

Cr McEwen left the Council Meeting at 4.18pm with a declared direct conflict of interest with Council Agenda Item E.12 PROPOSED ROAD NAME CHANGE FOR TWO SECTIONS OF MCILWAINE STREET, MEENIYAN as he is a resident on this street.

E.12 PROPOSED ROAD NAME CHANGE FOR TWO SECTIONS OF MCILWAINE STREET, MEENIYAN

Sustainable Communities and Infrastructure Directorate

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

There are three sections of Mcllwaine Street, Meeniyan, which are causing confusion for the general public, transport vehicles, and emergency services with respect to road names and property numbers. The confusion is due to the street being divided by “no through road access”, therefore creating two entries from two different streets; Morgans Road, and Meeniyan Promontory Road. Refer to **Attachment 1 – Mcllwaine Street, Meeniyan and Current Road Numbering** which shows the three sections causing confusion.

This report recommends further public consultation by calling for community comment on the proposed renaming and renumbering of the two sections of Mcllwaine Street, Meeniyan (the Proposal).

Document/s pertaining to this Council Report

- **Attachment 1** – Map of Mcllwaine Street, Meeniyan and Current Road Numbering.
- **Attachment 2** – Proposed Road Names and New Road Numbering.
- **Confidential Appendix 1** – Submissions from the Public.

Confidential Appendix 1 has been distributed separately to Councillors and the Executive Leadership Team.

Confidential Appendix 1 is confidential information on the grounds that it relates to a matter specified under Section 89(2)(h) that Council considers would prejudice the Council or any persons; respective of the Local Government Act 1989.

LEGISLATIVE / ACTION PLANS / STRATEGIES / POLICIES

- Local Government Act 1989 – Schedule 10(5), Section 89(2)(h)
- Road Management Act 2004
- AS/NZS4819: 2011 Rural and Urban Addressing

- Geographic Place Names Act 1998
- Geographic Place Name Guidelines 2010 (Version 2)
- Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority

INTERNAL POLICIES / STRATEGIES / DOCUMENTS

- Road Naming Procedure 2013

COUNCIL PLAN

Outcome:	2.0	Closely Connected Communities.
Strategy:	2.1	Engage and work collaboratively with our community.
Outcome:	3.0	Integrated Services and Infrastructure.
Strategy:	3.1	Deliver affordable modern community services and facilities through an integrated approach to planning and infrastructure development.

CONSULTATION

Community Consultation Undertaken (October 2012)

In October 2012, Council consulted with residents along Mcllwaine Street (Sections 2 and 3 off Morgans Road) with the view of considering renaming these two sections of road.

A total of **five submissions** were received. **Three objections** were received from residents to the renaming of Section 3 of Mcllwaine Street due to the historical connection with the Mcllwaine family farm, in which the road was originally named after and where the original homestead once stood.

Community Consultation Undertaken (August 2015)

Given the objections from November 2012, it was decided to write to the residents of Mcllwaine Street running off Meeniyan Promontory Road (Section 1) in August 2015, regarding renaming this section of road instead, which would allow Section 3 off Morgan's Road to remain as "Mcllwaine Street".

A total of **four submissions** were received. **One objection** was received to the renaming of Section 3 of Mcllwaine Street due to the historical connection with the Mcllwaine family farm.

Proposals from Community Consultation Process

As a result of these mail outs the following suggestions have been forwarded to Council for consideration for renaming Sections 1 and 2:

Bushy Lane – Bullock Rise – Gumtree Rise – Hewett Street – Livingstone Lane – Magpie Lane - Nugget Lane – Rosella Street – Ti Tree Lane – Tween Lane.

The Leongatha Historical Society and Meeniyan Returned Services League have also been contacted in relation to forwarding a naming proposal. The Leongatha Historical Society has provided the name "Hewett".

Another historical suggestion is "Nugget" named after local identity, Charles Nugget. Unfortunately no further information has been obtained on Charles.

Refer to **Confidential Appendix 1 – Submissions from the Public** for a copy of all the submissions received.

