NAMING OF BRIDGES

Intent To ensure there is a consistent approach to bridge naming throughout the Cairns Regional Council area.

Scope This policy shall apply when considering the naming of all new Council controlled bridges. This policy shall also apply when considering naming existing unnamed Council controlled roads and bridges.

PROVISIONS

With the exception of those bridges presently named, Council will consider the naming of a new bridge upon receipt of a written request and a report from Council officers on the merits of the application. Renaming of existing structures is to be avoided and each request will be considered based on its own merit. Duplication of bridge names is not permitted to avoid confusion with existing names.

Council will conduct consultation with appropriate stakeholders. The suitable scope of consultation should be determined on a case by case basis.

From time to time should no names be forthcoming for the naming of a bridge, Council shall undertake community engagement to assist them in determining bridge names by way of inviting the community to submit names for consideration through the placement of an advertisement in local newspaper/s or by some similar means.

Each bridge named is to have a clearly visible sign erected as soon as practicable after Council’s resolution to name the said bridge, such signage to include appropriate information on the relevance of the selected name where appropriate.

Bridges should be named using the following guidelines:

- Names of geographical, historical or cultural significance to the Cairns Regional Council area.
- Names to commemorate a person. When named after a person, that person should have performed a significant service to the Cairns Regional Council community.

This policy is to remain in force until otherwise determined by Council.