



Bundaberg Regional Council

# Streets of Remembrance Program Guideline

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## 1.0 Purpose

Council has a strong commitment to the commemoration and preservation of the service history of the Bundaberg Region and acknowledges the contributions of veterans and families to World War I, World War II, and other recognised conflicts.

The purpose of the Streets of Remembrance Program is to provide a means for Council to honour this service history. This will occur through badging of eligible streets which were named after these local veterans (living or deceased) or families.

This guideline provides direction on complying with the Bundaberg Regional Council Streets of Remembrance Policy, establishing the process Council and applicants must follow for a street to be recognised under the program.

## 2.0 Objectives

The objectives of the Streets of Remembrance Program policy and supporting guideline are to:

- Recognise and honour the service contribution of local people and families via badged street signs.
- Provide the community with a clear understanding of how Council has selected streets for recognition, eligibility criteria, and the implementation process.
- Provide the community with a clear understanding of the process to follow to apply for recognition of a street name, eligibility criteria, the submission process, and the implementation process.
- Promote further street naming by providing a list of eligible names to developers and applicants who are proposing new street naming/renaming of unnamed streets.
- Deliver outcomes of Council's Corporate Plan, promoting respect and connectedness in our community.

## 3.0 Program

### 3.1 Eligibility

#### 3.1.1 Which streets are eligible?

Streets that are eligible for badging are streets named after:

- local veterans (living or deceased) that served in World War I, World War II, or another recognised conflict; and
- local families that had service history during World War I, World War II, or another recognised conflict.

This includes existing streets, and future streets which are proposed to be named to recognise the above veterans or families.

To find out whether a street has already been identified for badging, you can either view Council's Website or contact the Development Group for further information.

**Note:** *Recognised conflicts include: South African (Second Boer) War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Malayan Emergency, Indonesian Confrontation, Vietnam War, Afghanistan, East Timor, Iraq, and other Peacemaking efforts.*

### 3.1.2 Council Identified Streets

Council, in consultation with relevant stakeholders (such as the RSL) will be investigating the history of street naming in the region and intends to badge identified eligible streets during phase one of the program.

Currently, officers are aware of 44 streets across the region that may be eligible for the program, pending further investigation to confirm eligibility. Sources of information to compile this initial list included "From Dirt Tracks" by Sandy Curtis (Curtis, 2015), "Bundaberg street names honour 35 war heroes" by Emma Turnbull of Bundaberg Now (Turnbull, 2020), and Council street naming records. It is anticipated that further streets will be identified during consultation with relevant stakeholders.

### 3.1.3 Community Identified Streets – Who can apply?

Any member of the community, including developers, business owners and community groups can apply for a street to be recognised in phase two of the program. Refer to section 3.4 for detail on how to apply, noting community applications will open in phase two of the program.

### 3.1.4 What badging will apply?

Badging will include:

- ADF Joint/Tri-Service badge – used for streets named after an eligible local veteran or local family with service history in more than one area of service, or for other service as appropriate.
- Royal Australian Navy Badge – St Edward Crown – used for streets named after an eligible local veteran or local family with Royal Australian Navy service from 1958 – present.
- Royal Australian Navy Badge – Tudor Crown – used for streets named after an eligible local veteran or local family with Royal Australian Navy service pre-1957.
- 'Rising Sun' Badge (Seventh pattern) – used for streets named after an eligible local veteran or local family with Australian Army service from 1991 – present.
- 'Rising Sun' Badge (Sixth pattern) – used for streets named after an eligible local veteran or local family with Australian Army service from 1972-1991.

- 'Rising Sun' Badge (Fifth pattern) – used for streets named after an eligible local veteran or local family with Australian Army service from 1966-1972.
- 'Rising Sun' Badge (Fourth pattern) – used for streets named after an eligible local veteran or local family with Australian Army service from 1949-1966.
- 'Rising Sun' Badge (Third pattern) – used for streets named after an eligible local veteran or local family with Australian Army service from 1904-1949.
- 'Rising Sun' Badge (Second pattern) – used for streets named after an eligible local veteran or local family with Australian Army service from 1902-1904.
- 'Rising Sun' Badge (First pattern) – used for streets named after an eligible local veteran or local family with Australian Army service from 1902.
- RAAF Badge – Edward Crown used for streets named after an eligible local veteran or local family with Royal Australian Air Force service from 1958 – present.
- RAAF Badge – Tudor Crown used for streets named after an eligible local veteran or local family with Royal Australian Air Force service from 1939-1957.