Further Public Consultation (August 2016)

- The Leongatha Historical Society and Meeniyan Returned Services League will be updated with the progression of renaming McIlwaine Street.
- Council will place a public notice in the noticeboard section of the local newspapers and on Council's website week commencing 1 August 2016.
- Send letters to adjoining property owners / occupiers, inviting written submissions:
 - Letters will include a survey to gauge public feedback on the proposed names.
 - Members of the public can also provide feedback or submit new road name proposals for consideration.
- The submission period is 30 days from the publication and will close on Tuesday 30 August 2016.
- If submissions are received to the public notice:
 - Hear submitters who had elected to speak to their submission at a Special Committee of Council in closed session pursuant to Section 89(2)(h) of the *Local Government Act 1989* comprising of the Mayor, at least one Ward Councillor, and any other Councillor in attendance.
 - Consider submissions and decision determined at the next available Ordinary Council Meeting in open session.
- If no submissions are received to the public notice, a report will be prepared and presented to the next available Council meeting requesting endorsement of the preferred names.

REPORT

Background

Council officers have had numerous requests from residents to look into the confusing issues relating to the three sections of Mcllwaine Street, Meeniyan. The confusion is due to the street being divided by "no through road access", therefore creating two entries from two different streets; Morgans Road, and Meeniyan Promontory Road.

There have been issues with ambulances and fire trucks not being able to find addresses along Mcllwaine Street off Morgans Road. This can cause unnecessary delays for emergency services not being able to find the correct address by having three roads of the same name in close proximity and with 'no through road access'. This can lead to life threatening situations.

There have also been reports of the general public, visitors, and transport vehicles getting lost.

Refer to **Attachment 1 – Map of Mcllwaine Street, Meeniyan and Current Road Numbering** which shows the three sections of road that is causing confusion.

Discussion

The Leongatha Historical Society and Meeniyan Returned Services League have been contacted in relation to forwarding a naming proposal. The Leongatha Historical Society has provided the name "Hewett".

The Hewett Family

Andrew George Hewett was born in 1857 and married Janet McMaster. Their eldest son, also Andrew George Hewett, was born at Halston NSW in 1882. He married Florence Wood in 1909 at St. Kilda.

The Hewett's moved to Leongatha where their two children Charlotte and Morton were born. In 1918 they purchased the Saddler's Shop in Geale Street, Meeniyan. This shop was later burnt down.

Andrew became the proud owner of the first motor vehicle in the town. His son Mort studied motor engineering and they purchased the building on the corner of Hanily and Whitelaw Streets where they commenced a garage service.

Mort and his wife were heavily involved in the committees of the Progress Association, Red Cross, Hall, Recreation Reserve, and fire brigade.



Geographic Place Name Guidelines 2010

Council is governed by the Geographic Place Name Guidelines 2010 (GPN) and appropriate naming is essential to identify locations for providing emergency services and delivering goods and services in Victoria. The naming rules are based on national standards and policies. They provide a strong basis for standardised and unambiguous naming procedures across the state.

Geographic names must not risk public and operational safety for emergency response, or cause confusion for transport, communication, and mail services. Many emergency response and other public service providers (such as mail) are determined by locality boundaries or road extents, so proposals must ensure that operations will not be adversely affected.

Emergency response and public service providers rely on road names being officially registered and signed. This ensures that a road's location and extent is uniquely identified in the Victorian Government's spatial databases, and is therefore accessible on the majority of relevant organisational and public mapping products.

Name Duplications Search

Duplicates are considered to be two (or more) names within close proximity, or names that are identical or have similar spelling or pronunciation. A

Vicnames 15km duplicate or similar sounding/spelling name search has been carried out for the names suggested with the following results.

Proposed road name	VicNames 15km Duplicate Search	
	Confirms	Reason
Bullock	No	Using commemorative names - names of people who are still alive must be avoided (GPN).
Bushy	No	Four similar sounding roads within the Shire being "Bass" – "Boags" – "Begg" – "Boys".
Gumtree	Yes	No duplications found.
Hewett	Yes	No duplications found.
Livingstone	No	Using commemorative names - names of people who are still alive must be avoided (GPN).
Magpie	No	Similar sounding road at Buffalo being 'McPhee'.
Nugget	Yes	No duplications found.
Rosella	Yes	No duplications found.
Ti Tree	No	Two roads within the Shire of the same name.
Tween	Yes	No duplications found.

All name submissions must comply with Statutory Naming Rules for places in Victoria under requirements for naming roads, features, and localities.

The proposed road names are in keeping with community expectations and conform to the principles outlined in Sections 1.8 and 4.1 of the GPN.

The names of people who are still alive must be avoided because community attitudes and opinions can change over time.

Options

The options available to Council are:

1. Commence the process to consider renaming Sections 1 and 2 of Mcllwaine Street as proposed (preferred option).
2. Choose other names for consultation purposes for the roads.

To leave Mcllwaine Street as it currently stands is not considered an option due to the confusion it is creating with the three separate sections.

Proposal

It is proposed that Council undertake further community consultation by calling for community comment on the following proposals for Mcllwaine Street, Meeniyah:

1. **Proposal 1** – To rename Section 1 of Mcllwaine Street, traversing in a westerly direction off Meeniyan Promontory Road as “Hewett Street” and renumber accordingly.
2. **Proposal 2** – To rename Section 2 of Mcllwaine Street, traversing in a easterly direction off Morgan's Road as one of the following names;
 - “Gumtree Rise”;
 - “Rosella Lane”;
 - “Nugget Lane”; or
 - “Tween Lane”.
3. **Proposal 3** – Section 3 of Mcllwaine St, traversing in a westerly direction off Morgan's Road to remain as “Mcllwaine Street” and renumbered accordingly.

Refer to **Attachment 2 – Proposed Road Names and New Road Numbering**.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The cost to Council will be for the supply and installation of new signage for the affected roads if approved by Council. The estimated cost to install new signage is approximately \$450 and is accommodated in Council's approved signage budget.

RISKS

There is minimal risk to Council as the methodology for the naming of roads is contained in the GPN and this proposal conforms to the principles outlined in Sections 1.8 and 4.

There is a risk to Council choosing not to apply the principles of the GPN and *AS/NZS4819: Rural and Urban Addressing*, especially where properties will not have appropriate addresses applied and the associated likelihood of emergency and public services provision being impaired or delayed.

CONCLUSION

Renaming Section 1 and Section 2 of Mcllwaine Street as recommended, and aligning the road numbering by having their own unique numbering on all three sections will remove the confusion for emergency services and the general public.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Commence a public consultation process by calling for community comment on the proposed renaming of two sections of Mcllwaine Street in the township of Meeniyan (Attachment 2) as follows (the Proposal):
 - a. Proposal 1 – To rename and renumber Section 1 of Mcllwaine Street, traversing in a westerly direction off Meeniyan Promontory Road as “Hewett Street”.
 - b. Proposal 2 – To rename and renumber Section 2 of Mcllwaine Street, traversing in a easterly direction off Morgans Road as one of the following names:
 - i. “Gumtree Rise”;
 - ii. “Rosella Lane”;
 - iii. “Nugget Lane”; or
 - iv. “Tween Lane”.
 - c. Proposal 3 – Section 3 of Mcllwaine St, traversing in a westerly direction off Morgans Road to remain as “Mcllwaine Street” and renumbered accordingly.
 2. Give public notice in its noticeboard section of the local newspapers and on Council's website week commencing 1 August 2016 on the proposal (item 1 above) to commence a public consultation process inviting written submissions from the community by close of business Tuesday 30 August 2016. The submission period is 30 days from publication.
 3. If submissions are received to the public notice:
 - a. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to set the time, date, and place to hear, consider, and determine submissions.
 - b. Hear submitters who had elected to speak to their submission at a Special Committee of Council in closed session pursuant to Section 89(2)(h) of the Local Government Act 1989 comprising of the Mayor, at least one Ward Councillor, and any other Councillor in attendance.
 - c. Consider submissions with a decision determined at the next available Ordinary Council Meeting in open session.
 4. If no submissions are received to the public notice, a report will be prepared and presented at the next available Council meeting requesting endorsement of the preferred names.
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MOVED: Cr Newton

SECONDED: Cr Fawcett

THAT COUNCIL:

