

Keith Dickerson

From: Keith Dickerson
Sent: Monday, 14 September 2026 3:22 PM
To: dianarossadams@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Naming and Re-naming of roads at Walebing

Hello, Ross and Diana,

Thank you for your email regarding the naming of roads in the Walebing area, I will present your suggestion for the names to Council for their consideration.

Kind regards,
Keith Dickerson
Manager Engineering Services



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Attention: Keith Dickerson, Manager, Engineering Services

Dear Keith,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer names to your inquiry of setting up the new road names around Walebing.

Please consider the following suggestions.

"Robin Way" to POSTAL PLACE

A name should reflect the historic significance of the old Walebing Post Office (6511 postcode transferred to Cervantes) to remind future generations of the part it played in the early development of WA

"Wattlebird Way" to LEFROY LANE.

This road serves as the entrance to the Walebing house (privately owned) which has been the residence of the Lefroy family for the past 180 years (1846).

The name WALEBING has been well known for a long time, but has lost its significance with the closure of the Walebing Post/Telegraph Office (1968) and the current closure of this section of the Midlands Rd - a tourism road to Dongara.

"Raven Way" to WALEBING WAY

Naming of this section of old road would serve as a token reminder of the historic significance of Walebing in the Shire Of Moorra and an official reminder as an historic place of settlement in 1846 around the same time as New Norcia.

History

In 1867, the mail route from Perth to Geraldton was diverted inland from the coastal stock route to cater for settlers of Bindoon, New Norcia, Glentromie, Walebing, Berkshire Valley and Marah (Watheroo). Mailmen on horseback and later buggies and spring carts, travelled between specific mail pick-up and delivery points. In 1873, construction began on a continuation of the telegraph line from Toodyay to Geraldton and Walebing Station and Berkshire Valley farmhouse, originally mail exchanges, also became telegraph offices. Family members were taught morse code and operated the telephone. In 1875, George Clarke sent a dispatch from the Walebing telegraph office to Perth to inform them of Ernest Giles arrival in Western Australia. GA Walpole was the first telegraph operator. In 1888, Walebing was one of the mail change over points and this continued after the railway went through Moorra. The mail would be coached to Walebing twice a week and then distributed to further locations. The official Post Office and Telegraph Office was built in 1895 and opened in 1896. In 1897, Robert E Thomas took over as post master/telegraphist. In 1898, Louisa White took over while her husband was the linesman on the telegraph line from Toodyay to Carnamah. They served until they were transferred in 1916. In 1930, the Post Office became unofficial although it continued to operate. Preston & Faith Williams handled the mail until 1935, when Clement Warren, who lost his Coorow farm during the depression, became unofficial Postmaster and stayed until 1962. In 1968 the former post office became a private residence.

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Integrity: Intact Authenticity: High Degree

"Thornbill Way" to WELLBIN TRACK (No record of a translation). Walebing was pronounced Wellbin by the aboriginals who were set up in camps at Walebing Reserve opposite the Walebing Post Office.

Others may be able to spread more light on the subject of name origin.

With regards,

Ross and Diana Adams

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