

## 10.5. Naming of Lane between 39 and 41 McLaren Street, North Sydney - post-exhibition report

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### PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to outline the outcome of the public consultation held from 11 April 2025 to 13 May 2025 in relation to the proposed naming of Gamarada Lane which lies between 39 and 41 McLaren Street North Sydney, and to seek Council's endorsement to adopt the name.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- At the meeting of Council on 24 March 2025, Council considered a report on a proposal to name the laneway off McLaren Street North Sydney (between numbers 39 and 41), Gamarada Lane.
- Council approved the proposed name "Gamarada Place," subject to a 28-day public exhibition period.
- Council received three submissions, two in favour of, and one opposing the proposed name. The submissions are outlined in attachment to this report.

### RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** Council adopt the name "Gamarada Place".
- 2. THAT** an application be lodged with the Geographical Names Board of NSW to formally gazette the adopted name.
- 3. THAT,** once gazetted, Council proceed with the production and installation of signage for the lane.

## **Background**

At the meeting of Council on 24 March 2025, Council considered a report on a proposal to name the laneway off McLaren Street, between numbers 39 and 41, Gamarada Lane.

It was resolved:

- 1. THAT Council approves the name Gamarada Place identified for the laneway between 39 and 41 McLaren Street, North Sydney.*
- 2. THAT the naming proposal be placed on public exhibition for 28 days.*
- 3. THAT should Council receive submissions, a further report be prepared for Council's consideration. Should Council receive no submissions, Council consider the name 'Gamarada Place' as adopted at the end of the closing period for submissions.*

In accordance with the above resolution of Council and the Geographical Names Board Policy and Guidelines, the public exhibition period on the naming proposal ran from 11 April to 13 May 2025. Council received three submissions during this period. The contents and responses to those submissions are outlined below.

## **Report**

### **Submissions Received**

Council received three submissions. A summary and responses to the submissions is provided in the attached Submissions Summary Table (Attachment 1).

All submissions received were from residents of North Sydney Local Government Area, with the submitters residing in Cremorne (1), North Sydney (1) and Kirribilli (1).

Of the three submissions, two supported the proposal, and one opposed the name, Gamarada Place.

### **Consultation requirements**

Community engagement is complete. Council's Community Engagement Policy was adhered to, ensuring appropriate community consultation was undertaken.

### **Financial/Resource Implications**

The financial obligations pertain to the production and installation of the appropriate signage.

## **Legislation**

The Geographical Names Board (GNB) of NSW – Place Naming Policy and Guidelines were applied to ensure compliance with statutory naming conventions, which included uniqueness and its historical significance.

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**Summary of submissions received during public exhibition period 11 April 2025 to 13 May 2025**

The following criteria are used to analyse all submissions received, and to determine whether the proposal would be amended:

1. The proposal **would be** amended if the point:
  - a provided additional information of relevance.
  - b indicated or clarified a change in government legislation, Council's commitment or management policy.
  - c proposed strategies that would better achieve or assist with Council's objectives.
  - d was an alternate viewpoint received on the topic and is considered a better option than that proposed in the proposal or;
  - e indicated omissions, inaccuracies or a lack of clarity.
2. The proposal **would not be** amended if the point:
  - a addressed issues beyond the scope of the proposal.
  - b was already in the policy or will be considered during the development of a subordinate proposal (prepared by Council).
  - c offered an open statement, or no change was sought.
  - d clearly supported the draft proposal.
  - e was an alternate viewpoint received on the topic but the recommendation of the draft proposal was still considered the best option.
  - f was based on incorrect information.
  - g contributed options that are not possible (generally due to some aspect of existing legislation or government policy) or; involved details that are not appropriate or necessary for inclusion in a document aimed at providing a strategic community direction over the long term.

No.	Name	Submission	Council Response	Recommend Proposal be Amended Y or N	Criteria Code
1	Cremorne	I support this proposal	Noted	N	2.d
2	99 Broughton Street, Kirribilli	I was strongly in favour of the original proposal - recognising our/your communities wonderful and significant contributors is inspiring to us all. The proposed name means nothing in this context. Surely you can do better than resort to using another language descriptor when a more meaningful approach can be taken.	Responded to by Council's historian:  "It is not clear that the objector has understood the reason behind changing the name from Faith Bandler Place i.e it contradicts GNB guidelines. The laneway will also likely remain an unprepossessing access route for some time and therefore not very suitable for associating with an individual of note. That was not clear when the original name was chosen. The opportunity of using an original Eora word of relevance to the site because of its proximity to a school made the choice of Gamarada (friend/comrade) ideal".	Y	2.g

No.	Name	Submission	Council Response	Recommend Proposal be Amended Y or N	Criteria Code
3	Walker Street, North Sydney	The name Gamarada Place provide a distinct context, which does not just explores the name of the location but reflects the surrounding neighbourhood.	Noted	N	2.d