 13. Submission. (separately attached)
 14. Submission. (separately attached)
 15. Submission. (separately attached)
 16. Submission. (separately attached)
 17. Thankyou. (separately attached)
 18. Withdrawn Objection. (separately attached)
 19. Objection. (separately attached)
 20. Objection. (separately attached)
 21. Objection Process. (separately attached)
 22. Objection. (separately attached)
 23. Submission. (separately attached)
 24. Map. (separately attached)

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

BRAD CAM
GENERAL MANAGER