

# Naming the new Gunnedah bridge

Submissions summary report

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# Introduction

The NSW Government has delivered a new road over rail bridge for Gunnedah to improve safety, efficiency and freight connectivity. The \$61 million project opened to traffic in November 2020.

The new bridge provides an unrestricted Higher Mass Limit (HML) freight route through Gunnedah and improves local traffic efficiency and road safety. The new route replaces the existing New Street level crossing which is now permanently closed as part of the project.

In addition to building a new bridge, the project included upgrading the Oxley Highway roundabout, a new roundabout at the intersection of Warrabungle and Conadilly streets (completed in December 2015), a new intersection of Warrabungle and Barber streets and a shared path for cyclists and pedestrians.

Transport for NSW owns and maintains the new bridge.

In recognition of the community's support for this important project, Transport worked with Gunnedah Shire Council to offer the opportunity for the community to have its say on naming the new Gunnedah bridge.

## Guiding policy

The Roads Act (1993) and its preceding Acts allows for the naming of significant infrastructure by Transport for NSW, following set criteria:

- Confirm the name has wide community support
- If Aboriginal, has the support of local aboriginal groups
- Consideration has been given to National and State commemorative initiatives involving the naming of new or key road infrastructure
- The name is consistent with the geographic naming board placename criteria
- The design of the name plaque accords with Transport requirements.

Transport is also guided by the NSW Geographical Names Board (GNB) policy for Place Naming (July 2019) as outlined below:

### 11.3 Bridge Naming

The GNB does not name bridges, however, it encourages all bridge naming to follow the guidelines as set out in this policy.

The naming of bridges and other structures on roads does not have a formal legislative basis. However, the same procedures for road naming applies to bridges and other road infrastructure:

- Transport is responsible for the naming of bridges and other structures on freeways
- Local councils initiate the naming of bridges on local, regional and state roads (other than freeways). Transport to approve these proposals.

Transport will approve a naming proposal for a bridge or structure provided that:

- The name has wide community support
- An Aboriginal name has the support of local Aboriginal groups
- Consideration has been given to National and State commemorative initiatives involving the naming of new of key road infrastructure

- The name is consistent with GNB place name criteria<sup>1</sup>
- The design of the name plaque accords with Transport requirements.

Under this guidance, and in response to community feedback about proposed road names, Transport's approved name is given to the new Gunnedah bridge.

## A collaborative approach to bridge naming

As representatives for the community it serves, Transport took the view Gunnedah Shire Council was best placed to recommend a bridge name based on the submissions received from community members.

Transport engaged with senior staff at Gunnedah Shire Council to gain support for a collaborative approach to naming the new Gunnedah bridge.

In 2020, Transport representatives spoke with Gunnedah Shire Council about the bridge naming process. It was agreed that Transport will:

- Inform the community about the proposed bridge naming process
- Lead consultation with community about naming the new bridge, including seeking and collating all name submissions
- Provide all bridge name submissions to Gunnedah Shire Council for consideration and assessment against set criteria.

Gunnedah Shire Council will:

- Review all naming submissions against the criteria recommended by the NSW Geographical Names Board and put forward a bridge name to Transport for approval.

## The process

Following the aforementioned consultation, Transport partnered with Gunnedah Shire Council to name the new bridge based on criteria set by the NSW Geographical Names Board, which recommends:

- Bridge names should be easy to pronounce, spell and write and should not exceed three words (including the term 'bridge') or 25 characters (an exception to this is in the use of Aboriginal names when it is accepted that a traditional name may at first appear to be complex but will, over time, become more familiar and accepted by the community)
- Aboriginal names and names acknowledging the multicultural nature of our society, or recognising the heritage of an area - such as the names of early explorers, settlers, naturalists and events - are encouraged
- Discriminatory or derogatory names are not acceptable.

Following the community feedback period:

1. All bridge name suggestions received by Transport during the feedback period will be collated in a report (this document) and provided to Gunnedah Shire Council for review and consideration against set criteria
2. The councils will review the submissions against the criteria recommended by the NSW Geographical Names Board and put forward a bridge name to Transport for approval

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<sup>1</sup> The NSW Geographical Names Board *Guidelines for Determination of Place Names* (September 2018) is attached at Appendix D.

3. Transport, as the bridge naming authority, will review the recommended names against the [Guidelines for the determination of place names](#). If the recommended name meets the criteria and complies with Transport signage standards, the name will be approved
4. Finally, the approved bridge name will be announced jointly by Transport and Gunnedah Shire Council.

## Community consultation

On 12 October 2020 the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Paul Toole and Member for Tamworth, Kevin Anderson announced the start of the bridge naming consultation and invited the community to provide feedback.

The consultation period was promoted via the following means:

- A joint media release was issued (Appendix B) and posted on social media announcing the start of consultation.
- Transport promoted the consultation via the NSW Roads Facebook page during October 2020. Each post contained a link to the dedicated consultation webpage (An online survey housed on a dedicated consultation webpage (<https://yoursay.transport.nsw.gov.au/gunnedahbridgenaming>)).
- A new Gunnedah bridge project update, containing information about the bridge naming consultation, was emailed to the database, letterbox dropped to the Gunnedah community and copies left at the Gunnedah Shire Council office
- The project update was uploaded onto the New Gunnedah bridge webpage with detailed information and the link posted under the latest news section
- The NSW Government Have Your Say website (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/have-your-say>).

## Bridge naming submissions

Submissions were sought from the community to name the new Gunnedah bridge.

Community members were able to submit bridge name suggestions via:

- An online survey housed on a dedicated consultation webpage
- Email ([bridgenaming@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bridgenaming@transport.nsw.gov.au))
- Feedback form (available on the Your Say website and at the council and Transport offices)
- Post.

The submission period was open for four weeks, starting on Monday 12 October 2020 and closing on Friday 6 November 2020.

## Submission summary

During the consultation period, a total of 232 submissions were received from community members. Submissions were received via the following channels:

- 198 submissions were received via the online survey
- 27 submissions were emailed to [bridgenaming@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bridgenaming@transport.nsw.gov.au)
- Two submissions received via email to Transport Project Officer, Aboriginal Engagement
- Five submissions received via email to Transport Community and Customer Engagement Manager

Some people who made submissions suggested more than one name. Others did not put forward a specific name but suggested a theme (i.e. a name representing Aboriginal cultural heritage).

A full list of naming submissions is provided in Appendix A – New Gunnedah bridge naming submissions.

The following names/themes were the most frequently proposed.

Name	Submissions received
<p><b>Aboriginal name</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A variety of Aboriginal names were suggested during the consultation period. Following the feedback period Transport for NSW consulted the local Aboriginal community directly via two Aboriginal land councils. The names below were suggested as the Aboriginal community's preferred names.</li> </ul> <p><b>Red Chief LALC</b> Reginald "Dick" Talbot Red Chief Overpass Hazel Briggs Mona Griffen White Stone</p> <p><b>NSW Land Council</b> Reginald "Dick" Talbot</p>	48 submissions (combined total of Aboriginal suggestions)
<p><b>Doc Anderson bridge</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Including similar suggestions such as Anderson bridge, Dr Colin Anderson Bridge</li> </ul>	37
<p><b>Nancy Small bridge</b></p>	20
<p><b>Sergeant Leonard Sifleet bridge/overpass</b></p>	15

## Next steps

Gunnedah Shire Council will review and consider the community submissions received during the community consultation period and recommend a name to Transport for approval.

Once council has reviewed all naming suggestions received, they may choose to recommend an Aboriginal name, or may suggest two names; an Aboriginal name and a European name. Transport is able to provide information about best practice and signage standards to assist councils when making this decision.

In considering the submissions, Council is not required to recommend the most popular name suggestion.

## Timing

To enable the announcement of the new bridge name before the end of the year, the proposed timing for council to submit a recommended local road name to Transport is by Friday 9 September 2021.

## Announcement of new bridge name

Once the new bridge name has been approved by Transport, it will be publicly announced via a media release coordinated by Transport, in collaboration with Council.

## Signage

Transport will fund and install signs containing the new name on both bridge approaches.

