

SHIRE OF COLLIE
MINUTES - ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
Tuesday, 8 June 2021

13. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORTS

13.1 Spelling of Minningup Pool

Reporting Department:	Development Services
Reporting Officer:	Katya Tripp
Accountable Manager:	Stuart Devenish – Chief Executive Officer
Legislation	<i>Land Administration Act 1997</i> <i>Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972</i>
File Number:	CMG/251
Appendices:	Appendix 5 - Registered aboriginal site Appendix 6 - Landgate GENOMA information Appendix 7 - Other summarised information/timeline
Voting Requirement	Simple Majority

Report Purpose:

For Council to consider the spelling of the name Minningup Pool or Minninup Pool and to decide which spelling the Shire is to use.

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Officer's Recommendation/Council Decision:

Moved: Cr Miffing

Seconded: Cr Scoffern

That Council:

- 1. Notes the information presented demonstrating the historic and current spelling of the place and site named Minningup Pool;**
- 2. Use the spelling Minningup Pool when referring to the place located on the Collie River, along Minninup Road and adjoining Reserve 34343; and**
- 3. Apply to the Geographic Names Committee to rename Minninup Road to Minningup Road.**

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Background:

When undertaking the project for the planning of tourist accommodation at Minningup Pool located on the Collie River along Minninup Road and adjoining Reserve 34343, historic information was found that showed the original name of the place was spelt with a 'g' being Minningup not the now commonly used spelling of Minninup.

When examined in more detail it was found that lease maps from 1896 and 1897 show the spelling of the pool as Minningup. The current spelling of the pool as a registered aboriginal site also uses the spelling Minningup as does the Landgate GENOMA data base (see Appendices 5 & 6).

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It was also found that newspaper articles from 1928 use the alternative spelling of Minninup without the 'g' (see Appendix 7).

Looking at the spelling of the name from the late 80's to current it appears that in official documents the name of Minningup with the 'g' is used however in newspaper articles and other reports the spelling Minninup without the 'g' is commonly used (see Appendix 7).

A google search shows that many of the references to the pool on travel, caravan and trail webpages and links also refer to it as Minningup Pool including the Bibbulmun Track page.

Minningup was aboriginal for gathering or meeting place. This was confirmed with Joe Northover, who also confirmed the spelling has a 'g' in it.

Statutory and Policy Implications:

Officially naming features, localities and roads is covered under Section 26 and 26A of the *Land Administration Act 1997*.

Budget Implications:

Nil

Communications Requirements: (Policy No. CS 1.7)

Community consultation has not been undertaken.

Strategic Community Plan/Corporate Business Plan Implications:

Relevant Precedents:

Nil

Comment:

The GENOMA database, maintained by Landgate, contains official, recorded, historical and administrative names and geographical coordinates.

Information (attributes) considered to be essential to these names such as the official spelling of the name, feature type, classification, derivation, map number, coordinates and if known, any alternative and historical names is also recorded.

GEONOMA is recognised by the Western Australian government as the primary source of truth and the official register for all approved names for topographic features, administrative boundaries and roads, including their positions and extents. Such names must be used for all official maps and spatial data products within Western Australia.

This data base shows Minninup Road and Minningup Pool with no other listings in Collie.

Considering that both the official names data base and the registered aboriginal site use the spelling Minningup for the pool and first records found also used this name it is recommended that the Shire adopt this official spelling when referring to the pool located on the Collie River and adjoining Reserve 34343.

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It is also recommended, that to avoid future confusion over the spelling, that the road name of Minninup be changed to Minningup through application to the Geographic Names Committee.

The sign at the corner of Minninup and Mungalup Roads is proposed to be upgraded as a part of the DBCA trails funding and wayfinding signage work currently being undertaken. Therefore, the entrance sign spelling can be updated through this process.