



# Streets of Remembrance

# Program Guideline



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## 1.0 Purpose

Council has a strong commitment to the commemoration and preservation of the military service history within the Bundaberg Region and acknowledges the contribution made by veterans and their 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. The program aims to badge eligible existing streets which were named after local veterans (living or deceased) or families. In addition, the program seeks to name future streets in honour of local veterans (living or deceased) or families.

This guideline provides direction on complying with Council's 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 this guideline are to:

- Recognise and honour the service contribution of local people and families via badging 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 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 Support Team 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 significant international Peacemaking efforts.*

#### 3.1.2 Council Identified Streets

Phase one of the program identified existing streets which meet the above eligibility criteria. During phase one, Council in consultation with relevant stakeholders (such as the RSL) investigated the history of street naming in the region.

Phase one identified ~ 44 streets across the region which were eligible for the program. 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), Council street naming records and consultation with stakeholders. Phase one anticipated that additional streets will be identified during further consultation with the community and stakeholders.

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

Phase two of the program seeks members of the community, including developers, business owners and community groups to apply for a street to be recognised. Phase two of the program is currently operational. Refer to section 3.4 for detail on how to apply.

### 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 (Eighth pattern) – used for streets named after an eligible local veteran or local family with Australian Army service from 2025 – present.
- ‘Rising Sun’ Badge (Seventh pattern) – used for streets named after an eligible local veteran or local family with Australian Army service from 1991 – 2025.
- ‘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.
- Australian Women's Land Army Badge – to be used for streets named after an eligible local service person or family with Australian Women's Land Army service from 1942 – 1945.
- Other badges released by the Australian Defence Force as they become available.

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 and who under the Policy have no established link to a recognised military conflict.

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**

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.

Subject to the availability of budget, in new estates, where developers/applicants agree to utilise the Streets of Remembrance future street name register for newly created roads, Council will facilitate the creation of street signs. The developer will continue to install the signage.

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 has been completed. All approved streets are detailed on Council's website.

### 3.3.2 Phase Two

Phase two of the program is the ongoing phase and includes the nomination of existing streets which may not have been included in phase one and includes the naming of new streets and existing 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, you may submit the request in writing via Council's online submission portal.

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.
- Details of the service person / local family connection to the Bundaberg Region.
- Written signed consent of the eligible person being honoured if living.

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

Members of the community, including individuals, developers, business owners and community groups can make an application for a future street in the region to be named after a service person or family. The request can be made in writing via Council's online submission portal.

If you are an eligible party (as per the Planning Scheme Policy for Development Works) you can make an application for the naming of an existing unnamed street to be named after a service person or family. The request can be made in writing via Council's online submission portal. Prior to making your application it is recommended that you contact Council's Development Support Team and obtain the list of eligible street names which have already been identified for utilisation.

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.
- Details of the service person / local family connection to the Bundaberg Region.
- Written signed consent of the eligible person being honoured if living.

In circumstances where written signed consent of the living eligible person being honoured is not submitted with the request 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. Furthermore, Street Naming is to occur in accordance with the Planning Scheme Policy for Development Works.*

**How will an approved future street name be used?** *Applications which are approved will be placed on Council's Future Road Name Register. This register is made available to Council Officers & Developers (upon request) when naming future streets within the region or existing unnamed roads.*

## 4.0 Contact

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

## 5.0 References

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