## Appendix A – Submissions

Response ID	Response Date/Time	My name suggestion for the new Gunnedah bridge is:	The reason I think this is the best name for the new Gunnedah bridge is:
2787437	Oct 13 20 04:37:19 pm	Nancy Small	She did a lot for the koala population in Gunnedah, it should be recognised.
2787447	Oct 13 20 04:41:01 pm	Smalls Bridge	For Nancy Small, who contributed so much to the community, and local wildlife.
2787458	Oct 13 20 04:44:56 pm	Guraarr	Guraarr is a Gamilaraay word for long and tall. There are probably other words that are more suitable, and no doubt members of the Aboriginal community would be obliging in identifying a title, if they were asked.
2787500	Oct 13 20 04:58:57 pm	Brunton Bridge	I think the new bridge should be named Brunton Bridge after the flour millers who operated the Flour Mill that the bridge passes around.
2787522	Oct 13 20 05:06:34 pm	Gae Swain Overpass	Gunnedah's first female mayor and long serving councillor
2787550	Oct 13 20 05:19:04 pm	Guraarr	It means long and tall in gamilaraay language
2787638	Oct 13 20 06:10:04 pm	Gurarr	Because the bridge is tall and long
2787667	Oct 13 20 06:32:19 pm	Gambu Ganuurru Bridge	Gambu Ganuurru, also known as the Red Chief, or Red Kangaroo was a Kamilaroi (Gamilaraay) man who lived in the area that is now the town of Gunnedah in north-west New South Wales in the 18th century. He had a reputation as a warrior and wise leader of the Gunn-e-darr tribe.
2787674	Oct 13 20 06:38:31 pm	Chief Havoc Drive	Chief Havoc is Gunnedah's only recognised world champion (details available). He is in the Australian Hall of Fame in Melbourne and the World Sporting Hall of Fame in the greyhound section in Nashville, Tennessee. He has never received any recognition in this town other than for a display at Greyhound Park. This would expose Chief Havoc's achievements to a whole new generation and at the same time create interest with tourists grey nomads etc. who will be encouraged to come to our region to read any accompanying plaques etc. This champion's breeding lines are regarded to have not only been the backbone of the Australian racing industry, but also spearheaded the sport in the USA.



<b>2787677</b>	Oct 13 20 06:39:46 pm	Nancy Small	Nancy was loved by so many for the tireless work she put into native animals. Naming the bridge after her will not only honour her memory but people will remember her for generations to come.
<b>2787693</b>	Oct 13 20 06:47:47 pm	Red chief	There is no local landmarks to recognise our first aborigines who inhabited Gunnedah.
<b>2787700</b>	Oct 13 20 06:55:19 pm	Dorothea Mackellar bridge	Our region may have been the inspiration for the poem I Love a sunburnt country
<b>2787703</b>	Oct 13 20 06:57:34 pm	Kamilaroi bridge	Kamilaroi is modern derivation of the gomileroi people who first inhabited this land
<b>2787721</b>	Oct 13 20 07:09:45 pm	Tingalpa Bridge	Tingalpa is an aboriginal word. I know of two meanings - land of plenty, and fat kangaroo. Gunnedah area is certainly a land of plenty.
<b>2787783</b>	Oct 13 20 07:49:43 pm	Nancy Small	For her lifetime dedication to our Gunnedah Koalas and Wildlife our very own wildlife warrior.
<b>2787816</b>	Oct 13 20 08:14:02 pm	Gamillaray	Local connection
<b>2787817</b>	Oct 13 20 08:14:32 pm	Nancy Small Bridge	Nancy was a great ambassador for Gunnedah and deserves the recognition.
<b>2787858</b>	Oct 13 20 08:39:42 pm	Gunnible	Gunnible is one of the first properties that pre dates Gunnedah
<b>2787902</b>	Oct 13 20 09:06:48 pm	Gunanala	Big sky in kamalori language—Recognise the kamalori heritage & Mackellar well-loved poem - ... love her far horizons
<b>2787951</b>	Oct 13 20 09:33:05 pm	Cumbo Gunnerah	This is the name for red chief
<b>2787965</b>	Oct 13 20 09:41:00 pm	Hans Allgayer Overpass	Hans was a councilman here in Gunnedah and was taken too soon by cancer he has left the town many legacies there's are just two of them. 1) The tens of thousands of koala habitat trees planted in various locations including mine leases, public reserves, along the river and on railway land  2) The premier viewing and passive recreation area, being Pensioners Hill reserve. Consequently, Hans received the 2004 Law and Justice Volunteer Award for his outstanding commitment in a voluntary capacity to improving access to justice in NSW. Please do a little more research on this gentleman he was a great asset to the Gunnedah Area. Local Council would be a great place to start.

<b>2787971</b>	Oct 13 20 09:43:20 pm	Bruntons Bridge	Because the flour mill has been standing there for years and the new overpass goes around it.
<b>2788072</b>	Oct 13 20 10:44:14 pm	Gratitude Bridge	Thanks to all those that live and work in Gunnedah and surrounds to keep us bountiful and thankful for who we are.
<b>2788077</b>	Oct 13 20 10:49:30 pm	The Nancy Small bridge	Nancy did so much for the wildlife around Gunnedah, especially our famous koalas.
<b>2788085</b>	Oct 13 20 11:00:55 pm	Remembrance Bridge	To remember all lives that Gunnedah has seen, past, present and future to come. Those lost through suicide, illness, age, ANZACS, tragedy. A place dedicated to people whom have made an impact on our town and helped shape the way. I think of no better name or meaning for this bridge, a new monument in our great town than one of memory
<b>2788429</b>	Oct 14 20 09:38:28 am	Black Jack Bridge	Black Jack Mountain is of significant historical significance within the region and is in between Gunnedah and Coonabarabran.
<b>2789100</b>	Oct 14 20 03:36:10 pm	The Joe Burrows Bridge	Joe worked tirelessly as a well-known personality for the Gunnedah Community. He was often without a permanent residence, yet still managed to find himself at all key events in Gunnedah being either the Show, Ag-Quip or the local markets. Joe's one true companion in his life was his horse, which was also his only mode of transportation. Joe passed some yrs. ago but you'd be hard pressed to find someone in Gunnedah who didn't know who Joe Burrows is.
<b>2789323</b>	Oct 14 20 05:15:00 pm	Nancy Small Bridge	Nancy was and always will be a wonderful Gunnedah icon.
<b>2789648</b>	Oct 14 20 09:57:39 pm	Gae Swain overpass	First female mayor of Gunnedah
<b>2789807</b>	Oct 15 20 01:31:36 am	Nancy Small Bridge	The incredible contribution that Nancy made to the Gunnedah community, human, koala and wildlife with the establishment of Waterways Wildlife Park. Her tenacious perseverance in the face of bureaucratic bastardry. Putting Gunnedah on the map as the Koala Capital of Australia. Tirelessly working for the good of the Koalas and other animals in her care, self-funding much of the costs associated with the building, furnishing and maintaining of the Waterways Sanctuary. Supporting Nancy in her hour of need galvanised the Gunnedah Community as not seen before or since. However not least is the fact that Nancy travelled close by the bridge on almost a daily basis as she worked to procure food for the animals at the Waterways Wildlife Park
<b>2789841</b>	Oct 15 20 06:32:33 am	The Bill Clegg Bridge	I believe he did more for Gunnedah than anyone ever has. He devoted all of his spare time to improving the town as well as being a very popular mayor.

<b>2790813</b>	Oct 15 20 12:36:32 pm	BUNGAREE. The last of his tribe	It was Bungaree's own words, taken down, by Stanley Craig Ewing, that became the story of the great warrior chief Cumbo Gunnerah.....THE RED CHIEF written by Ion Idriess If chosen the preferable name would be OLD BUNGAREE (The last of his tribe).
<b>2791319</b>	Oct 15 20 03:06:14 pm	Gunner Bridge	It fits the name, and it has a nice ring to it. "Hey, have you driven over Gunner Bridge yet?"
<b>2791352</b>	Oct 15 20 03:22:51 pm	New Street Crossing Bridge	It is replacing exactly that. I good historical reminder.
<b>2791378</b>	Oct 15 20 03:33:48 pm	Dorothea Mackellar Bridge	My Country, her most famous work, was based on the scenery around Gunnedah.
<b>2791386</b>	Oct 15 20 03:36:51 pm	Dwayne the bridge Johnson	Because it is an instantly recognisable name and I believe it would give most people a good chuckle when they hear about it, and I believe that represents Australian culture at least, our larrikinism, in a positive way.
<b>2791391</b>	Oct 15 20 03:39:15 pm	Maize Mill Bridge	You can see it in the background
<b>2791402</b>	Oct 15 20 03:42:36 pm	Miranda Kerr Bridge	She's from gunnedah.duh 😊
<b>2791446</b>	Oct 15 20 04:02:04 pm	Gambu Ganuurru Bridge	As the greatest of Kamilaroi leaders, Gambu Ganuurru (? - c.1745) was the foremost elder and warrior of his people, and one of Gunnedah's most significant residents. The name 'Gambu Ganuurru Bridge' is the best name for this piece of infrastructure because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It 'is easy to pronounce, spell and write,' and does 'not exceed three words'</li> <li>- It is an aboriginal toponym that acknowledges both 'the multicultural nature of our society and 'the heritage of the area'</li> <li>- As a nationally-significant local figure, Ganuurru's life and achievements are deserving of wider recognition in this way.</li> </ul> For these reasons, naming the bridge for Gambu Ganuurru would serve as a valuable celebration of local indigenous culture, heritage and achievement.
<b>2791521</b>	Oct 15 20 04:32:59 pm	White Stone Pass	Recognises the meaning of Gunnedah in Aboriginal meaning "Place of White Stones"

