

5.2. NAMING OF UNNAMED ROAD OFF MOSSMAN GORGE ROAD, MOSSMAN

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to name the unnamed road off Mossman Gorge Rd, Mossman leading to Douglas Shire Council's gravel pit, Manjal Dimbi Road.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Douglas Shire Council recently purchased the land which has the gravel road off Mossman Gorge Road, Mossman leading to the Material storage site. The road is used by Council staff and contractors and is presently unnamed.

Section 60 (2) (d) of the *Local Government Act 2009* provides Councils the power to name roads. Prior to resolving to adopt a specific road name consultation with residents needed to be completed. Council Officers have completed consultation and agreement on the new road name has been reached.

BACKGROUND

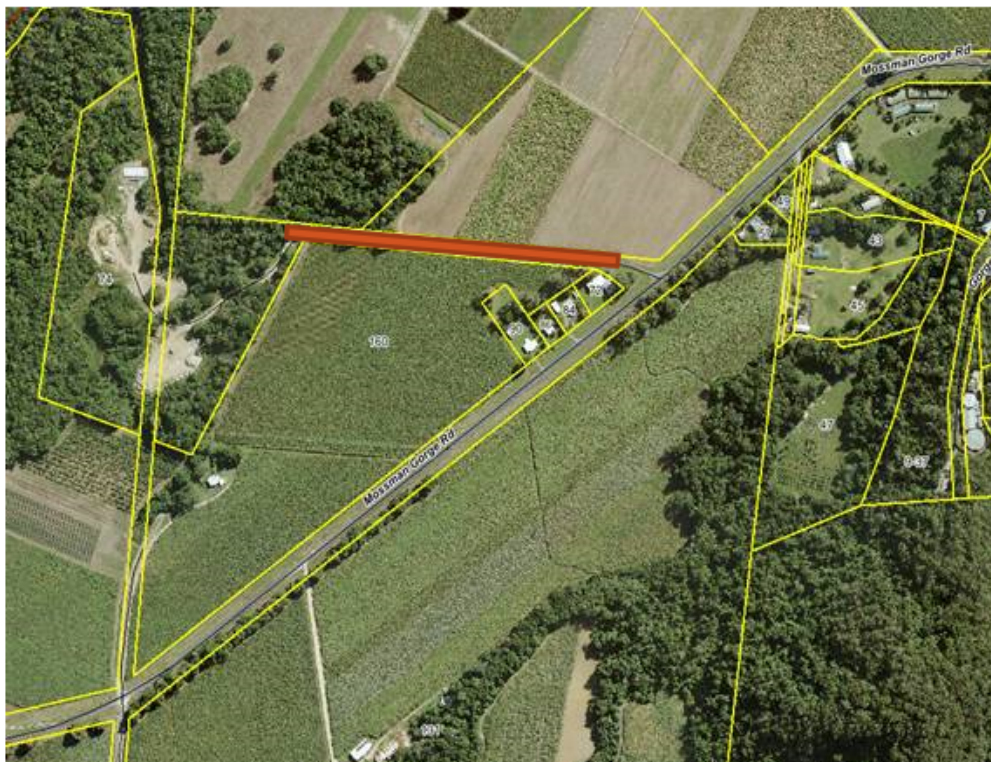


Figure 1. - Map showing the location of un-named road off Mossman Gorge Road, Mossman

COMMENT

Colloquially the road is referred to by some as Drumsara Road, however it was never part of the Drumsara estate and the owners of Drumsara do not support this being the name of the road. Nor do they support it being called Mango Park Road, which is an adjacent property. One suggested Gravel Pit Road.

Traditional owners, via Jabalbina have suggested two Kuku Yalanji language names for the road:

1. Manjal Dimbi Road - pronounced Mun-jarl Dim-bee

Manjal Dimbi has been renamed Mount Demi by Non-Kuku Yalanji people. The mountain is significant to the Kuku Yalanji people and the language name when translated means mountain holding back. Their story tells of the Manjal Dimbi holding back the evil spirit.

2. Kubirri Road pronounced Guh-bid-ee..

Kubirri is the Kuku Yalanji name for the rock face on Manjal Dimbi. It has since been anglicised to the Good Shepherd Rock. As Europeans thought the rock face looked like the Good Shepherd from afar. The Douglas Historical Society has confirmed Manjal Dimbi is their preference as Kubirri may cause confusion for people looking for Kubirri Aged Care.

The preference of Council officers is to take the opportunity to choose a Kuku Yalanji language name and to ensure there is no confusion with Kubirri Aged care, Manjal Dimbi is the recommended.

PROPOSAL

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FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The total cost to Council for naming the unnamed road is \$365 which is the cost to supply and install a street name sign. This cost can be allocated in the 2020/2021 Operational Budget.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Nil

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Economic: Nil

Environmental: Nil

Social: Provides a street address making it easier for Council workers, contractors, delivery drivers and emergency services to locate the gravel pit if needed.

COUNCIL'S ROLE

Council can play a number of different roles in certain circumstances and it is important to be clear about which role is appropriate for a specific purpose or circumstance. The implementation of actions will be a collective effort and Council's involvement will vary from information only through to full responsibility for delivery.

The following areas outline where Council has a clear responsibility to act:

Builder/Owner Council makes a significant investment every year in the infrastructure that underpins the Shire through its capital works program. Council will manage its assets with appropriate frameworks and deliver its projects through robust project management.

Service Provider Council provides many services to the community from roads and waste services to libraries and recreational facilities. Services evolve over time and it is the Council's mission to ensure that these services are appropriate, delivered efficiently, and designed with the customer at the centre.

CONSULTATION

Internal: In preparing this report, consultation was undertaken with:

- Technical Officer Civil Works
- Senior Rates Officer.

External: Nil.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Council Officers spoke to three owners who had property adjacent to the unnamed road, Traditional Owners and the Douglas Shire Historical Society.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil