

# Extraordinary Road and Place Naming Advisory Committee

## Business Paper

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary Road and Place Naming Advisory Committee of Parkes Shire Council will be held electronically via email on Thursday 26 February 2026 at 9:00am.

Recommendaitons are requested via email to [engineering@parkes.nsw.gov.au](mailto:engineering@parkes.nsw.gov.au) by 9:00am on Thursday 5 March 2026.



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**GENERAL MANAGER**



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**1 OPENING OF MEETING**

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The Chairperson will declare the meeting open.

Meeting of Council committees are not recorded or streamed to the internet.

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**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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Parkes Shire Council acknowledges the Wiradjuri People who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land. I would also like to pay respect to the Elders past, present and emerging of the Wiradjuri Nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginal peoples from other nations who are present.

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**3 APOLOGIES**

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In accordance with clauses 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, apologies must be received and accepted from absent Councillors and a leave of absence from the Council Meeting may be granted.

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## 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

<b>4.1 MINUTES OF THE ROAD AND PLACE NAMING ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 18 MARCH 2025</b>
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**IP&R Linkage:** **Pillar:** Leadership

**Goal:** Our local government is open, accountable and transparent.

**Strategy:** Provide open and transparent decision-making and undertake the civic duties of Council with professionalism and integrity.

**Annexures:** **NIL**

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### RECOMMENDATION

The Committee note that the minutes of the Road and Place Naming Advisory Committee Meeting held on 18 March 2025 were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 18 March 2025.

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## 5 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

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All Council Officials must disclose and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in matters being considered at the meeting.

Council's Code of Conduct deals with pecuniary and non-pecuniary conflicts of interest and political donations, and provides guidance on how these issues should be managed.

Council Officials must be familiar with Council's Code of Conduct and their obligations to disclose and manage any conflicts of interest that they may have in matters being considered at this Council Meeting.

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**Note:** Council Officials who declare an Interest at the Meeting are also required to complete a Declaration of Interest form.

**6 LATE BUSINESS**

## 7 OFFICERS' REPORTS

### 7.1 EXTENSION OF FORBES ROAD AND PEAK HILL ROAD, PARKES

**IP&R Linkage:** **Pillar:** Leadership

**Goal:** Our Local Government is contemporary, effective and efficient.

**Strategy:** Ensure compliance with statutory requirements and ensure Council's operations are supported by good corporate governance and effective risk management.

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**Annexures:** **A. Survey Results - Peak Hill Road Extension** [↓](#)  
**B. Survey Results - Forbes Road Extension** [↓](#)

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### RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. That the section of the existing Newell Highway North, from its current datum point at Dalton and Bogan Street to its intersection with the Parkes Bypass, be renamed 'Peak Hill Road, Parkes.'
2. That the section of the existing Newell Highway, extending from its new datum point at the intersection of Hartigan Avenue and Forbes Road, Parkes, to the intersection of the bypass and the existing Newell Highway, be renamed 'Forbes Road, Parkes'.
3. Undertake the appropriate community consultation in accordance with the GNB guidelines.

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### BACKGROUND

Parkes Shire Council have been requested by Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to assist with the road naming process and subsequent changes to existing and proposed roads as part of the Parkes Bypass Upgrade.

This work is being delivered as part of the \$168 million Newell Highway upgrade program to support the interstate freight industry, provide economic growth, and improve access and safety along a vital transport corridor in New South Wales.

The upgrade would involve relocating the highway about two kilometres west, between Maguire Road to the north and Barkers Road to the south - a total length of 10.5 kilometres. The bypass would remove up to 1200 trucks per day from local streets and improve safety for motorists.

### ISSUES AND COMMENTARY

On Wednesday 20 February 2025, Council wrote to the residents and business along Peak Hill, and Forbes Road, Parkes notifying them of the need to change their rural address number as a direct result of the Parkes Bypass construction.

Advertisement was also placed on the website for public exhibition which included a "Have your Say" survey option.