<b>2791522</b>	Oct 15 20 04:33:00 pm	Dorothea Mackellar Bridge	Gunnedah inspired Dorothy Mackellar poem My Country and her family had property in the area.
<b>2791552</b>	Oct 15 20 04:46:10 pm	Alan Cunningham Bridge	First European to reach the area.
<b>2791577</b>	Oct 15 20 04:56:30 pm	First Ww1 soldier killed	Honour our heroes
<b>2791599</b>	Oct 15 20 05:05:30 pm	Len Siffleet Bridge	A great way to commemorate a great Gunnedahian and WWII veteran!!! It's easy to read and pronounce and fitting to name the bridge to someone who has made a big sacrifice for his country. Thanks for your time!
<b>2791739</b>	Oct 15 20 06:12:25 pm	Bridgey McBrideFace	Cos it sounds dope
<b>2791748</b>	Oct 15 20 06:16:24 pm	Dorothea Mackellar	Because Dorothea Mackellar wrote her famous poem My Country about her family's farm near Gunnedah.
<b>2791781</b>	Oct 15 20 06:31:07 pm	The Hadennug Bridge	Hadennug is Gunnedah backwards. And Not everybody on a two-way bridge starts from the same point and this name reflects that...
<b>2791836</b>	Oct 15 20 07:12:48 pm	Yurruun Bridge	I search the Kamilaroi dictionary, and yurruun means track/ road. In this case the road goes over a train track so I think would be perfect
<b>2791945</b>	Oct 15 20 08:07:36 pm	Gary	Because Gary is a dying name
<b>2792016</b>	Oct 15 20 08:57:34 pm	Guda	It is the Gamilaraay word for koala
<b>2792017</b>	Oct 15 20 08:57:38 pm	Flying fox	It's a flyover.
<b>2792132</b>	Oct 15 20 10:23:16 pm	Gladys Berejiklian	
<b>2792143</b>	Oct 15 20 10:30:58 pm	Gunne go round bridge	It's a bypass off a roundabout it makes sense...
<b>2792226</b>	Oct 15 20 11:51:02 pm	Ghūtūr	It is Orion's Belt in Gamilaraay dreaming and the bridge somewhat resembles a belt.
<b>2792272</b>	Oct 16 20 01:34:23 am	Trouble waters	This year, Australia will be the "bridge over the trouble waters" as we show the world our togetherness in fighting the pandemics.

<b>2792302</b>	Oct 16 20 05:31:58 am	W.A.CLEGG BRIDGE	Bill Clegg was a prominent person in Gunnedah history.
<b>2792413</b>	Oct 16 20 08:40:32 am	Gunnedah Silo Bridge	The silo is a very prominent landmark in the supplied photo
<b>2792764</b>	Oct 16 20 11:27:22 am	Koala overpass bridge	Koalas live at Gunnedah
<b>2793280</b>	Oct 16 20 02:17:04 pm	William Clegg OAM	Long standing Gunnedah former mayor
<b>2793302</b>	Oct 16 20 02:23:34 pm	Nancy Small	She was a truly amazing woman who had an impact on everyone in this town Gunnedah, she had a love for all. She personally help so many of us and so many animals, the world would be a better place if it had more people like her and her husband. She deserves to be remembered by all to come though this town.
<b>2793676</b>	Oct 16 20 04:22:33 pm	White Stone Bridge	Gunnedah means 'place of the white stone' in Kamilaroi.
<b>2794007</b>	Oct 16 20 05:59:51 pm	Dr Grahame Deane Bridge	Dr Deane served the Gunnedah community in health care for a long time. He was one of the organisers for the rural health clinic development at the hospital. As one of the few GPs who deliver babies, he was always in demand. He was also a long serving member of the local Baptist Church. He has been on regional health committees to help promote health in the Northwest.
<b>2794063</b>	Oct 16 20 06:24:10 pm	THE KAMILAROI OVERPASS	It encompasses the local aboriginal tribe, it denotes overpass and the highway it's connected to.!!
<b>2794221</b>	Oct 16 20 07:28:35 pm	Mackellar Bridge	Named after Gunnedah (region) poet: Dorothea Mackellar
<b>2794230</b>	Oct 16 20 07:30:44 pm	Carrigan Bridge	Named after Gunnedah born Gold medal Olympian Sara Carrigan.
<b>2794237</b>	Oct 16 20 07:33:05 pm	Kegan Downes	So kegans name lives on
<b>2794285</b>	Oct 16 20 07:58:04 pm	Bridgey McBrideFace	Its funny
<b>2794371</b>	Oct 16 20 08:45:31 pm	Gunnedah town railway bridge	Is because it situates under a railway track and is complex and new in its building so it should have a name that runs through the course of its town, it reflects on a monument in its town, and I believe it will change the crossings in the town itself. It reflects importance through this name

<b>2794410</b>	Oct 16 20 09:08:29 pm	HOY	It's short, easy to say, easy to read.
<b>2794486</b>	Oct 16 20 09:59:55 pm	Sandy Bridge	Sandy Ferguson and his family have lived in Gunnedah for over 75yrs out at the property known as "Sylvandale". Sandy has been an active member of the community and has a long-term membership with Rotary. The Ferguson as a family have all had a positive influence within the community with Treena's help with council's local businesses, Sarah with the Gartpost's mental health, Colin supporting the local IT computer industry and Sandy's wife Corrian within Spinners & Weavers and many other areas of the community. While i know many others whom would also be deserving, this family has been the quite achievers.
<b>2794529</b>	Oct 16 20 10:46:30 pm	Explorer Bridge	The regional passenger train aka Explorer passes under it twice daily carrying people across the district.
<b>2794541</b>	Oct 16 20 10:55:01 pm	Freitas	Hard working Portuguese last name as a node to multicultural Australia
<b>2794557</b>	Oct 16 20 11:05:05 pm	The Jonathan Humphries Bridge	Jonathan Humphries is one of Gunnedah's favourite citizens. Against all odds he made it to university and graduated (?). Vote for Jon.
<b>2794577</b>	Oct 16 20 11:15:16 pm	Charles Moodie Bridge	Last Aboriginal Tracker, Gunnedah, He joined the police service at Mungindi in 1905 when he was recruited as an Aboriginal police tracker. Charles Moodie was appointed a first class tracker on July 1, 1943, before rising to the rank of Sergeant tracker on March 1, 1946. Charles Moodie's career came to an end on April 22, 1951, In 1997, Gunnedah Police paid tribute to the long and devoted service of Charles Moodie (excerpt-Gunnedah Water Tower Museum)
<b>2794590</b>	Oct 16 20 11:36:39 pm	Bowyang Yorke	It is the pen name of the person who originally wrote about 'the dog on the tuckerbox'
<b>2794653</b>	Oct 17 20 01:20:43 am	Dorothea Drive	Considering there are about to paint a giant mural of Dorothea Mackellar and her pome My Country on the silos beside the bridge. Perhaps the bridge could be called, Dorothea Drive.
<b>2794707</b>	Oct 17 20 06:19:21 am	Lorna Lamb Memorial Bridge	Lorna passed away yesterday, she was a beautiful lady that loved her town and helped all people that she could.
<b>2794749</b>	Oct 17 20 07:04:17 am	Silo way bridge	Farming area

<b>2794842</b>	Oct 17 20 08:19:46 am	Joe Burrows Overpass	Joe was known by the majority of the community and was a character, and whilst most bridges, roads etc. are names after members of the community who have contributed to the growth of the town, I feel that the bridge should be named after someone, who was well known, you could always have a chat with, and was a genuine good guy.
<b>2795260</b>	Oct 17 20 02:23:43 pm	Gamillaraay Bridge	It sits on the traditional land of the Gamilaraay people.
<b>2795266</b>	Oct 17 20 02:29:14 pm	Hadennug Silos Bridge	simple name, Gunnedah backwards, and near the silos
<b>2795271</b>	Oct 17 20 02:34:06 pm	Gamilaraay Overpass	The overpass sits on the land of the Gamilaroi/Gamilaraay people. Cultural respect.
<b>2795329</b>	Oct 17 20 03:24:05 pm	Nancy Small Overpass	Nancy did a lot of the community. It's only fair we do something for her
<b>2795434</b>	Oct 17 20 05:19:00 pm	Guda bridge	Guda is the aboriginal word for koala. Gunnedah is the koala capital of the world.
<b>2795506</b>	Oct 17 20 06:35:04 pm	Bobby Terry Bridge	Bobby Terry was from Gunnedah and was the first Australian woman to own her own airplane in 1929. Since the bridge soars over a railway it seems appropriate!
<b>2795532</b>	Oct 17 20 06:52:48 pm	The National party memorial	Reflections of the decision making process
<b>2795536</b>	Oct 17 20 06:56:00 pm	Koala Gate Bridge	It represents the town and is a bit of a humorous pun from the Golden Gate Bridge
<b>2795543</b>	Oct 17 20 06:59:51 pm	Nancy Small Bridge	Nancy was much loved member of Gunnedah community with her work with Koalas and Waterways Wildlife Park. Everyone knew Nancy.
<b>2795560</b>	Oct 17 20 07:16:52 pm	The Greg Ellis Memorial Bridge	Greg lived in Gunnedah for the majority of his life and was an employee of Gunnedah Shire Council for 10 years. He was accidentally killed on 4th August 2015 in a car accident during the execution of his duties. Greg lived in Little Barber Street Gunnedah close to the new bridge
<b>2795595</b>	Oct 17 20 07:43:37 pm	Cumbo Gunerah Bridge	I think the name I have chosen with The Red Kangaroo in Aboriginal naming 'Cumbo Gunerah' so 'Cumbo Gunerah Bridge' as the Red Kangaroo Was the Great Aboriginal Warrior, legendary Chief of the Gunn-e-darr tribe of the Kamilaroi People.
<b>2795636</b>	Oct 17 20 08:27:41 pm	Harry Wilson	Harry Wilson is from Gunnedah.

