

Notice of Motion Received From Cr Collins:-

1. RENAMING OF ROAD

That council approach the Geographical Names Board to re-name the Tomingley Road between Narromine and Tomingley, The McLachlan Way.

Rational:-

“This would be a very fitting tribute to a man who was a doctor in our town for 45 years. In that time he achieved many things. He founded the first Lions Club west of the Blue Mountains, he was an Alderman for many years and served as our Mayor for many years. Keith developed the scheme that low income workers could borrow money from the council to build their own basic homes. People were so proud that they could purchase their own home that not one single loan was defaulted on. Keith lobbied to have the then Aboriginal population be brought into town and housed in suitable housing and to receive proper medical care. The Aboriginal settlement just out of Narromine was then closed. He set up the Far West medical support team for people in the outback of NSW. He would fly his own plane to an accident scene, land his plane on a rough road or even a paddock just to try and save a person's life. Keith was a man that devoted his whole career to the town of Narromine to ensure that they were looked after as well as any patient anywhere in Australia”. - Julie Davis

Dr McLachlan travelled this particular road at least twice a week for several years to conduct medical clinics at Peak Hill when there was no doctor in the town.

Note from General Manager:-

1. The Geographical Names Board has been approached with regard to renaming the Narromine – Tomingley Road after Dr Keith McLachlan OAM.

They have responded stating that “In section 6.7.9 Amending Road Names it states that “Road names are intended to be enduring, and the renaming of roads is discouraged unless there are compelling reasons for a change. Issues that can prompt renaming including the redesign of a road, changed traffic flow, mail or service delivery problems, duplication issues and addressing problems.

In addition they advise that Council should also ensure that any residents that are going to be affected by this road name change are consulted and are in support of any change.

If Council was to proceed with a road renaming the new road name will also have to meet the Principles of Road Naming in this case the name "The Keith McLachlan Way" would not be acceptable as the name is made up of more than three words including the road type (6.7.2), and also uses a person's full name (6.7.5).

Road names that would be acceptable are: "The McLachlan Way", McLachlan Way" or 'Keith Way'".

2. Under the Roads Regulation 2008, Regulation 7 – a roads authority (Council) that proposes to name or rename a road must:-
 - (a) Publish a notice of its proposal in a local newspaper, and
 - (b) Must serve notice of its proposal on the following persons or bodies:
 - (i) Australia Post
 - (ii) The Registrar-General
 - (iii) The Surveyor-General
 - (iv) The Chief Executive of the Ambulance Service of NSW
 - (v) NSW Fire Brigades
 - (vi) NSW Rural Fire Service
 - (vii) NSW Police Force
 - (viii) State Emergency Service
 - (ix) NSW Volunteer Rescue Association Incorporated
 - (x) In the case of a classified road – RMS

Furthermore, the notice must state that written submissions on the proposed name may be made to the roads authority and must specify the address to which, and the date by which, any such submission should be made.

3. If, after considering any submission duly made to it, the roads authority decides to proceed with the proposed name, the roads authority must publish a notice of the new name in the Gazette and in a local newspaper and inform the following persons (as above (1) – (x)).