

10.1.3 Renaming two portion of Drummond Street, Nunile - consent to advertise

Date of Report:	7 October 2025
Applicant or Proponent:	Shire of Toodyay
File Reference:	NAM1 OODRU
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Previously Before Council:	No
Author's Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Council's Role in the matter:	Advocacy
Attachments:	Nil

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To consider the renaming of the eastern portion of Drummond Street in the locality of Nunile.

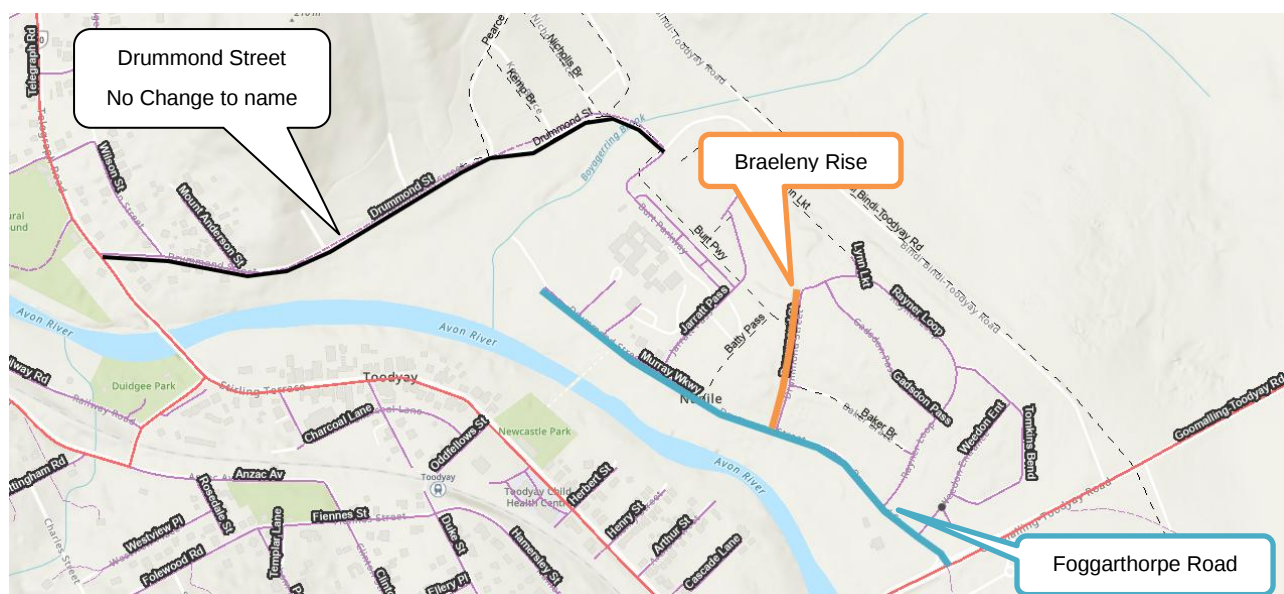
- To rename two road sections of Drummond Street;
- To remove the name Murray Walkway (replaced by Foggarthorpe Road);
- To retain Drummond Street on the northern side of the estate; and
- To consider the proposed names for consultation.

BACKGROUND

The Geographic Names Committee of Western Australia recommends that road names be connected and form a clear path from one end to the other.

During the initiation of the Foggarthorpe Structure plan (2001) a roads plan was produced and supported by Council – this established a naming plan for the development. However, a subsequent amendment to that structure plan permitted the construction of the Recreation Centre. With the Toodyay Recreation Centre now constructed Drummond Street can no longer be built as a connected road.

Two new road names are being recommended for the eastern section of Drummond Street coloured orange and blue on the map. As part of this proposal is the retirement of the name Murray Walkway as this name is not being used. The retirement of Murray Walkway will facilitate a continuous road name from the High School to the Toodyay – Goomalling Road.



The current road network including other approved road names (dashed). New road names are coloured.