<b>2795642</b>	Oct 17 20 08:38:40 pm	Sean Killen Bridge	Sean's dedication to ultrasound for the Gunnedah and surrounding people for a decade or more years before deciding to retire. He unfortunately lost his life very quickly after his retirement to undiagnosed advanced cancer. He was truly a giving man to ultrasound not only to the community but to his peers that work now at Gunnedah Diagnostic Imaging. People still talk highly of Sean when they come into work, and ask how he is going. I think this would be a real tribute to him and his family.
<b>2795647</b>	Oct 17 20 08:42:39 pm	Nancy Small Bridge	Nancy Small was well known in Gunnedah and dedicated her life operating a wild life park and continued care if injured animals
<b>2795657</b>	Oct 17 20 08:53:15 pm	Koala pass	Gunnedah is the koala capital and koalas need our support and it will let travellers know to lookout for them in the travels
<b>2795672</b>	Oct 17 20 09:07:43 pm	Cavel Bridge	It's my surname and I've always loved Gunnedah
<b>2795699</b>	Oct 17 20 09:38:10 pm	Tom Gleeson Bridge	He is a local legend
<b>2795704</b>	Oct 17 20 09:52:10 pm	Joseph	Cultural significance
<b>2795705</b>	Oct 17 20 09:53:31 pm	Joseph	Cultural significance
<b>2795707</b>	Oct 17 20 09:54:55 pm	Joseph	Cultural significance
<b>2795711</b>	Oct 17 20 09:57:30 pm	Joseph	Cultural Relevance
<b>2795715</b>	Oct 17 20 10:03:47 pm	Blackjack Bridge	The bridge starts where Blackjack Creek comes out under the highway, and rises over Blackjack Creek.
<b>2795792</b>	Oct 17 20 11:58:54 pm	White Stones overpass	Aboriginal associated meaning of Gunnedah!
<b>2795844</b>	Oct 18 20 07:32:55 am	Nancy small	She was such an amazing lady who did great things for the koalas and other animals of Gunnedah. She should be remembered in a great way.



<b>2795900</b>	Oct 18 20 09:39:59 am	Slim dusty bridge	Because slim sang a song about Gunnedah and he's an Australian legend
<b>2795975</b>	Oct 18 20 11:02:10 am	Long Bridgey Boi	Better than no name
<b>2796046</b>	Oct 18 20 12:29:58 pm	GunneGoOverDah Bridge	It's appropriate!
<b>2796049</b>	Oct 18 20 12:31:34 pm	GunneGoOverDah Track.	It's local to Gunnedah, it's fitting, and realistic.
<b>2796053</b>	Oct 18 20 12:44:40 pm	KOOBOR (Koala) Silo bridge.	Aboriginal name familiar with a local resident Koala and the near Silo infrastructure could support some Koala Aboriginal theme of art work?
<b>2796083</b>	Oct 18 20 01:08:00 pm	Watterson Bridge	Hard working Gunnedah family for many years servicing Gunnedah
<b>2796123</b>	Oct 18 20 01:55:09 pm	White stones bridge	It sounds good
<b>2796143</b>	Oct 18 20 02:28:34 pm	Ivan Towns Bridge	Ivan was a local legend that helped children to overcome adversity. He was the local boxing coach that kept children off the streets and helped them build a better life. His motto was "I'd rather them here and not pay then be put on the streets". He was killed in 2003 taking a group of young boys away for a boxing tournament
<b>2796242</b>	Oct 18 20 03:59:40 pm	Gamilaraay Overpass	The name recognises and highlights our cultural heritage. What better way to celebrate the world's oldest living culture than a proud structure rising up and connecting 2 sides of the railway... kind of like a structural metaphor connecting 2 different cultures?
<b>2796290</b>	Oct 18 20 04:54:36 pm	Brodge Bridge	Because I looked at the bridge and that's what it looked like its name was
<b>2796383</b>	Oct 18 20 06:49:41 pm	Nancy Small Bridge	Nancy did so much for our native animals over many years at her own expense. She dedicated her life to caring for these animals.
<b>2796400</b>	Oct 18 20 07:20:18 pm	Sifleet bridge	Gunnedah local beheaded by the Japanese in WW 2 as a prisoner of war. There is a famous photo of the execution.

<b>2796437</b>	Oct 18 20 08:06:54 pm	Gunnedah Lions Club	The Gunnedah Lions Club has been a part of the Gunnedah community for 52 years. It has contributed to the beautification of the town including the Lions Hospital Park, the rest stop on the Mullaley road and other examples around town and the district. Also the Gunnedah Lions club was one of the many organisations to help struggling farmers in the Gunnedah district with Hay distribution in conjunction with the Lions club of Cronulla. Also a Christmas hamper distribution last Christmas to also help farming families make a special Christmas when there was uncertainty because of the tuff times bought on by the drought. Some other past examples the Gunnedah Lions club is the construction of the original G.S. Kidd school and also helping the Gunnedah hospital but much needed Equipment over many years. Also helping schools in the district and other worthwhile causes.
<b>2796489</b>	Oct 18 20 08:59:37 pm	Nancy's Bridge	In memory of Nancy Small who did so much for our town.
<b>2796543</b>	Oct 18 20 09:56:19 pm	Stinky Jim Bridge	My friend James is stinky
<b>2796565</b>	Oct 18 20 10:33:39 pm	Cumbo Gunnerah bridge	Aboriginal tradition must be upheld. Especially the traditional name of the greatest indigenous tribal chief that ever lived. A further omage and respect to the traditional custodians of this land sticking with the original name and not the European title of the "Red Chief"
<b>2796732</b>	Oct 19 20 08:24:26 am	Boomarang	The curvature
<b>2797018</b>	Oct 19 20 11:05:14 am	Bridgey McBride Face Bridge	Solid name for a solid bridge
<b>2798043</b>	Oct 19 20 05:12:18 pm	Silo on track	Represents agricultural importance to region
<b>2799109</b>	Oct 20 20 08:32:54 am	West End Bridge	That area was always called the west end. Lots of our forbearers came from that end. They lived on the hill and surrounding area. The town was split up with The West end, East end and Kilcoy. The other name they used was struggle street. What a tribute it would be to those that have already passed to have a bridge named after the Westies. They all were working class people that helped each other in need. Thank you for letting me have my say.
<b>2802605</b>	Oct 20 20 02:21:46 pm	Bridgey McBrideFace	It is clever and fun, everyone will love it. It will make it a tourist attraction bringing much needed visitors and revenue to Gunnedah

<b>2805229</b>	Oct 20 20 06:28:01 pm	Lorna Lamb Memorial Bridge	It would be a beautiful tribute to a beautiful lady very well-known Gunnedah lady. She was a hard working lady and loved her Gunnedah sport i.e. Rugby League, Cricket.
<b>2806957</b>	Oct 20 20 10:11:41 pm	Dr Colin Anderson	Long-standing medical practitioner. Served with the Australian Light Horse in WW1 (Palestine) receiving Military Cross. Devoted his life to Gunnedah with great compassion and dedication.
<b>2811032</b>	Oct 21 20 01:36:10 pm	Dorothea Mackellar Bridge	Dorothea Mackellar is one of Australia's most important poets and she has a strong connection with Gunnedah. The new bridge will run alongside a massive new mural celebrating Dorothea Mackellar.
<b>2811681</b>	Oct 21 20 02:42:40 pm	Ion L. Idriess	Ion L. Idriess wrote a book called The red chief In 1953 -it was a book written about a great aboriginal warrior Gambu Gannuurru Or Red Kangaroo a tribal leader in the in the Gunnedah region 18th century. Ion Idriess 'bridged' an educational and cultural divide by writing a story about aboriginal culture that was not known or understood at the time.
<b>2812059</b>	Oct 21 20 03:22:27 pm	Brunton's Bridge	The history of Brunton's Flour Mill
<b>2815047</b>	Oct 21 20 09:09:35 pm	The Dean Pryor Bridge	Dean was a young boy who died 1983 in Gunnedah, he was a well-known local who was taken way too early. Deans mother Barbara Honess still resides in Gunnedah. Barbara and her husband Athol are the caretakers of the RV park and can see the bridge from their home. Dean's fathers Hilton Pryor, another well-known local (deceased) is laying in peace at the lawn cemetery in Gunnedah.
<b>2815120</b>	Oct 21 20 09:19:49 pm	Dean Pryor	I think this tragedy happened in Gunnedah years ago and a lot of people haven't forgotten, a young life lost way too early, be nice for his beautiful mum to be honoured
<b>2815182</b>	Oct 21 20 09:26:54 pm	Dean Pryor Bridge	Dean was A young local tragically shot in 1983. His mum lives near the new bridge and has a clear view. Very well know and never forgotten
<b>2816900</b>	Oct 22 20 08:40:11 am	Ossie Campbell Bridge	Ossie Campbell and his twin Joyce were born in a slab hut on nearby Alford Road in 1915. His widowed mother Ada raised two sets of twins alone and Ossie became a builder and worked for Frank Tydd, helping to construct many of the town and country's prominent buildings, including St Xavier's School and the RSL Club, the amenities block at the pool. He was foreman when the overhead rail bridge was constructed in 1941. He served with the Civilian Construction Corps during WW2 in north Queensland. He fought for the rights of those who were not in the armed services to

