

# Place Names Committee for the Northern Territory

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## Community Road Naming

Road naming in the Northern Territory falls under the *Place Names Act*, which is administered by the Place Names Committee.

Following years of community consultation, the Committee has established a set of guidelines which it follows when recommending a road name.

### These Guidelines are:

- Names should be associated with the Northern Territory,
- Road names in Communities can be after language groups in the community.
- Names should not duplicate or nearly duplicate either in sound or spelling of an existing name in the suburb, locality or community or a nearby suburb, locality or community.
- Names of persons will not be used during the person's life time (ie. a person is to be deceased). If a deceased person is to be commemorated, generally the surname/ family name is chosen.
- Deceased persons will not generally be commemorated within the first year following their death.
- Names that due to custom are not to be spoken when a person dies should not used.
- Combination of names or both given and family names are not acceptable.

Names submitted are to be accompanied by information on who or what the road is named after.

Communities have previously used language groups, family names and local flora and fauna for road names.

A road name usually consists of two parts, the name and a road type. The road type describes the type of road. Different road types are used for cul-de-sacs (only one entrance) and through roads (two or more entrances).

After receiving the road names from a Community and if agreed to by the Committee, the Committee will forward the names to the Minister for Planning and Lands for approval. Following approval the road names will be added to the Committee's Place Names Register: [www.ntlis.nt.gov.au/placenames/index.jsp](http://www.ntlis.nt.gov.au/placenames/index.jsp) and published in the *Government Gazette*.

It is important that there is certainty when naming a road as once a road is named, it is extremely difficult to change. The difficulty arises from community acceptance, the name becoming entrenched over time and the number of organisation across Australia which will have included that road name into their computer based business systems.



**Road Types – Through roads (two or more entrances)**

Type	Definition
Avenue	A broad thoroughfare, usually planted on each side
Crescent	A feeder road, usually within a suburb with entrances off different roads
Drive	A wide thoroughfare allowing a steady flow of traffic, usually without many cross streets
Road	A through road
Street	A connecting road between two or more other roads
Terrace	A through feeder road, usually within a suburb with entrances off different roads

**Road Types – Cul-de-sacs (only one entrance)**

Road Type	Definition
Close	a cul-de-sac, can loop back on itself
Court	a cul-de-sac, can loop back on itself
Place	a cul-de-sac, can loop back on itself