COMMENTS AND DETAILS

Choosing Names

Utilising the policies of the Geographic Names Committee, duplicate names or unconnected roads are not recommended. Road names with similar sounds or where a road name already exists are not supported. Seeking approval for a road being 'east' or 'north' is also not supported by the Geographic Names Committee. In this case two new names will be required to uniquely identify the road portions.

For the purposes of this consultation, Foggarthorpe Road and Braeleny Rise have been chosen for consultation with the community. Pre-consultation with the Geographic Names Committee has received an in-principle agreement to advertise.

Affected properties

A total of 9 properties on the proposed Braeleny Rise.

A total of 14 properties on the proposed Foggarthorpe Road.

Name Significance

Foggarthorpe – relates to the historical name of the farm, to which this land once belonged.

Braeleny – Brae (steep hillside) Leny (light) – place in Scotland near Drummond.

Councillor Workshop June 2025

Due to the significance of the proposal, a briefing was undertaken with Councillors to discuss the matter, with the original proposal being to rename the northern portion of Drummond Street.

As a result of that workshop it was recommended that:

- That the eastern section be renamed, instead of the northern section;
- Supports the name Braeleny as having a nice feel;
- Proposes that Raynor loop be extended back to the new Foggarthorpe (*Not recommended to have two separate road intersections with the same names*);
- Proposes an aboriginal name instead (*not recommended in this case*); and

- Has long term benefits but may cause short term pain to residents.

IMPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER

The initiation of this proposal is driven by the illegibility of the Toodyay – Nunile road network (Drummond Street). There is currently a duplication of house numbers at the northern and the eastern sections with mail and deliveries often being confused. There are also direct implications to the arrival of emergency services as they may arrive on the northern section rather than the eastern section and vice versa. Travelling from one end to the other is not possible without using other named roads.

It is recommended that with a community engagement exercise related to this matter, consensus can be reached with the community.

Not addressing this issue will amplify when more homes are built with increasing confusion for deliveries, mail, and emergency services. While it would be possible to traverse these roads end to end, it will be via different road names.

If this proposal were to be supported, then the name Murray Walkway will be retired. There are no lots currently using this road name. The use of the name Drummond Street East does not have official approval from the Geographic Names Committee, and those properties are not correctly addressed.

Consultative:

Consultation is a requirement of the Geographic Names Committee, for a minimum 35 days. Evidence of this consultation must be provided along with a Council recommendation for the names to be approved. It is proposed that all residents in the Foggarthorpe Estate be directly contacted, and the proposal be advertised on the Council Website.

As a result of this community consultation an alternate name may arise, and if it is pre-approved by the Geographic Names Committee, it will then be presented to Council for support.

Strategic:

Outcome 6.1 - Keep a persistent focus on building a safe, efficient road network.

Outcome 6.2 - Support safe, well designed, and connected paths and trails for people of all ages and abilities to get around.

Policy related:

Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia – Geographic Names Committee Landgate.

Financial:

Nil

Legal and Statutory:

The process of naming or re-naming of roads follows the guidelines contained with the *Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia*.

Evidence of community consultation and a Council resolution to recommend the names to the Geographic Names Committee is required to attain an approval.

Risk related:

There is a rising **Medium** risk to the community of having two nearby roads with the same name. House numbers will be duplicated and there is a risk that emergency services may be delayed by this disconnected road network.

There is a **Low** risk in conducting a well-structured community consultation that follows the Geographic Names Committee guidelines to then present to council for support.

With the two chosen names being already pre-approved there is a **Low** risk that the Geographic Names Committee will refuse this request.

Workforce related:

All activities can be undertaken through existing staffing levels and no external consultations are required.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. OCM190/10/25

MOVED Cr R Madacsi

SECONDED Cr M Dival

That Council supports the commencement of advertising for the renaming of two sections of Drummond Street to Foggarthorpe Road and Braeleny Rise and the retirement of the name Murray Walkway.

Voted For: Crs M McKeown, M Dival, R Madacsi, S McCormick, J Prater, R Mills and S Van der Heyden

Voted Against: Nil

MOTION CARRIED 7/0