			be allowed into the Returned Services Club. He helped establish the Worker's Club in Gunnedah but it was dismantled when the RSL bowed to public pressure. He and his wife Beryl raised 8 children. Ossie and Beryl were involved in the Gunnedah St Vincent de Paul Society for more than 4 decades helping the poor and destitute, the elderly and the frail, often taking people into their own home. He constructed the original building for the society's second hand store in Gunnedah. Ossie was also a member of the Knights of the Southern Cross Catholic Men's organisation and a trusted and loyal parishioner at St Joseph's using his building skills to do maintenance work. He called Housie every Friday night to raise funds for the two Catholic School schools before Government funding became available. Much of Ossie's charity work was done quietly and he never sought recognition but he was named Citizen of the Year and also awarded the OAM for his services to charity. The turnout at Ossie's funeral in 1998 was a testament to his power for good.
<b>2817185</b>	Oct 22 20 09:12:30 am	John Hunt Bridge	Gunnedah Engineer for 40 odd years, Still alive for the photo to cut the ribbon.
<b>2818122</b>	Oct 22 20 11:01:14 am	Guda	Guda is the local Gamilaraay language for Koala. Gunnedah is known as the koala Capital of Australia.
<b>2818218</b>	Oct 22 20 11:11:53 am	Red Chief / Gambu Ganuurru	Red Chief was a Gamilaraay man who lived in Gunnedah in the 18th Century and was leader of the Gunnedarr tribe. Gambu Ganuurru is Gamilaraay language.
<b>2829617</b>	Oct 24 20 04:54:20 pm	Colleen Fuller	Colleen has been amazing in getting things done in Gunnedah. Firstly on council and meals on wheels. Colleen has performed to the maximum to get our elderly amazing meals from the Park View Hotel in Gunnedah and has campaigned tirelessly trying to get more rural doctors to staff the medical centre. I cannot think of a more deserving person.
<b>2832450</b>	Oct 26 20 01:55:11 pm	Plains of Plenty	We are a town with plenty to offer. From coal, to grain, to cotton and lots of heritage.
<b>2833127</b>	Oct 26 20 06:26:00 pm	Gunagula (indigenous for sky)	Because it respects the cultural heritage of the area.
<b>2835303</b>	Oct 27 20 03:31:48 pm	Doc Anderson Bridge	My Grandfather, Lt Col. Dr Colin Anderson MC, MB, ChM was the local GP in Gunnedah from 1920 to 1967, delivering more than 3,500 babies. He was a brilliant surgeon, particularly in a crisis. Many a ringer and a shearer showed me large scars where they claimed Grandpa had saved their lives. He was a distinguished soldier & medico in WWI where he was awarded the Military Cross. As he contracted malaria in the Jordan Valley (after the Beersheba campaign) he moved to the drier climate of Gunnedah on his return from WWI, marrying my Grandmother, Heather McGregor from Boggabri. He formed the North West 24th Light Horse regiment in the 1930s and was a foundation member of the RSL. He was a director of many organisations including Gunnedah Coal, and the Civic Theatre and remained engaged in the community well into his 80s. He was a big influence on

			the Gunnedah and wider community for most of the 1900s. I believe his great legacy deserves to be remembered.
<b>2836404</b>	Oct 28 20 08:33:36 am	ADAM MARSHALL OVERPASS	Adam was instrumental in getting the overpass project started when Mayor of Gunnedah Shire Council and has a recognised and successful career in politics in NSW.
<b>2837077</b>	Oct 28 20 01:00:55 pm	Doc Anderson Bridge	Doctor Colin Anderson was a significant member of the Gunnedah community where he worked as a doctor from 1920 to 1967 at a time when doctors were expected to perform surgery, deliver babies and deal with whatever new case confronted them. Doc Anderson delivered 3500 babies in his time.
<b>2837754</b>	Oct 28 20 04:19:44 pm	Doc Anderson Bridge	Doctor Colin Anderson was a significant member of the Gunnedah community where he worked as a doctor from 1920 to 1967 at a time when doctors were expected to perform surgery, deliver babies and deal with whatever new case confronted them. Doc Anderson delivered 3500 babies in his time. Rose to Lieutenant Colonel in the army and received the Military Cross
<b>2837762</b>	Oct 28 20 04:23:25 pm	Doc Anderson Bridge	Doctor Colin Anderson was a significant member of the Gunnedah community where he worked as a doctor from 1920 to 1967 at a time when doctors were expected to perform surgery, deliver babies and deal with whatever new case confronted them. Doc Anderson delivered 3500 babies in his time. Rose to Lieutenant Colonel in the army and received the Military Cross.
<b>2837767</b>	Oct 28 20 04:24:12 pm	Doc Anderson bridge	Doctor Colin Anderson was a significant member of the Gunnedah community where he worked as a doctor from 1920 to 1967 at a time when doctors were expected to perform surgery, deliver babies and deal with whatever new case confronted them. Doc Anderson delivered 3500 babies in his time. Rose to Lieutenant Colonel in the army and received the Military Cross
<b>2837769</b>	Oct 28 20 04:24:22 pm	Doc Anderson Bridge	Doctor Colin Anderson was a significant member of the Gunnedah community where he worked as a doctor from 1920 to 1967 at a time when doctors were expected to perform surgery, deliver babies and deal with whatever new case confronted them. Doc Anderson delivered 3500 babies in his time. Rose to Lieutenant Colonel in the army and received the Military Cross

<b>2837785</b>	Oct 28 20 04:30:48 pm	Doc Anderson Bridge	Doctor Colin Anderson was a significant member of the Gunnedah community where he worked as a doctor from 1920 to 1967 at a time when doctors were expected to perform surgery, deliver babies and deal with whatever new case confronted them. Doc Anderson delivered 3500 babies in his time. Rose to Lieutenant Colonel in the army and received the Military Cross
<b>2837788</b>	Oct 28 20 04:32:09 pm	Doc Anderson Bridge	Doctor Colin Anderson was a significant member of the Gunnedah community where he worked as a doctor from 1920 to 1967 at a time when doctors were expected to perform surgery, deliver babies and deal with whatever new case confronted them. Doc Anderson delivered 3500 babies in his time. Rose to Lieutenant Colonel in the army and received the Military Cross
<b>2837797</b>	Oct 28 20 04:34:31 pm	Doc Anderson Bridge	Doctor Colin Anderson was a significant member of the Gunnedah community where he worked as a doctor from 1920 to 1967 at a time when doctors were expected to perform surgery, deliver babies and deal with whatever new case confronted them. Doc Anderson delivered 3500 babies in his time. Rose to Lieutenant Colonel in the army and received the Military Cross.
<b>2837798</b>	Oct 28 20 04:34:32 pm	Doc Anderson Bridge	Doctor Colin Anderson was a significant member of the Gunnedah community where he worked as a doctor from 1920 to 1967 at a time when doctors were expected to perform surgery, deliver babies and deal with whatever new case confronted them. Doc Anderson delivered 3500 babies in his time. Rose to Lieutenant Colonel in the army and received the Military Cross
<b>2837803</b>	Oct 28 20 04:35:03 pm	Doc Anderson Bridge	Doctor Colin Anderson was a significant member of the Gunnedah community where he worked as a doctor from 1920 to 1967 at a time when doctors were expected to perform surgery, deliver babies and deal with whatever new case confronted them. Doc Anderson delivered 3500 babies in his time. Rose to Lieutenant Colonel in the army and received the Military Cross
<b>2837811</b>	Oct 28 20 04:39:09 pm	Doc Anderson Bridge	Doctor Colin Anderson was a significant member of the Gunnedah community where he worked as a doctor from 1920 to 1967 at a time when doctors were expected to perform surgery, deliver babies and deal with whatever new case confronted them. Doc Anderson delivered 3500 babies in his time. Rose to Lieutenant Colonel in the army and received the Military Cross

