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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- A written proposal was received from a member of the community for Council to consider naming the hill on Burragorang Road, "Loomes Hill", coming into The Oaks from Mount Hunter.
- This report recommends that Council support the proposal to name the hill and proceed with the application to the Geographical Names Board of New South Wales (GNB).
- This report recommends that Council agree to the Council location sign being placed within the Council road reserve at both ends of the hill that reads "Loomes Hill", at a cost to the applicant.

REPORT

BACKGROUND

Council received an application to officially name "Loomes Hill", a hill on Burragorang Road, The Oaks, honouring the family name and contributions to the community within the Shire.

The Loomes family property of approximately 300 acres was located on the border of The Oaks and Glenmore. The property was bordered by Burragorang Road, Moores Way, Glendiver Road and Flaggery Creek.

John and Anne Loomes migrated from England in 1834 and took up farming in the area. Their son William came to the property around 1860 and grew wheat until late 1899. After the destructive rust disease hit the wheat industry he turned the property into a dairy farm. William died in 1899 and the property was handed down to his son John Loomes, who continued dairy farming. John Loomes died in 1930 and the farm was handed down to Thomas Morton Loomes who continued the dairy farm. The property continued to operate for three (3) generations until it was sold in 1949. Mr Thomas Loomes died in Camden in 1953.

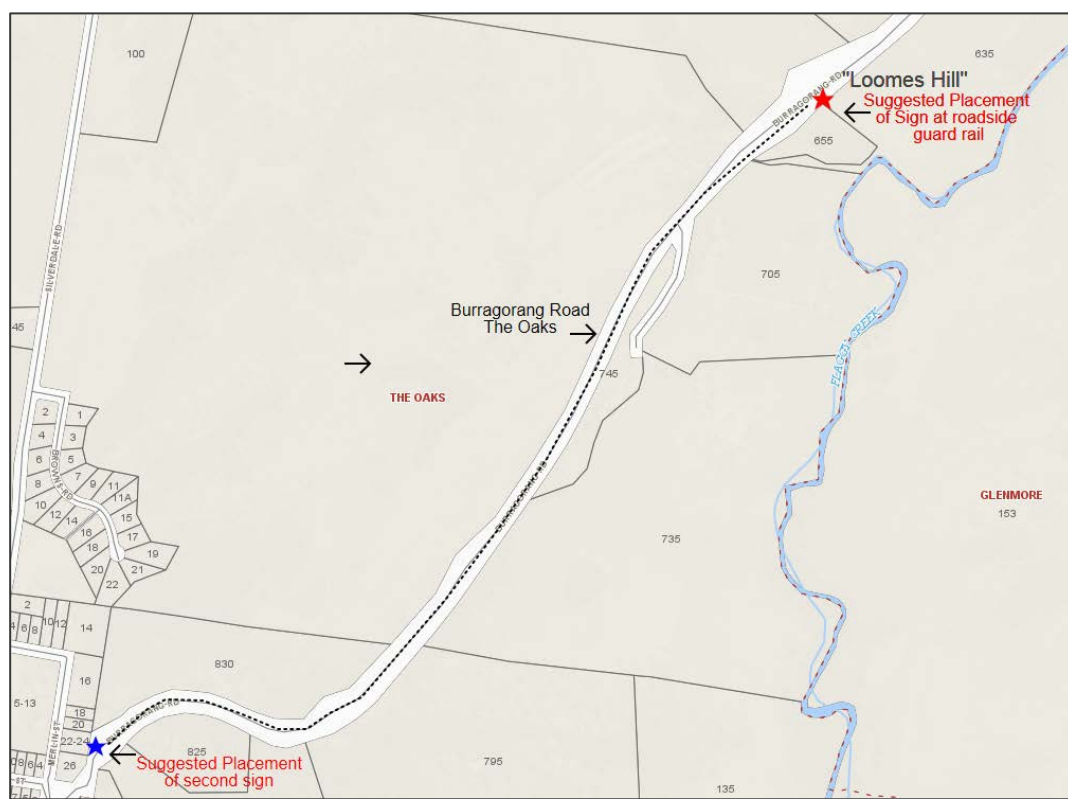
RESIDENT SUBMISSIONS

The applicant provided a written petition of support with his application for the proposed official naming of the hill (125 signatures). The Oaks Historical Society also provided a formal letter to Council supporting the proposed naming of Loomes Hill and the historical significance to the Shire. The hill is also referenced by many residents and older generations throughout the shire as Loomes Hill.

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If Council support the proposal the process would be:

- Proceed with an application to the GNB
- The GNB will then advertise the proposal in local papers
- If no objections are received, the name would be put to the Board for approval and subsequent Gazettal
- If objections are received, it would be referred back to Council for further report and recommendation
- Once published in the Gazette, Council may then erect a sign at the location.



Governance

CONSULTATION

- Geographical Names Board
- Submission of a petition supporting the naming from the applicant
- The Oaks Historical Society
- Infrastructure.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no allocation in Council's adopted budget or forward estimates. It is recommended the costs for the signage and its placement be borne by the applicant.

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ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council support the proposal to name the hill on Burragorang Road, The Oaks, "Loomes Hill" and proceed with the application to the Geographical Names Board of New South Wales (GNB).
2. That Council agree to the Council location sign being placed within the Council road reserve at both ends of the hill that reads "Loomes Hill", at a cost to the applicant.