

# Wangi Wangi Street Names

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## **Beach Road**

Beach Road was named in 1924 from Wangi's clean coarse sandy little beaches. Pearl Beach was named after landowner David Israel's daughter Pearl. A sign here says 'have you seen a marine turtle contact the N.P.W.S.'

## **Boorabea Street**

Boorabea is thought to be a variation of the spelling of the Aboriginal word 'boorabi', meaning 'koala' (Source: "Aboriginal words of Australia" by A.H & A.W. Reed) Boorabea Street was named in 1925.

## **Boundary Road**

Unnamed for many years it appears to have been on the boundary of Myuna Colliery land and probably named from this. The adjacent land here became the Myuna Bay State Recreation Area.

## **Carawa Street**

Carawa is an Aboriginal word meaning 'creek'. (Source: Australian Aboriginal Words and Place Names' by S.J. Endacott). Originally part of Wangi Point Road, it was gazetted Carawa Street on 24 December 1970.

## **Cecil Avenue**

Cecil Avenue was named in 1924. David and Rachel Israel, the developers of the subdivision named it after their son, Cecil.

## **Chisholm Street**

This name would have come from early landowner Chisholm Ross. It was renamed Dobell Drive in 1970.

## **Crescent Road**

Crescent Road was named in 1918. It has a crescent shape.

## **Darly Terrace**

Darly is an Aboriginal word meaning 'a large hill'. (Source: "Australian Women's Weekly Aboriginal Word List, 20 December, 1961"). Formerly Nunda Place, it was gazetted Darly Terrace on 12 December 2003.

## **David Street**

David Street was named after David Israel, the landowner, in his 1925 subdivision.

## **Dobell Drive**

Named after the famous artist Sir William Dobell who had been a resident of Wangi. An unnamed road and Chisholm Road and sections of Wangi Point Road in 1970 and The Promenade from Arcadia Vale in 1986 were all renamed Dobell Drive. Dobell House and Wangi School are in Dobell Drive.

## **Dobell Place**

Dobell Place was originally formed as a driveway to Dobell's house. It was gazetted Dobell Place on 21 June 1968.

## **Eucalypt Close**

Formerly an unnamed road it was gazetted Eucalypt Close on 18 November 1983.

**French Road**

French Road was named in 1916. French Road could have been named for Jean Robards, a Frenchman in William North's early road building gang. (Source: 'Wangi Wangi and its People').

**Goonda Parade**

Goonda is an Aboriginal word meaning 'fire'. (Source: "Australian Aboriginal Words and Place Names" by S.J. Endacott). Goonda Parade was named in 1924.

**Kent Place**

Originally an unnamed street, it was gazetted Kent Place on 27 September 1968. On an LMSC street name list, Kent is a county in U.K.

**Kirin Street**

Kirin is an Awabakal word meaning 'pain, fever'. (Source: "English Awabakal Dictionary" by D.A. Roberts) Kirin Street was named in 1925.

**Kummari Road**

Possibly a variation of spelling of a Queensland Aboriginal word 'kumarie' meaning 'blood', (Source: A.H. & A.W. Reed). It is interesting to note that the Awabakal word for blood is 'kumara'. Kummari Road was named in 1925.

**Lakeview Road**

Lakeview Road was named in 1925. This section of Wangi used to be called Lake View Estate.

**Manooka Street**

Manooka is an Aboriginal word meaning 'hill'. (Source: "Australian Aboriginal Words and Place Names" by S.J. Endacott). Originally this was part of Wangi Point Road and was gazetted Manooka Street on 24 December 1970.

**Market Street**

Market Street was named in 1925. An early resident said this would have been named from an early shop and fruit market that had been there.

**Minnamoora Street**

Minnamoora Street was named in 1925. Minnamoora is an Aboriginal word meaning 'a sheltered camping place' (Source: "Aboriginal Words & Their Meanings" by J.H. Sugden). After the Catholic Church closed, the building was moved to St Josephs at Kilaben Bay in 1984.

**Moani Street**

Moani is an Awabakal word meaning 'kangaroo'. (Source: English Awabakal Dictionary by D.A. Roberts). Moani Street was named in 1924.

**Nunda Place**

Nunda Place was named in 1925 and was renamed Darly Terrace on 12 December 2003.

**Nunda Road**

Nunda is an Aboriginal word meaning 'wood' (Source: NMH: 11 December 1954). Nunda Road was named in 1925. Nunda Park was opened on 29 March 1937.

**Paperbark Lane**

An unnamed lane it was gazetted Paperbark Lane on 13 February 1998.

**Pippita Street**

Pippita is an Awabakal word meaning 'bird, small hawk'. (Source: L.E. Threlkeld)  
Pippita Street was named in 1924.

**Puna Avenue**

Puna is an Awabakal word meaning 'sea sand' (Source: L.E. Threlkeld). Puna Avenue was named in 1924.

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**Rees Street**

Daniel Rees was a Wallsend Alderman and a prominent miner's official. The street was named after him in 1917 when he built a large house here. He later became a member of parliament.

**Reserve Road**

Reserve Road was named in 1918. This name would have come from the reserve at Wangi Point. In 1996 this was gazetted the Wangi Point State Recreation Area, it is 42.3 h.a.

**School Lane**

Wangi's first school, a one-room school, opened in 1920. School Lane was named in 1924. An early resident said the school was moved later to its present site.

**Short Street**

Formerly an unnamed street it was gazetted Short Street on 6 October 1967.

**Summerhill Drive**

Formerly Wangi Road and Karalee Street and at times called Main Road, it was gazetted Summerhill Drive on 18 November 1983.

**Sunset Close**

Formerly was part of Beach Road, it was gazetted Sunset Close on 18 November 1983.

**The Promenade**

A short street leading to the waterfront reserve at Goonda Point

**Tuloa Street**

Tuloa is an Awabakal word meaning 'straight, upright - as in character, and truth'. (Source: L.E. Threlkeld). Tuloa Street was named in 1924.

**Turrama Street**

Turrama is an Awabakal word meaning 'boomerang'. (Source: L.E. Threlkeld). Turrama Street was named in 1924.

**Wangi Road**

'A link road known as Stockyard Creek Road has been built between Toronto and Wangi reducing the distance by three miles. Previously the road went through Awaba'. (NMH 22 August 1936). Eventually this would have become Wangi Road, Main Road 217.

**Wangi Point Road**

Wangi Point Road was named in the 1916 subdivision and originally went all the way to the reserve at Wangi Point. Much of this road was later renamed Dobell Drive.

**Watkins Road**

Named in 1916 after David Watkins M.P. A section of Watkins Road in the State Recreation Area at Wangi Point is a gravel road. The Wangi Point Lakeside Holiday Park is here.

**Wisteria Lane**

Formerly an unnamed lane it was gazetted Wisteria Lane in 2007. This name, suggested by a Council employee came from a popular TV show of the time.