<b>2837829</b>	Oct 28 20 04:45:12 pm	Doc Anderson Bridge	Doctor Colin Anderson was a significant member of the Gunnedah community where he worked as a doctor from 1920 to 1967 at a time when doctors were expected to perform surgery, deliver babies and deal with whatever new case confronted them. Doc Anderson delivered 3500 babies in his time. Rose to Lieutenant Colonel in the army and received the Military Cross.
<b>2837831</b>	Oct 28 20 04:45:59 pm	Doc Anderson Bridge	Doctor Colin Anderson was a significant member of the Gunnedah community where he worked as a doctor from 1920 to 1967 at a time when doctors were expected to perform surgery, deliver babies and deal with whatever new case confronted them. Doc Anderson delivered 3500 babies in his time. Rose to Lieutenant Colonel in the army and received the Military Cross
<b>2837874</b>	Oct 28 20 04:55:32 pm	Doc Anderson Bridge	It recognises a man who was a true pillar of the community delivering over 3,000 youngsters into the community and also having a highly distinguished military career.
<b>2837918</b>	Oct 28 20 05:10:05 pm	Doc Anderson Bridge	Doctor Colin Anderson was an extraordinary man and of great historical significance to the Gunnedah community. Having risen the ranks of the Army to Lieutenant Corporal as a young man and receiving the Military Cross for his contribution, he then returned to the Gunnedah area and practiced as a doctor from 1920 to 1967. During that career, when there was no anaesthetic for surgeries or birth, Doc Anderson delivered 3,500 babies and was a widely recognised member of the Gunnedah community. Due to his commitment to country and the community, and his unique involvement in the personal lives of Gunnedah families, the name Doc Anderson is fitting for the Gunnedah bridge.
<b>2837998</b>	Oct 28 20 05:46:42 pm	Doc Anderson Bridge	Doctor Colin Anderson was a significant member of the Gunnedah community where he worked as a doctor from 1920 to 1967 at a time when doctors were expected to perform surgery, deliver babies and deal with whatever new case confronted them. Doc Anderson delivered 3500 babies in his time. Rose to Lieutenant Colonel in the army and received the Military Cross. A valued member of the community who should always be remembered for his incredible contribution.
<b>2838021</b>	Oct 28 20 05:56:41 pm	Doc Anderson Bridge	Doctor Colin Anderson was a significant member of the Gunnedah community where he worked as a doctor from 1920 to 1967 at a time when doctors were expected to perform surgery, deliver babies and deal with whatever new case confronted them. Doc Anderson delivered 3500 babies in his time. Rose to Lieutenant Colonel in the army and received the Military Cross

2838353	Oct 28 20 08:08:54 pm	Doc Anderson Bridge	Dr Colin Anderson was a pillar of the Gunnedah Community for decades. The Anderson family are still residents in the area.
2839022	Oct 29 20 02:33:54 am	Doc Anderson Bridge	Doctor Colin Anderson was a significant member of the Gunnedah community where he worked as a doctor from 1920 to 1967 at a time when doctors were expected to perform surgery, deliver babies and deal with whatever new case confronted them. Doc Anderson delivered 3500 babies in his time. Rose to Lieutenant Colonel in the army and received the Military Cross
2843166	Oct 30 20 01:52:07 pm	Colin Anderson Bridge	<p>It would be a fitting (and marvellous) way to recognize the enormous contribution of Dr Colin Anderson to the Gunnedah community that he loved so much and acknowledge an interesting time in Gunnedah's history.</p> <p>Dr Colin Anderson was my grandfather and Gunnedah was his town. He truly believed in the importance of building and providing good services in regional towns and when died in Gunnedah in 1982 he had spent over 60 years serving the community. He was a member of the Rotary club, the Show Society, the Returned Servicemen's League (RSL), the Red Cross (though I think this was mostly my Grandmother's work) and the Ambulance Society. He was a Captain in World War I, awarded a Military Cross and was integral to the establishment of the RSL in Gunnedah.</p> <p>But for me Grandpa was the Gunnedah Doctor committed to improving health and saving the lives of his community. His general practice included both surgery and obstetrics, and he often used a microscope to make a diagnosis, as there were no pathology services in regional areas. He was always on call – taking a nap after lunch at 1 pm every day without fail to be prepared for whatever lay ahead. My father (Jim Anderson) recalls that he would jump out of bed and put his suit over his pyjamas if called out at night so as not to waste time getting to the patient and to keep warm. He was fastidious about washing hands and good infection control – a practice that has stood the test of time (and never more important than it is today in the current pandemic!) Many people have shared stories over the years with my family about how he delivered their babies (about 3,500 I am told), decisively diagnosed and treated them successfully and saved their lives. He received many gifts years later from people who were unable to pay for his services at the time.</p> <p>Grandpa was highly disciplined and blunt which was disconcerting at times for his grandchildren but his service, commitment and love of Gunnedah remains with us all.</p> <p>Name: Colin Anderson Bridge or Doc Anderson Bridge</p>



<b>2845164</b>	Oct 31 20 07:26:34 pm	Nancy Small Memorial bridge	Nancy was a tireless worker who put her animals first before her own needs and always had a kind and welcoming word for anyone who visited Waterways park. She was an icon of Gunnedah.
<b>2845207</b>	Oct 31 20 08:18:32 pm	Nancy Small Bridge	Honouring a local women who was a wild life hero
<b>2845220</b>	Oct 31 20 08:46:57 pm	The Whitestone Bridge	Gunnedah is the Aboriginal name for place of white stone
<b>2845370</b>	Nov 01 20 08:26:29 am	Dr Colin Anderson	Dr Anderson did extensive charity work for the people of Gunnedah, especially returned soldiers. He was a foundation member of the Rotary club and RSL. He was also awarded the Military Cross in WW1 for work as frontline doctor. He delivered over 3500 babies in Gunnedah.
<b>2845434</b>	Nov 01 20 10:09:28 am	Ken Paton Bridge	Ken Paton served the wider community for over 17 years as Shire Engineer. And at the time the Council was awarded the Bluett Award as the local government area showing the most progress. He worked tirelessly for the Council and the Community. Ken Paton also worked in the community in a volunteer capacity as part of Lions Club, serving as President. Was part of Gunnedah Municipal Band, Gunnedah Soccer Club and Gunnedah Kennel Club. He passed away on 12 January 1964
<b>2845494</b>	Nov 01 20 11:38:40 am	The Hans Algayer Bridge	Hans was a great supporter of the Gunnedah Community and served the shire in many ways
<b>2845518</b>	Nov 01 20 12:05:30 pm	Freedom bridge	It will free up all traffic that has been blocked for years by the rail crossing
<b>2845609</b>	Nov 01 20 01:34:22 pm	Cheryl Sharman bridge	Cheryl Sharman was a wonderful lady passionate about the Gunnedah community and their animals. Cheryl ran the Gunnedah RSPCA for over 10 years rescuing and removing hundreds of animals in this time! She rescued animals from Gunnedah, Tamworth and surroundings. She also supported the community with de-sexing vouchers and covering veterinary treatment for animals in Gunnedah. She supported all local vets and produce stores in her time. Sadly in 2020 Cheryl passed away from cancer. She should be remembered for the wonderful work she has done in Gunnedah.
<b>2845853</b>	Nov 01 20 05:27:50 pm	Sargent Leonard Siffleet	This man is a local Gunnedah war hero who was photographed being executed by the Japanese at Aitape in 1943

<b>2845863</b>	Nov 01 20 05:44:52 pm	Cumbo Gunnerah bridge	Ode to local indigenous aboriginal heritage
<b>2845866</b>	Nov 01 20 05:47:41 pm	Ken press or presses way	He Served 40 plus Years on the Gunnedah Shire council and was born and bred in Gunnedah.
<b>2845869</b>	Nov 01 20 05:49:50 pm	Leonard Siffleet	To remember a local war hero who was executed by the Japanese.
<b>2845888</b>	Nov 01 20 06:02:03 pm	Set. Leonard Siffleet	This man should have been recognised a long time ago for his sacrifice fir this country
<b>2845896</b>	Nov 01 20 06:08:13 pm	Lorna Lamb	Lorna Lamb was a much loved and treasured Aboriginal woman who spent her life caring for others and was just a beautiful soul. She will be very missed
<b>2845907</b>	Nov 01 20 06:17:26 pm	The Harold Konz Bridge	This man was a Gunnedah resident up until his death in 1989. Harold Aubrey Konz served in World War 2 in Papua New Guinea and returned to Gunnedah to raise his family.
<b>2846144</b>	Nov 01 20 09:47:54 pm	Leonard Siffleet bridge	Recognition of a Fallen serviceman from Gunnedah
<b>2846160</b>	Nov 01 20 10:02:46 pm	Siffleet Overpass	In memoriam of Sgt Leonard Siffleet of Gunnedah who was killed as a POW in WW11
<b>2846258</b>	Nov 02 20 12:38:42 am	Seargent Siffleet Bridge	Seargent Leonard Siffleet was an Australian World War II commando & local Gunnedah resident. Seargent Siffleet was captured with two other men whilst conducting a reconnaissance mission in Papua New Guinea and was interrogated and tortured by his Japanese captors. All three men were subsequently beheaded and a photograph of Siffleet's impending execution became an enduring image of the war. This man paid the ultimate sacrifice for his country and was the victim of a horrendous war crime. It is an absolute disgrace that there is basically nothing in his home town of Gunnedah paying homage to the bravery of this great man.
<b>2846319</b>	Nov 02 20 07:06:01 am	Siffleet's Overpass	He is a WW2 hero of Gunnedah
<b>2846418</b>	Nov 02 20 09:02:14 am	Lorna Lamb Bridge	Local aboriginal lady and elder who recently passed away very strong links to sport and the community
<b>2846509</b>	Nov 02 20 10:10:12 am	Cumbo Gunnerah Bridge	The name references the Kamilaroi/Gamilaraay tribal leader colloquially known as the "Red Chief" (so named by Ion Idriess, novelist) and honours the Aboriginal heritage of Gunnedah in a town dominated by Western historical references.
<b>2847055</b>	Nov 02 20 02:01:09 pm	Sgt Siffleet Overpass	To honour the Gunnedah Sgt beheaded by the Japanese in WW2

