City of Ballarat gives notice under the *Naming rules for places in Victoria – Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities 2022* of a proposal to name the 11 roadways within the Ballarat Airport precinct located at Airport Road MITCHELL PARK VIC 3355.

The unnamed roads are all located within the Ballarat Airport precinct and provide access to the various occupancies. The current Council addressing for each occupancy utilises a unique building reference number, however this addressing format is insufficient and ambiguous given the number of occupancies that operate in the precinct on various roadways.

This proposal will provide accurate street addressing for the 55 buildings within the precinct to ensure effective incident management and public safety.

The proposed names being recommended have been compiled in conjunction with the Airport Manager and Program Development Officer. Each name has been chosen for its relevance and/or historical significance to the Ballarat Airport in addition to conforming with the *Naming rules for places in Victoria – Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities 2022*.

1. **Consolidated Road** – a type of heavy American bombers that frequented the aerodrome for crew training in the early 1940’s.
2. **Kitty Hawk Road** – a well-known single seat aircraft that was the only effective RAAF fighters throughout the fighting at Port Moresby and Milne Bay in 1942 when the Japanese advance towards Australia was stopped[[1]](#footnote-2).
3. **Winmaling Circuit** (pronounced Win-mar-ling) – the Wadawurrung word for ‘wind’ as supported by Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation
4. **Terminal Road** – an appropriate name for an access road to terminal buildings at an airport.
5. **Fairbairn Road** - Wing Commander Charles Osborne Fairbairn served as a fighter pilot in the Royal Flying Corps in World War 1 and afterwards in the Royal Air Force, where he was awarded the Air Force Cross. He served as the Commanding Officer of No 1 Wireless Air Gunners School and transferred to the Royal Australian Air Force Reserve of Officers in 1944. He was responsible for the training schools’ daily operations and the welfare of the trainees as well as fostering positive relations between the base and the Ballarat Community[[2]](#footnote-3).
6. **Cheetah Road** - designed by Armstrong Siddeley in 1930 and had evolved from the 7-cylinder Lynx radial of 1920. Primarily used on pre-war British military aircraft, including the Arvo Anson monoplane bomber which in 1935 was Britain’s’ first twin engine aircraft with retractable undercarriage[[3]](#footnote-4).
7. **Wireless Drive** – the Wireless Air Gunners School was based at the Ballarat Airport during World War 2.
8. **Empire Drive** – the Empire Air Training Scheme as it was known when it was operated by the Royal Australian Air Force and reason for being listed on the Victorian Heritage Register.
9. **Petch Drive** – Flying Officer Francis Noel Miller Petch was born and educated in Ballarat, wanting to join the air force from a young age. He enlisted in the Royal Australia Air Force in 1942 and was posted to the No 1 Wireless Air Gunners School. Frank was discharged from the Royal Australia Air Force in 1945 with the rank of Flying Officer[[4]](#footnote-5).
10. **Gunners Drive** – the Wireless Air Gunners School was based at the Ballarat Airport during World War 2.
11. **Karndorr Road** - (pronounced Karn-door) – the indigenous word for ‘track’ as supported by Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation

Interested parties are encouraged to make submissions, whether for or against a proposal. If the proposed name is not supported, please indicate why and/or demonstrate why the proposal does not conform to the Naming rules for places in Victoria – Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities 2022. Further information on the naming guidelines is provided by the State Government at <https://www.land.vic.gov.au/place-naming/understand-the-naming-process/the-naming-rules> . If no submissions are made it will be assumed that there are no objections and Council will proceed with the road naming process.

Submissions quoting reference number **NP235 – BALLARAT AIRPORT PRECINCT** should be addressed to the Manager Revenue and Procurement Services and can be mailed to Reply Paid 655 BALLARAT VIC 3353, or emailed to info@ballarat.vic.gov.au.

Written submissions on the proposed name are invited and will be received by Council until 5pm Friday 13th January.

Any person making a written submission is advised all submissions and personal information in the submission will be handled by Council in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014. The purpose of collecting this information is to assist Council in obtaining the views of the community. The information may also be made available to third parties in accordance with the relevant legislation. The submission of personal information with your comments is voluntary but if not provided may affect the consideration of such comments. The information will be stored in Council’s records system.

*Note Submissions will be considered in accordance with* [*Naming rules for places in Victoria, Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities - 2022*](https://www.propertyandlandtitles.vic.gov.au/naming-places-features-and-roads/naming-rules-for-places-in-victoria)*. Only written submissions can be considered. Council cannot take verbal submissions, views expressed in newspaper comment (eg: a Letter to the Editor) or social media post, into account when making a decision on a naming proposal.*

1. https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/C238934 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. https://www.1wags.org.au/information/featured-stories/wing-commander-charles-osborne-fairbairn/ [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. https://www.aarg.com.au/armstrong-siddeley-cheetah.html [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. https://www.1wags.org.au/information/featured-stories/flying-officer-francis-noel-miller-petch/) [↑](#footnote-ref-5)