In total council received 29 responses, from both Peak Hill and Forbes Road. Below is a summary from 'Have your Say' Survey:

	Response	Yes	%	No	%
Peak Hill Road	20	12	60	8	40
Forbes Road	9	7	77.78	2	22.22

Table 1 - Survey responses seeking support for change in address - Peak Hill and Forbes Road

### LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONTEXT

<i>Roads Act 1993</i>	<i>NSW Address Policy (October 2024)</i>	<i>Local Government Act 1993</i>
<i>Roads Regulation 2018</i>	<i>Geographical Names Act 1966</i>	<i>GNB of NSW Policy - Place Naming (July 2019)</i>

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant financial implications associated with this report, signage will be funded by RGDC and TfNSW and the capital works program for locally owned bridges.

### RISK IMPLICATIONS

Renaming a road carries risk, including community dissatisfaction if consultation is perceived as inadequate and disruptions to addressing and wayfinding, which may impact emergency services, postal deliveries, and navigation systems. To mitigate these risks, Council must ensure compliance with Geographical Names Board (GNB) guidelines, engage key stakeholders, and update relevant records. Council has addressed these risks thorough targeted community consultation with added measures of community-wide surveys and advertisement on Council's website.

### COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Council conducted a community consultation process to inform residents that, due to the bypass, their rural address number will remain unchanged, but their street name will be changed to either Peak Hill Road or Forbes Road, Parkes. As part of this process, a 'Have Your Say' survey was made available on Council's website and social media platforms from 21 February 2025 to 10 March 2025.

In addition to the online survey, Council wrote to all affected residents and businesses, in accordance with the required timeframes set by the Geographical Names Board (GNB). The letters encouraged feedback and provided information about the renaming process, ensuring that all relevant stakeholders had the opportunity to participate in the consultation

Proposed road name change for Peak Hill road extension

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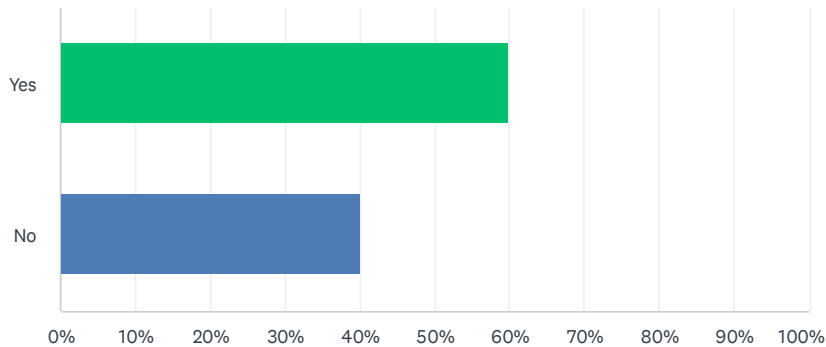
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### Q3 Do you support the proposed road name?

Answered: 20 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	60.00% 12
No	40.00% 8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>

### Q4 Comments

Answered: 6 Skipped: 14

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Since when has Peak Hill Road started at the Bogan & Dalton Street intersection?	3/1/2025 1:35 PM
2	Name it Smith Bridge	2/26/2025 5:45 PM
3	Suggest this road is called the "Middle Peak Hill Road".	2/23/2025 7:20 AM
4	leave things as they are people have and will know these roads as they are why change things to suit individuals	2/22/2025 12:12 PM
5	Fhh	2/21/2025 7:13 PM
6	In recognition of the world famous Parkes Radio Telescope aka The Dish and the magnificent work it has achieved, I propose that the road be named the "Hyperspace Bypass". This is a comedy reference to the Hitchhikers Guide To The Galaxy, written by Douglas Adams and a staple text of the numerous visiting astronomers who spent many a night in the control room out at The Dish! By naming the road the "Hyperspace Bypass" this will do wonders for tourism for both the town and The Dish and will provide many enjoyable photographic opportunities. Visit The Dish, just 26km north of Parkes, follow the "Hyperspace Bypass".	2/21/2025 6:30 PM



## **8 REPORT OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS**

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In accordance with clauses 14.22 and 14.23 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, resolutions passed during a meeting, or a part of a meeting that is closed to the public must be made public by the Chairperson as soon as practicable. Such resolutions must be recorded in the publicly available minutes of the meeting.

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