



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

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DSS1	NAMING OF AN EXISTING STREET
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on a proposal to name a section of the former Belle O'Connor Street, South West Rocks.

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DESCRIPTION/PROPOSAL:

At the Council meeting on 12 June 2007 Council resolved to name a section of the former Belle O'Connor Street with the name Keith Andrews Avenue East.

This street is only used for vehicular access to No. 192 Gregory Street and the Country Energy Sub Station.

On notification to the Geographical Names Board (GNB) of the proposed name, Council received a letter from GNB stating that they would raise objections to the name Keith Andrews Avenue East. Under their guidelines "No prefix or additional suffix" which indicates a compass point should be used in the name and also that it was considered the proposed name was an unduly long name.

Council some time ago received a request to name a street in South West Rocks as Meehan Close after Neville Roy Meehan. Roy was one of the early residents at South West Rocks who, among his many attributes, looked after the garden and painting of the pilot house, boathouse and flag staff and thus contributed to the Maritime history of South West Rocks.

The Macleay River Historical Society Inc of South West Rocks supports the name of Meehan Close as a street name.

It is proposed to now name this section of street Meehan Close [Appendix A – Page H1](#).

The proposed name has been advertised with no objections/comments received. The name will need to be submitted to the Geographical Names Board for their approval.

Emergency Services and the Post Office will be notified in due course of the name change.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil

- *Social*

Nil

- *Economic (Financial)*

The financial implication of Council naming this section of street is the need to purchase and erect a street sign. Funding is provided within the current budget for Street Signs. No sign was ordered for Keith Andrews Avenue East.

- *Policy or Statutory*

Under Section 162 of the roads Act 1993, Council may name all roads for which it is the roads authority. Council must also give notice to the Geographical Names Board.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this section of the former Belle O'Connor Street be named Meehan Close.

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