

Naming Considerations

The Principals from the Naming Rules which are applicable in this case are:

Principle A - Ensuring public safety

This proposed name will support public and operational safety, specifically naming the road will allow easier wayfinding for emergency services and other public services.

Principle B - Recognising the public interest

The proposed road name offers a long-term public benefit of educating the broader community of the history of the locality. The long-term consequences of naming this lane will also enable Council to provide legal addressing to the current residents, and any future dwellings that front the lane.

Principle C - Linking the name to place

The lane is located on the site of the now demolished Melbourne Benevolent Asylum. Opened in North Melbourne in 1851, it provided refuge for the growing numbers of poor, disabled and aged in the Port Phillip Settlement. Demolished in 1911, it was a landmark building of early Melbourne. Anastasia Leahy was the longest resident of the asylum (64 years) and therefore has a relevant history and association to the area.

Principle D - Ensuring names are not duplicated

'Anastasia Lane' has been checked against the VICNAMES database and does not duplicate any existing road name within a 5 km radius of the metropolitan area.

Principle E - Recognition and use of Traditional Owner languages

Council's current (and proposed) policy encourages opportunities to recognise and preserve the valuable contribution made by Women and Aboriginal people through the use of female and Aboriginal naming.

This proposal does not seek to use an aboriginal name.

While the name is not drawn from Traditional Owner language, it is complementary to the area's naming narrative and supports the broader thematic goal of cultural and place-based identity.

Principle F - Names must not discriminate or be offensive

The word 'Anastasia' isn't discriminatory or offensive.

Principle G - Gender equality

The proposed name uses the first name of Anastasia Leahy.

Anastasia Leahy was the longest serving resident of the Benevolent Asylum. She entered the Victoria Benevolent Asylum in 1857 at the age of 19 and lived there until it was relocated to Cheltenham in 1911. Anastasia passed away in 1921.

Principle H - Dual names

Dual names may only be assigned to geographic features. Dual names cannot be assigned to roads or localities therefore, this Principal does not apply.

Principle I - Using commemorative names

Commemorative names of a deceased person should be applied no less than two years posthumously. The individual being commemorated passed away in 1921, which is 104 years ago.

Principle J - Using commercial and business names

This is not applicable as the proposed name is not using a commercial or business name.

Principle K – Language

Language has been considered and does not apply in this case.

Principle L - Directional names to be avoided

This is naming does not use a cardinal directional name, this Principal does not apply.

Principle M - Assigning extent to a road, feature or locality

The road type 'Lane' was chosen as it meets the following definition as found in the Official Naming Rules for Places in Victoria Document:

LANE	LANE	A narrow way between walls, buildings or a narrow country or city roadway.
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This naming proposal seeks to name a section of Council laneway CL0405, specifically the lane in an east-west direction from Abbotsford Street to Curzon Street.



Figure 1. Road naming proposal to name a section of CL0405 as 'Anastasia Lane'