

Place Names Committee for the Northern Territory

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Guide for Developers of Subdivisions - Naming of Roads Information

The Naming of a Place or Road in the Northern Territory under the *Place Names Act* is administered by the Place Names Committee for the Northern Territory.

The Naming of a Place is a statutory and legislative process. The Committee has established these rules and guidelines to act as the guiding principles. All submissions and names proposed must be suitable to name a place or road as part of the community consultation process.

The Guidelines are:

- Names should be associated with the Northern Territory.
- A name derived from indigenous sources should be local to the area and endorsed by the recognised local indigenous community.
- Names should not duplicate or nearly duplicate either in sound or spelling of an existing name in the suburb, locality and local government area or an adjoining suburb, locality and local government area.
- Road names should be a single name. The combination of names or both given and family names and the use of hyphens are not acceptable. When naming a park both the given and family names may be used for the park name.
- The length of a road name should be shorter, rather than longer, especially where the road itself is short.
- Names of people will not be used during the person's life time (i.e. only names in brevity) for a person to be commemorated. Generally, the surname/family name is chosen and consent provided by the next of kin/family (complete a Commemoration Request form).
- Deceased persons will not be commemorated within the first year following their death.
- The Place Names Reserve List are names endorsed by the Place Names Committee suitable for Commemoration in Northern Territory Nomenclature. Developers can request access to the Reserve List to assist with the street naming process.

The Place Names Committee will consider a submission to ensure the proposed name/s comply with the guidelines. Communities will be contacted should more information be required to support their submission. The Committee will prepare a recommendation report to be forwarded to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics. The Minister may approve the names, reject the names or may return the report to the Committee for further consideration and submission of another report. Names approved by the Minister will be added to the Place Names Register at www.ntlis.nt.gov.au/placenames (Please see *Checklist and attach the accompanying documents.*)

Place Names are intended to be enduring to record when, where and how the name was given to the place. The correct spelling and pronunciation of the name will need to be verified by the community. Difficulties will arise when a place name is to be changed as a number of organisations across Australia will have recorded and included the name for the road into their business and data systems. A road name shall only be changed when deemed necessary.

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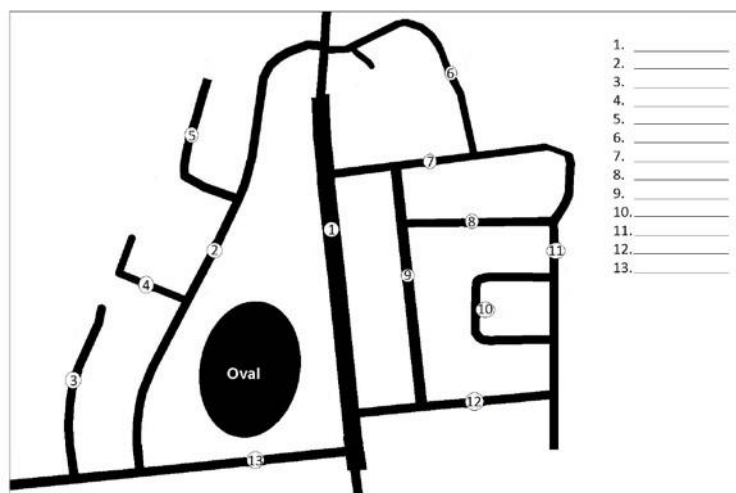
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Submitting a Request to Name Roads - Checklist

Please ensure that the following required documents accompany your application:

- Approved and signed plans of the subdivision for information managed by Survey Land Records Unit.
- A marked map identifying the road(s) to be named and the proposed name(s) for the individual roads. Proposals with multiple roads should number each road on the map to be named with the written name appearing on the side of the map next to its reference number. Another method is to colour code the roads with the matching colour against the proposed road name.



- The origin / history of the name (ie what / who is the street named after) and confirmation of spelling.
- When naming a road after a deceased person you will need to complete a Commemoration Request form and relevant attachments. The views/ support of next of kin must be included.
- The views / support from the local council on the proposed road names.
- Complete and attach the required forms with your naming proposal at <https://www.ntlis.nt.gov.au/placenames-online>:
 - Place Name Request; and
 - Commemoration Request (if applicable)