<b>2847103</b>	Nov 02 20 02:15:58 pm	Siffleet Bridge	This man, Leonard Siffleet epitomises the courage, dignity, and sacrifice, as he faced execution by beheading, shown by our war veterans in their attempt to keep us free as a nation and he came from Gunnedah.
<b>2847303</b>	Nov 02 20 03:50:13 pm	Red Chief Overpass	The name needs no introduction... it should be named after the Gomeroi/Kamilaroi Chief whose name is well known by all.
<b>2847547</b>	Nov 02 20 05:32:19 pm	Dr Colin Anderson	Dr Anderson made a tremendous contribution to the Gunnedah community for almost 60 years. He was a World War 1 surgeon and was awarded the Military Cross. He was a medical practitioner in Gunnedah for 40 years, established the Dare-Ene Hospital, and served as Government Medical Officer after retiring from practice. His many other contributions included looking after severely damaged war veterans, Rotary, RSL, Gunnedah Serviceman's Club, Show Society, Gunnedah Pipe Band, Australian Light Horse squadron one Gunnedah.
<b>2847736</b>	Nov 02 20 07:52:09 pm	Beyond blue	Call it the "Beyond Blue" or "Big Blue" bridge and paint it blue. Every time you cross it think of someone who might be in need a yarn or a listening ear. Might save a life, who knows. Stats show that suicide rate in rural areas are at a higher percentage. Sponsors could set up a counter system and donate \$1 for every vehicle that passes over the bridge and donate it to Beyond Blue. You'd think the likes of Idemitsu, Whitehaven, Gunnedah Council etc. would get on board something like this and run it for a week or 2 at a time at different times of the year.
<b>2847749</b>	Nov 02 20 08:02:40 pm	Bridgey McBride face	It would be absolutely hectic
<b>2847765</b>	Nov 02 20 08:11:38 pm	railway bridge	As it crosses the railway line.
<b>2847781</b>	Nov 02 20 08:20:54 pm	Nancy Small Bridge	To honour the work she did with rescuing and saving local koalas with the wildlife park that became part of the reason Gunnedah became the Koala Capital.
<b>2847785</b>	Nov 02 20 08:23:26 pm	Leonard. G. Siffleet. Bridge	Australian commando of World War II. Born in Gunnedah. Executed PNG 29 March 1943.
<b>2847815</b>	Nov 02 20 08:52:31 pm	Leonard G Siffleet	Because he was a soldier from the Second World War who lost his life at the hands of the Japanese
<b>2848833</b>	Nov 03 20 04:02:26 pm	Brunton's overpass	It's location to Gunnedah's old flour mill
<b>2850527</b>	Nov 04 20 04:56:01 pm	Dick Talbott Bridge	Uncle Dick was a Gamilaraay man and traditional owner of the area. He was well known and respected by both the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities he was instrumental in helping to establish most of the Aboriginal organizations within the community and fought hard for the rights of his people. He tried very hard to bridge the gap of employment for Aboriginal people and established the CDEP to create work for the community. He worked his whole life in and around Gunnedah on many of the farms and later on with Thorby Brothers Building and later at Black Jack Mine after

			retiring from the mine he continued to support and work for the community wherever he could. Uncle Dick was known by all in the community and should be honoured as a traditional owner of the community who worked tirelessly for both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people of the community. I think it's time Gunnedah acknowledged and showed the respect to him he deserves, Regards, Carol
<b>2852641</b>	Nov 05 20 02:22:43 pm	Dorothea Mackellar Bridge	Famous poet who took inspiration from the Gunnedah district to write her poem, My Country.
<b>2853098</b>	Nov 05 20 05:19:02 pm	Colin Anderson Bridge	Dr Colin Anderson was a frontline surgeon from WW1 who was awarded the Military Cross. He was a much admired General Practitioner in private practice for over 40 years treating all his patients with dedication and compassion. Outside medicine he devoted his life to the Gunnedah Community in many ways but particularly to the Returned Soldiers. Being President of the RSL Sub Branch, foundation Member of the Serviceman's Club and Gunnedah Rotary, he made a huge commitment to their welfare. A man that Gunnedah should remember.
<b>2853413</b>	Nov 05 20 07:42:05 pm	Dr Colin Anderson	Contribution to the community and service to country and society.
<b>2853508</b>	Nov 05 20 08:52:57 pm	Legends bridge	Gunnedah folk are nothing but legends. What better way than to remind them of that everyday then having a bridge that reminds them of that
<b>2853584</b>	Nov 05 20 09:46:54 pm	Nancy Small or Sgt L Siffleet	<p>Firstly, thank you for the opportunity to name this bridge. I think that only residents of Gunnedah or who were born &amp; raised here should be involved in the naming of this bridge. It is our story, our bridge and we are the ones to drive past/on it each day- it should reflect what we value as a community. That being said, I am torn between two people, Mrs Nancy Small &amp; Sergeant Leonard Siffleet.</p> <p>Nancy was loved by many generations of Gunnedah people. She did invaluable work for the community with her animal wildlife sanctuary 'Waterways Wildlife Park'. She worked with farmers to bring the best gum tree branches for her koalas. She worked with community groups to help update facilities at the park such as toilets, playground equipment, paths &amp; garden beds, free bbq and picnic tables. We loved visiting her facility and seeing all the variety of animals she kept. Nothing was too much trouble, she's make sure a fridge was turned on if she knew you were having birthday party so you could keep the cake fresh, drinks cool. If you wanted to see a koala up close, she would let you come into the enclosure. She passed on her knowledge, love &amp; enthusiasm of animals to many young children, preschools, and excursions. She and her family, poured their heart &amp; soul into Waterways, and she, and Waterways is very sadly missed- there is nothing like it in Gunnedah now and nothing that can ever replace it. It was truly unique.</p>

			<p>Sergeant Leonard Siffleet paid the ultimate sacrifice by being behead by the Japanese during WW2, as a prisoner of war.</p> <p>He was a young man, with so much life ahead of him.</p> <p>We must teach our younger generations, that the freedom we enjoy in Australia today is because of young men like Leonard, and also his family, who grieved for him for the rest of their lives.</p> <p>A permanent reminder of his sacrifice would encourage teachers to get their students interested and understanding history. It is also important to not forget that countries can be uncivilised during war, and some chose to not recognise the rights of human beings and this is a lesson we need to remember in case it happens again. And be prepared. Lest we forget.</p>
<b>2853621</b>	Nov 05 20 10:14:01 pm	Dr Colin Anderson	<p>Dr Colin Anderson was awarded the Military Cross for his service as a surgeon in WW1 in Palestine. He was a long-standing, respected medical practitioner in Gunnedah for over 40 years; treating people during “hard times” with kindness and compassion. An active member in all aspects of the Gunnedah Community; the local show, music, his church but none more so than the welfare of Returned Soldiers -(as President of the local RSL sub branch, foundation member of the Serviceman’s club and the Rotary club and privately). After retirement at 70 yrs. he continued to work as the Government Medical Officer with immunisation programmes and school children checks. Dr Anderson was a man Gunnedah was fortunate to have had in their community.</p>
<b>2853815</b>	Nov 06 20 04:52:38 am	Bridgey Mc Bridgeface	<p>Because 2020 is gunneh ( see what I did there ) need to go out smiling, this will promote tourism, think of how many people will want photos with the sign, I know I would 🤪</p>
<b>2855279</b>	Nov 06 20 06:31:31 pm	Gunder bridge	<p>Cute nick name for Gunnedah :)</p>
<b>2857390</b>	Nov 08 20 10:29:57 pm	Paint a mural on the silo	<p>Name it to coincide with the mural selected.</p>
<b>2858004</b>	Nov 09 20 12:11:53 pm	Rainbow Road.	<p>It is shaped like a rainbow and does not appeal to only one culture in the town.</p>
<b>2866506</b>	Nov 11 20 05:37:47 pm	Peter Capp Bridge	<p>Peter Capp is a Vietnam War veteran and is a Gunnedah local. He is featured in the mural on the Gunnedah water tank where he is the man kneeling in the foreground</p>
<b>2867532</b>	Nov 11 20 10:04:26 pm	An aboriginal name	<p>This is a unique opportunity to give a major piece of infrastructure a name that reflects the strong local Aboriginal culture.</p> <p>This would be a great step forward for local and regional reconciliation and acknowledgment of the region’s first people.</p>

<b>Received via email</b>	21 July 2021	Reginald Talbot	I would like my vote to go to Reginald Talbot for the naming of the new bridge. He was a vital part to the community and aboriginal people of Gunnedah. Thankyou.
<b>Received via email</b>	23 July 2021	Reginald Talbot	The email with the list of people are to vote for Reginal Talbott (Dick)
<b>Received via email</b>	21 July 2021	Reginald Talbot	I am writing to you in relation to nominating Reginald Talbott and believe he needs to be recognised in the upcoming project. Reginald Talbott has for 50 years or more made positive contribution to Aboriginal and non-aboriginal people in the community with commitment and great intentions. I look forward to your feedback.
<b>Received via email</b>	20 July 2021	Reginald Talbot	I have been informed that you may still consider nominations for the naming of the New Gunnedah Bridge in Gunnedah, NSW 2380. I have pleasure in nominating Reginald John Talbot, known to everyone as Dick Talbot to be considered. Dick was a local Indigenous man who is held in high esteem in the local community. He was a pioneer of Aboriginal Rights and had an extremely close relationship with both the Indigenous members and the White community. An example of his wonderful community spirit was that he instigated a work group during the CDEP program approximately 20 years ago. This was a 'work for the dole' program. Dick - at his own expense, provided vehicles, trailers, machinery and equipment so that local Indigenous youth would be gainfully employed in provision of yard maintenance and source fire wood. His attitude was that the Aboriginal Youth should work for their dole payments to set a good example of positive work ethics. He was also a founding member of the 'Red Chief Aboriginal Lands Council'. This was approximately 30 years ago and this organisation has now become a significant and well regarded community group. This council represents the rights and customs of our First Australians. In conclusion, I could not recommend the bridge to be named the 'Dick Talbot' Bridge as a small amount of recognition for a wonderful gentleman who paved the way for Indigenous recognition. I hope you favourably consider this nomination.

<p><b>Received via email</b></p>	<p>20 July 2021</p>	<p>Reginald Talbot</p>	<p>I would like to nominate the Bridge in Gunnedah NSW to be called after Aboriginal Elder Uncle Dick Talbott.</p> <p>Uncle Dick was a Gomeroi Elder and traditional owner who was born and raised in Gunnedah his family's footprints and connection dates back before European settlement with his GG grandmother born on the banks of the Namoi river at a bridge now known as Cohens Bridge. This continuing family and connections to the town of Gunnedah still exists today.</p> <p>Uncle Dick sadly passed away in 2018 leaving behind a lasting legacy. He was dedicated to making a better life for his people and was well respected by both the Aboriginal and broader Gunnedah communities.</p> <p>He worked many different jobs in his life including for many of the farmer's in the district. He later travelled around with a well-known building company as their leading hand and later worked in the underground mine before retiring.</p> <p>He was an active member and co-founder of the Gunnedah Aboriginal Land Council and an ATSIC Councillor elected by the Gomeroi people. He was a committee member for National parks and wildlife co management committee for many years until his recent passing and instrumental in helping to form the Gunnedah Min Min club supporting the local Aboriginal women of the community to make it a reality.</p> <p>He seen the great need for employment of young Aboriginal youth in the community and went on to form the Gunnedah Gunya Aboriginal Corporation (CDEP) this created a great deal of employment for many. This organisation was an outstanding success due to the hard work and commitment of Uncle Dick and the high regards in which he was held by his people and the wider community. The organisation is still relevant today and provides housing for Aboriginal people throughout the Northwest region.</p> <p>Uncle Dick was a great believer in working hard and respecting each other he was highly committed to his community and the betterment of his people and forging relationships which helped to close the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. I believe that he has always been a man of integrity and honesty who lived to help others with an open door policy to whomever needed help.</p>
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			<p>Uncle Dick was instrumental in forming three out of the four Aboriginal organisations within the Gunnedah community and has sat on numerous board's in his lifetime, he was and still is a highly respected person who fought to help bring together and BRIDGE the huge gap that exist between the people in the Gunnedah community and beyond.</p> <p>Gunnedah has no infrastructure other than the Red Chief memorial that pays respect to First Nations people.</p> <p>I believe it would be fitting to name the bridge after a man who was extremely respected by both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people within the community and a Traditional Custodian of the area.</p>
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## Appendix B – Media release



**Paul Toole**  
Acting Deputy Premier  
Minister for Regional Transport and Roads

### MEDIA RELEASE

Monday, 12 October 2020

#### **HAVE YOUR SAY ON NAMING NEW GUNNEDAH BRIDGE**

Locals will have a chance to name the new Gunnedah bridge with the \$61 million project to improve road safety and freight connectivity on track to open ahead of schedule in December.

Acting Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Paul Toole said submissions to name the 195-metre-long bridge were now open, and encouraged the community to help play a part in local history.

"This game-changing project will help eliminate a significant freight pinch point on the state's road network and remove a level crossing in Gunnedah, boosting the safety and reliability of journeys through the town centre," Mr Toole said.

"This project has created about 60 jobs, providing a significant injection of funds into the local economy during this challenging time."

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said the bridge has been under construction since late 2018, and the next step was to now name it.

"We're asking the community to suggest names for this significant piece of local infrastructure, with Transport for NSW working with Gunnedah Shire Council to review submissions before selecting the preferred name," Mr Anderson said.

"Transport for NSW will also consult with local Aboriginal groups as part of this process to ensure any Indigenous names selected have their support."

Gunnedah Deputy Mayor Rob Hooke said once Council has reviewed all naming suggestions received, they may choose to recommend an Aboriginal name or may suggest two names – an Aboriginal name and a European name.

"A unique name for the new Gunnedah Bridge will recognise and celebrate the historical, cultural and social connections in our Shire," Cr Hooke said.

Submissions will be open until 5pm Friday, 6 November after which Transport for NSW will collate them and provide a report to Council. Council will review all submissions and recommend a new bridge name to Transport for NSW for approval.

To make submissions or find out more, visit <https://yoursay.transport.nsw.gov.au/gunnedahbridge>

Final finishing work, including the closure of the rail level crossing, remain on track to be complete in mid-2021, weather permitting. For more information on the project's progress visit [www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/northern-bridges/gunnedah-bridge](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/northern-bridges/gunnedah-bridge).



## Appendix C - Correspondence from Local Aboriginal Land Councils



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5<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Ilesha Timmins  
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Public Affairs & Marketing  
Customer Strategy & Technology  
Transport for NSW  
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Dear Ilesha,

I would like to raise my support again in writing of the naming of the new Bridge at Gunnedah under consideration now and going through community consultation after a stalwart of the Gunnedah and surrounding community Reginal (Dick) Talbot which I would perceive as a great honour to the man who gave so much for not just the Aboriginal Community but the community at large.

It goes without saying and as already said in the past, he was a true champion and warrior Uncle "Dick" who fought a long hard fight for equality and rights for his Aboriginal people. His knowledge and passion for his culture goes without saying and is well documented. His attachment to land guided him on a lifetime journey that saw him hold many positions normally at the helm or as a faithful servant. He treated everyone as he wanted to be treated and called out those who did the wrong thing.

I first came across Uncle "Dick" in a professional capacity and quickly found out you would never die wondering what he was thinking but lucking for me from this came a great friendship based on trust and eventually mutual respect.

Over the next many years, I would interact with him on many occasions sometimes on a regular basis sometimes not.

**ALWAYS WAS ALWAYS WILL BE ABORIGINAL LAND**



Uncle "Dick" was a man who sore **the best in the worse people** and the **worst in the best he** had a tough hide and demeanour but those close to him knew he was a caring man he gave back what he received threefold. I remember him on the CDEP as a worker and more so as a supervisor he worked hard and ensured everyone around him worked hard.

I was fortunate to visit Uncle "Dick" a couple of times as his health deteriorated in particular over the past six months before he passed and not once did we discuss any politics, more so I sat and just listened whilst he spoke about the love and appreciation of his family, how his family kept him going, his life and the amazing journey he had, he also spoke about his community and attachment to Gunnedah.

Like many, I have had the upmost pleasure to be in Uncle Dick's life and to have the Bridge named after him would be great recognition for one of Gunnedah's most well-known men and characters.

Obviously, there is a current process being carried out and the weight of the Gunnedah shire Council will also have a significant role in the naming for which I am aware there where over 225 submissions received, 34 were in support of the bridge having an Aboriginal name, with the most popular Aboriginal names being: 1. Whitestone bridge/overpass\* (suggested 5 times) 2. Cumbo Gunerah (suggested 4 times) 3. Gamilaraay (suggested 4 times) 4. Lorna Lamb (suggested 4 times)

I would also like to note if this is not possible I would support of the four options listed 1. 2 and 4, respectively.

I am happy to discuss further as required on [REDACTED]

Yours in Unity



Cllr Charles Lynch FIPA, FFA, GAICD  
NSWALC Northern Region

Morning

I'm still getting feedback but these names have been put forward:

Dick Talbott

Red Chief Overpass

Mona Griffen

Hazel Briggs

Discussions with some members agree that Red Chief Overpass may be the best since to align it with a personal name is very subjective and may cause some controversy.

I'll keep you posted through the day of further names.

Thanks.

**Lisa Berges**

CEO, Red Chief Local Aboriginal Land Council

26A Chandos Street

GUNNEDAH NSW 2380

Ph: [REDACTED]

*I want to acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which our centre stands, and our Gamilaroi people of the Kamilaroi Nation. I pay my respects to our Elders both past and present.*

Me again, we've also had the following put forward:

White Stone

This apparently quite significant for the area and known by many Elders of the community.

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