Asset & Infrastructure Naming policy

Purpose

To formalise the principles and processes by which Riverina Water names identified infrastructure or assets in recognition of a person, place, event or similar.

Policy Statement

Riverina Water recognises names are an important navigation and reference tool for the community, as well as being part of a community's identity.

Generally, Riverina Water's assets and infrastructure are not given a specific name outside of their function and/or location. From time to time, Riverina Water shall identify assets or infrastructure that have the opportunity to be given a unique or special name.

This policy will provide the standards and conditions for naming these identified assets and infrastructure within the supply area.

Scope

The Executive will identify assets or infrastructure not generally accessible by the public to be considered for naming.

Members of the public may submit a request for an asset or infrastructure to be named, which will be considered by the Board or Executive depending on the criteria above.

In selecting appropriate names, Riverina Water will endeavour to honour and observe local history of the relevant geographic area or infrastructure/asset, including consideration for names recognising the Wiradjuri People.

Naming is generally reserved for new assets and infrastructure only. Exceptions to this will be determined by the Board.

Naming criteria

In general terms, naming should be unique and use spelling and style of contemporary Australian English or Wiradjuri language. Names should be easily identifiable to enable clear communication in times of emergency.

A name shall wherever possible be:

- relevant to local history, flora, fauna, culture, landscape and physical characteristics or relevant to the organisation's history and purpose
- short and simple
- easy to pronounce, spell and write, with exception to those in the Wiradjuri language
- in accordance with community standards and expectations
- complementary with existing names and adjoining assets
- not easily confused with or duplicating names within the region
- considerate of any potential risk to reputation

In addition, if personal names are used:

- the person commemorated should have contributed significantly to Riverina Water and/or to the wider community
- the person commemorated should preferably be recognised in memoriam
- the naming should be supported by the community

Process for naming assets and infrastructure

Names for identified assets or infrastructure not generally accessible by the public will be determined by the Executive.

Names for identified publicly accessible assets and infrastructure will be determined by the Board following public exhibition of the proposed name for a minimum of 28 days.

Submissions from members of the community will be considered by the Board and further community engagement will be undertaken as required.

Policy Implementation

Riverina Water will keep a record of possible names suggested by the community that meet the criteria, to be considered for future naming opportunities.

Riverina Water will identify opportunities for naming new assets and infrastructure.

Non Compliance

Non-compliance with adopted policy may be considered a breach under the Code of Conduct. As such, any suspected or known non-compliance will be reported to the CEO.

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