

Responsible Officer: General Manager Strategic Asset Performance

Council Meeting Date: 17 December 2019

File Ref: RD5.1

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to allow Council to consider a request to name the bridge where Hill's Road crosses Euleilah Creek.

Officer's Recommendation:

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That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to:

1. Include the name '_____' and '_____' on the Approved Place Names Register; and
2. Utilise the name '_____' on the bridge along Hill's Road crossing Euleilah Creek.

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Background:

Council received two (2) asset naming requests to:

1. Formally name the currently unnamed bridge that spans Euleilah Creek on Hills Road (herein referred to as 'the bridge'). As Euleilah Creek was historically called Oyster Creek, this proposal aims to reduce the confusion for residents as to where the exact location of the bridge is during critical times (flood, road diversion and other similar emergencies).
2. Name the bridge 'Charlie Ikstrums Bridge' in recognition of a long-term Baffle Creek resident.

The applicant consulted with the community by placing petitions at two (2) shops, the Thai Chi group and local church group in Baffle Creek between the 24 and 25 September 2019. People in support of naming the bridge 'Charlie Ikstrums Bridge' were encouraged to sign the petition. The petition received 78 positive responses, one (1) written negative response and two (2) verbal negative responses.

As a result of the community consultation, Council received two (2) additional requests to:

- a. Name the bridge 'Euleilah Bridge', as this is how it has been recognised for many years.
- b. Name the bridge after Edward (Ted) Hardy, as he was instrumental in the bridge being built – proposed name 'Ted (Edward) Hardy Euleilah Bridge'.

Consideration:

Background information on Charlie Ikstrums:

- An active wheelchair athlete he represented Victoria and Australia from 1979 to 1984 in the Australian Wheelchair Basketball team and 1984 Paralympics.
- Moved to Baffle Creek in about 1985 after retiring from the position of Director of Wheelchair Sport (Victoria).

- Received Council approval for the development of a general store, caravan park, fuel pumps, the existing golf course, and established the 'Euleilah Country Club'.
- Developed several buildings which now house the produce store and five other businesses.
- Started the 'Wartburg Cup' picnic race day, 'Baffle Creek Raft Race', Baffle Creek Fishing Challenge, Baffle Creek Lions Club & several golfing events (Crab Classic and Mullet Masters).
- Provided retail space free of charge for the Ratepayers Association to publish a local newsletter and supported other local events by donating prizes, providing free use of venue/equipment etc.
- Served as Councillor in Miriam Vale Shire Council (1994-1996 and 1997-1999), Chairman of Wartburg School P&C, Commodore of the Baffle Creek Boat Club, Chairman of the Baffle Sports and Rec. and inaugural fire warden for the Wartburg Rural Fire Brigade.
- Represented the Shire on the Bundaberg District Tourism and Development Board.
- Was instrumental in having beam trawlers banned from the Baffle Creek catchment.

Background on Euleilah Bridge:

There is no documentation to demonstrate that the bridge was formally named by Council, however the bridge is commonly referred to as either 'Euleilah Bridge' or 'Euleilah Creek Bridge'. Baffle Creek residents, contractors undertaking work, published historical journals and photo books, media releases presented by Council, and multiple other sources all refer to the asset as 'Euleilah Bridge' and occasionally 'Euleilah Creek Bridge'.

Background on Ted (Edward) Hardy:

- Ted began his role in 1939 as the second last ferryman for the Baffle Creek ferry prior to the construction of the bridge.
- He was the Rosedale Branch President of the Country Party and Secretary of the Baffle Creek Branch of the Queensland Dairy Organisation.
- His letter writing, negotiation skills, positions held, and contacts made within these organisations resulted in him becoming representative for the construction and location of the bridge.
- He went on deputation to Brisbane seeking approval for the bridge's construction and location.
- He campaigned tirelessly for the bridge and other community ventures and helped secure the contract for construction of the bridge.

The applications for addition of 'Charlie Ikstrums' and 'Ted (Edward) Hardy' to the Approved Place Names Register have been assessed against the requirements of Council's Naming of Infrastructure Assets Policy (P-2018-09).

Charlie Ikstrums:

Assessment Criteria	Compliance with Criteria
Compliance with Australian Standard AS4819:2011	Not applicable
Diversity of place names within the Local Government Area	Compliant
Consists of less than 35 characters	Compliant
Consultation undertaken for Indigenous name	Not applicable
Propriety of the name	Compliant
No longer active in service, position or community	Compliant – Charlie Ikstrums now lives in Bundaberg
Surname only unless given name is necessary to avoid ambiguity	Not compliant
For the naming of roads to be one word, easily read	Compliant for naming of assets

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Ted (Edward) Hardy:

Assessment Criteria	Compliance with Criteria
Compliance with Australian Standard AS4819:2011	Not applicable
Diversity of place names within the Local Government Area	Compliant
Consists of less than 35 characters	Compliant
Consultation undertaken for Indigenous name	Not applicable
Propriety of the name	Compliant
No longer active in service, position or community	Compliant
Surname only unless given name is necessary to avoid ambiguity	Not compliant
For the naming of roads to be one word, easily read and spelled	Compliant for naming of assets other than roads

Where an individual/family name is proposed, evidence must be provided showing a history of the individual/family within the region, which may include national prominence. This has been provided for both Charlie Ikstrums and Edward Hardy and satisfies this criteria. However, surnames are only to be included in asset naming unless required to avoid ambiguity; therefore, addition of 'Charlie' and 'Ted (Edward)' are non-compliant. Furthermore, road names are to be easily read and consist of one word, therefore if 'Charlie Ikstrums' and 'Ted (Edward) Hardy' are added to the Approved Place Names Register, they should not be utilised on a road.