- 1. COMMENCE A PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS BY CALLING FOR COMMUNITY COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED RENAMING OF TWO SECTIONS OF MCLLWAINE STREET IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MEENIYAN (ATTACHMENT 2) AS FOLLOWS (THE PROPOSAL):**
 - a. PROPOSAL 1 – TO RENAME AND RENUMBER SECTION 1 OF MCLLWAINE STREET, TRAVERSING IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION OFF MEENIYAN PROMONTORY ROAD AS “HEWETT STREET”.**
 - b. PROPOSAL 2 – TO RENAME AND RENUMBER SECTION 2 OF MCLLWAINE STREET, TRAVERSING IN A EASTERLY DIRECTION OFF MORGANS ROAD AS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING NAMES:**
 - i. “GUMTREE RISE”;**
 - ii. “ROSELLA LANE”;**
 - iii. “NUGGET LANE”;**
 - iv. “TWEEN LANE”; OR**
 - v. “BALDWIN STREET”.**
 - c. PROPOSAL 3 – SECTION 3 OF MCLLWAINE ST, TRAVERSING IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION OFF MORGANS ROAD TO REMAIN AS “MCILWAINE STREET” AND RENUMBERED ACCORDINGLY.**
- 2. GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE IN ITS NOTICEBOARD SECTION OF THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND ON COUNCIL’S WEBSITE WEEK COMMENCING 1 AUGUST 2016 ON THE PROPOSAL (ITEM 1 ABOVE) TO COMMENCE A PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS INVITING WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS TUESDAY 30 AUGUST 2016. THE SUBMISSION PERIOD IS 30 DAYS FROM PUBLICATION.**
- 3. IF SUBMISSIONS ARE RECEIVED TO THE PUBLIC NOTICE:**
 - a. AUTHORISE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SET THE TIME, DATE, AND PLACE TO HEAR, CONSIDER, AND DETERMINE SUBMISSIONS.**
 - b. HEAR SUBMITTERS WHO HAD ELECTED TO SPEAK TO THEIR SUBMISSION AT A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 89(2)(H) OF**

**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989 COMPRISING OF THE
MAYOR, AT LEAST ONE WARD COUNCILLOR, AND ANY
OTHER COUNCILLOR IN ATTENDANCE.**

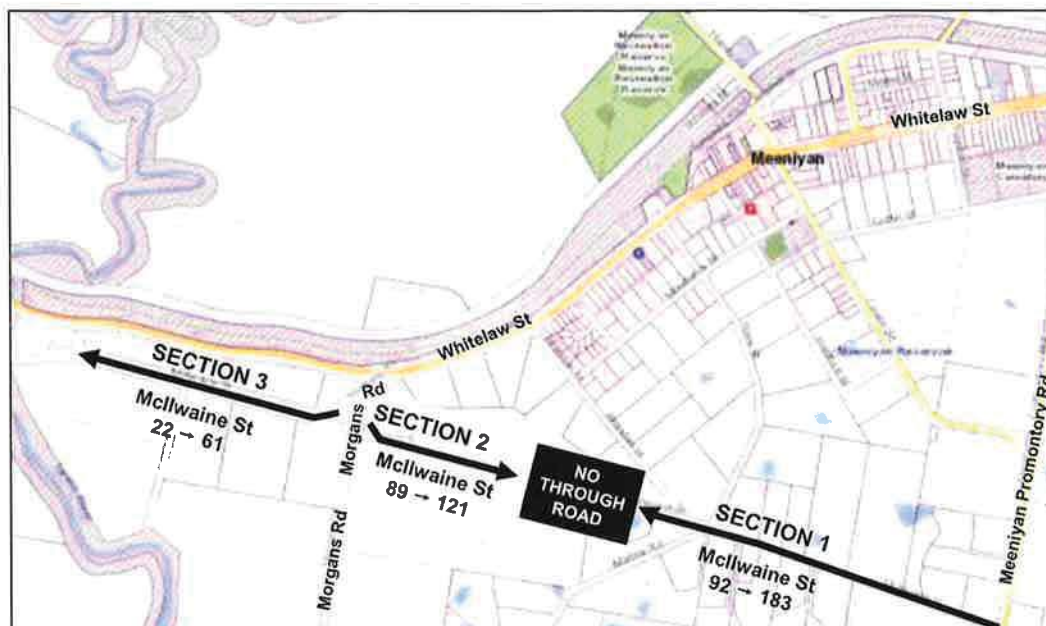
- c. CONSIDER SUBMISSIONS WITH A DECISION DETERMINED
AT THE NEXT AVAILABLE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING IN
OPEN SESSION.**

