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Mr Nick Tobin
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Dear Mr Tobin

Re: Naming of unnamed laneways in Northbridge

In 2007, when Council announced that it would be naming all unnamed laneways and footways in the city, the committee of Northbridge Progress Association asked its Treasurer, Pam Clifford, to suggest to Council names for unnamed Northbridge laneways. Mrs Clifford is very familiar with the history of Northbridge, having written a history of the Northbridge Public School and numerous historical articles for *The 202* newsletter.

Mrs Clifford was referred to a Council officer and during the latter part of 2007 contacted her on several occasions. She was always told that a list of unnamed laneways and guidelines for naming them was being prepared by Council and would be provided to her when available. This information was never provided by Council. Mrs Clifford was therefore unable to research possible suitable names or to suggest them to Council. Nor was a list of the names suggested by Willoughby Historical Society provided to her, though they were requested.

The Association was therefore surprised to learn that, at its December 3 meeting, Council had approved names for all 95 unnamed laneways in the city. These names will be submitted to the Geographical Names Board before being advertised for 28 days.

We are comfortable with most of the names approved by Council but there are a number where we believe from our detailed knowledge of Northbridge history that other names could be more worthy.

We are disappointed that the Association was not able to contribute, in consultation with long-term Northbridge residents, suggestions for the proposed names for Northbridge laneways. We are concerned that it will be far more difficult to make alternative naming suggestions after they are approved by the Geographical Names Board and subsequently advertised.

The Association reiterates its interest in the naming of the laneways in Northbridge and asks whether there is any opportunity to suggest alternate names prior to the list being referred to the Geographical Names Board?

Yours sincerely

John Becroft
President

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