Euleilah Bridge:

Assessment Criteria	Compliance with Criteria
Compliance with Australian Standard AS4819:2011	Not applicable
Diversity of place names within the Local Government Area	Compliant
Consists of less than 35 characters	Compliant
Consultation undertaken for Indigenous name	Not applicable
Propriety of the name	Compliant
No longer active in service, position or community	Not applicable
Surname only unless given name is necessary to avoid ambiguity	Not applicable
For the naming of roads to be one word, easily read and spelled	Not applicable

An application form for Euleilah Bridge has not been received and this name is not on the Approved Place Names Register. Furthermore, as this proposed name is applicable only to the bridge along Hill's Road crossing Euleilah Creek, the name is not to be added to the Approved Place Names Register unless it is utilised on the bridge in question.

There are no limitations to the source of the name which is selected and may include local landmarks or site-specific related features. The spelling of names derived from a place or feature must be the same and should not contain abbreviations such as 'Ck'. Therefore, the potential name 'Euleilah Bridge' is compliant with the Policy.

If the proposed names are not selected for use on the bridge, a pre-approved name may be selected from the Approved Place Names Register. These names should have been approved either by the Miriam Vale Shire Council or Gladstone Regional Council, not in use or reserved for another purpose and not of a theme that is utilised for another location. An extract of the approved place name register with these requirements is attached.

The application to utilise a name on the currently unnamed bridge has also been assessed against the requirements of the Policy. The need to name the bridge on Hill's Rd crossing Euleilah Creek has been demonstrated by the confusion created during emergency events as to the exact location of the bridge. Each of the proposed names have demonstrated appropriateness to the physical, historical and/or cultural character of the area.

Finally, the request to name the creek 'Oyster Creek' does not fall within Council jurisdiction and as such, the applicant should address this request with the appropriate authority.

Based on the above consideration, two resolutions are required in order to determine an outcome. Firstly, a decision must be made regarding the addition of the names 'Charlie Ikstrums' and 'Edward Hardy' to the Approved Place Names Register. Then, a decision must be made regarding the utilisation of a name on the bridge. Below are the options available:

Addition of Names to the Approved Place Names Register

Option 1 (recommended):

1. Include the names 'Ikstrums' and 'Hardy' on the Approved Place Names Register as they are compliant with the Policy.

Option 2:

1. To recognise the significant contributions made to the community by these residents, include the name 'Charlie Ikstrums' and 'Ted (Edward) Hardy' on the Approved Place Names Register for the purposes of naming infrastructure assets other than roads.

Utilisation of Name on the bridge crossing Euleilah Creek on Hill's Road

To improve location identification in the case of an emergency, resolve to name the bridge " _____ " or a combination of the below.

Option 1: In recognition of his involvement in the Baffle Creek community, name the bridge "Ikstrums Bridge" or "Charlie Ikstrums Bridge" based on version of name added to the Register.

Option 2: In recognition of his involvement in the development of the bridge, name the bridge "Hardy Bridge" or "Ted (Edward) Hardy Bridge" based on version of name added to the Register.

Option 3: In recognition of the historical and locally-referred to name, name the bridge "Euleilah Bridge".

Communication and Consultation (Internal/External):

As described above the initial applicant undertook community consultation in the form of a petition distributed to four locations.

In addition, Charlie Ikstrums has been consulted to confirm he supports the proposal to add his name to the Approved Place Names Register and utilise his name on the Approved Place Names Register. Mr Ikstrums advised he would be humbled if this proposal went ahead.

Edward Hardy's daughter has also been consulted with. If the bridge is to be named in memoriam, she believes it is appropriate to be named after a combination of the historic name and her father due to his advocacy role in having the bridge constructed. However,

she believes it would also be appropriate to formalise the name 'Euleilah Bridge', as this is what it is commonly referred to.

Following Council's resolution, a notice will be placed on Council's website and advertised in the local newspaper advising of the name, should it be approved.

Legal Environmental and Policy Implications:

Compliance with Council's Naming of Infrastructure Assets Policy (P-2018-09)

Financial and Resource Implications:

Cost to install and maintain signage, as well as administrative requirements.

Commentary:

Nil

Summary:

Nil.

Anticipated Resolution Completion Date:

March 2020

Attachments:

1. Approved Place Names Register extract

Tabled Items:

Nil.

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