The design is to include the emblem, street name, rank of the person recognised and their first initial and last name. An example is shown below:



The design is required to comply with all legislative requirements/standards for street signs at the time of installation.

Where the sign exceeds the permitted number of characters for a single post street sign the rank may be abbreviated as per the Australian Department of Veterans' Affairs 14.6 Ranks/Titles and Relevant Abbreviations (attached).

### 3.1.5 Which streets are ineligible?

The following associations do not align with the objectives of the program and are therefore ineligible for inclusion:

- Streets that are named after a battle. E.g., Dunkirk Street; and
- Streets that are named after a famous service person who was not local to Bundaberg. E.g., General Montgomery – Montgomery Street; and
- Streets that are named after a famous person who had relevance to one of the mentioned conflicts. E.g., Winston Churchill – Churchill Street; and
- Streets that are named after pioneer families.



Further, if the connection between the street name and the nominated person or family cannot be validated, the street will not be included in the program. Council is aware that there may be instances where streets were named after a prominent local person (or for another reason) and this street shares the same name as a local veteran. Council only intends to recognise streets that were genuinely named after the local veteran or family. A lack of evidence of why the street was named such is not considered sufficient proof that the street was named after the nominated person or family.

### 3.2 Program Budget

Council budget is to be confirmed for phase one of the program.

Subject to the availability of budget, applications for badging of existing streets will be accepted on an ongoing basis. If budget is exhausted, any further applications for existing streets will be held until further budget is allocated.

Applications for new/unnamed streets where the developer/applicant supplies the signs will continue to be accepted as the developer is responsible for the supply of street signs.

Budget updates are available on Council's website.

### 3.3 Implementation

The program is proposed to be an ongoing program with two key phases. Community applications for streets to be recognised will open in phase two of the program.

#### 3.3.1 Phase One

Phase one of the program will only involve the badging of Council identified existing streets which meet the above eligibility criteria.

Once approved, the Council's civil works team will install the approved signage in the required locations in compliance with the relevant standards at that time.

Signage badged during phase one will be unveiled on a date to be confirmed.

All approved streets will be detailed on Council's website once unveiled.

*Note: Community applications for recognition of streets are not being processed during this phase as the focus of this phase is recognising the streets which have been readily identified and confirmed by officers investigations.*

### 3.3.2 Phase Two

Phase two of the program is the ongoing phase and is the phase which includes the nomination of existing streets which may not have been included in phase one and includes the naming of new and unnamed roads.

As phase two is ongoing it is anticipated that signage will be implemented by Council and developers on an as required basis.

Council's website will be updated on an ongoing basis to reflect new streets recognised through the program.

## 3.4 Application Process

### 3.4.1 Existing Unrecognised Streets

If you believe an existing street is eligible for you may submit the request in writing via online submission.

The application for recognition is required to be supported by the following information:

- Details of the existing street to be recognised.
- Details of the service person / local family to be recognised.
- Supporting evidence demonstrating their service history/connection with World War I, World War II, or another recognised conflict.
- Supporting evidence confirming that the street was named after this service person or family and not another person or family.
- Consent of the eligible person/family or a relative of such, where relevant and available.

Applications that are incomplete or inaccurate will not be considered until the applicant has supplied the required information.

### 3.4.2 New Streets / Unnamed Streets

If you are an eligible party (as per the Planning Scheme Policy for Development Works) to make an application for the naming of a new or unnamed street, you may submit the request in writing via online submission.

Prior to making your application it is recommended that you contact Council's Development Group and obtain the list of eligible street names which have already been identified and are currently available for use.

The application for recognition is required to be supported by the following information:

- Details of the new/unnamed street to be named.
- Details of the service person / local family to be recognised.
- Supporting evidence demonstrating their service history/connection with World War I, World War II, or another recognised conflict.

In circumstances where the veteran to be recognised via the street naming is living, or where renaming an existing street name, Council may undertake consultation prior to granting any approval for the proposed street name.

Applications that are incomplete or inaccurate will not be considered until the applicant has supplied the required information.

**Note:** *No proposed street name will be accepted where it is a duplication of an existing street name. This refers to street name and street type – e.g., Smith Street is considered a duplication of Smith Road if both are within the same or neighbouring suburbs. Further, Street Naming is to occur in accordance with the Planning Scheme Policy for Development Works.*

## 4.0 Contact

For further information on the Bundaberg Regional Council Streets of Remembrance Program, please contact Council's Development Group on 1300 883 699.



## 5.0 References

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