- 4. IF NO SUBMISSIONS ARE RECEIVED TO THE PUBLIC NOTICE, A
REPORT WILL BE PREPARED AND PRESENTED AT THE NEXT
AVAILABLE COUNCIL MEETING REQUESTING ENDORSEMENT OF
THE PREFERRED NAMES.**

Cr Hill returned to the Council Meeting at 4.20pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

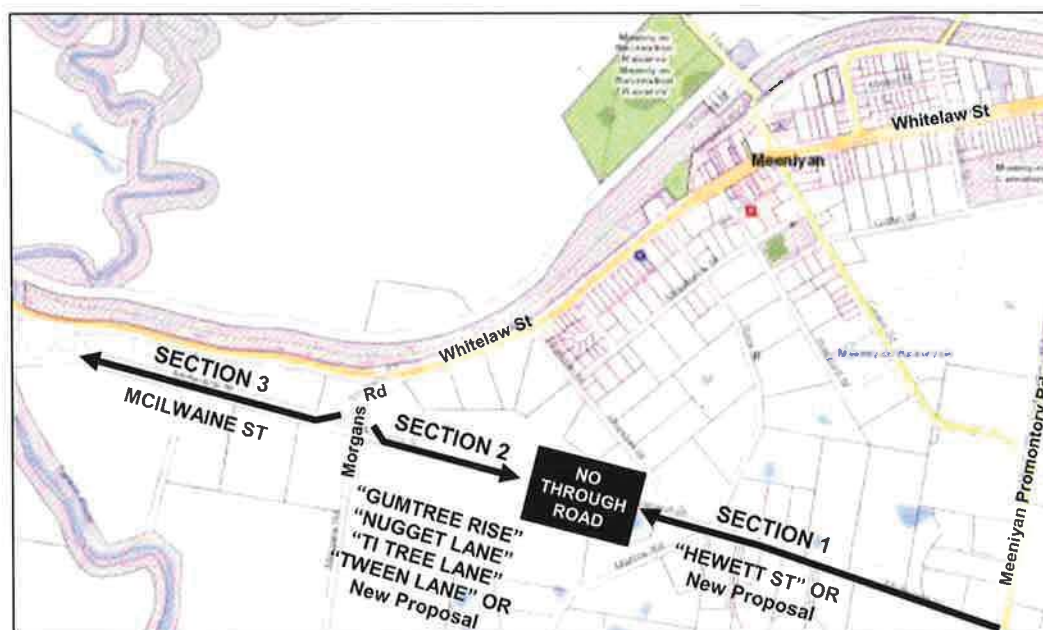
Attachment 1 Map of Mcllwaine Street, Meeniyan and Current Road Numbering



- Section 1** – Enter Mcllwaine Street from Meeniyan Promontory Road, travelling east to west (road ends – no through road). Road length is approximately 1,060 metres to the end.
- Section 2** – Enter Mcllwaine Street from Morgans Road (turn left), travelling west to east (road ends – not through road). Road length is approximately 240 metres to the end.
- Section 3** – Enter Mcllwaine Street from Morgans Road (turn right), travelling east to west. Road length is approximately 300 metres to the end.

Attachment 2 Proposed Road Names and New Road Numbering

PROPOSED FOR COMMUNITY CONSULTATION



Section 1 – Proposed road name change to **“HEWETT STREET”**, entering from Meeniyah Promontory Road.

New unique road numbering commencing from Meeniyah Promontory Road (traversing east to west) to end of road *“no through road access”*.

Section 2 – Proposed road name change to **“GUMTREE RISE”, “NUGGET LANE”, “TI TREE LANE”, or “TWEEN LANE”**, entering from Morgans Road (turn left).

New unique road numbering commencing from Morgans Road (traversing west to east) to end of road – *“no through road access”*.

Section 3 – Road proposed to remain as **“MCILWAINE STREET”**, entering from Morgans Road (turn right).

New unique road numbering commencing from Morgans Road (traversing east to west) to end of road.