

**ITEM 3. PROPOSED NAMING OF LANEWAY BETWEEN 389 AND 391
GEORGE STREET, SYDNEY AS "TEMPERANCE LANE"****FILE NO: S052756****SUMMARY**

This report seeks Council approval for the naming of a "T" shaped, currently unnamed public laneway owned by City of Sydney, located in the CBD, between 389 and 391 and behind 389 to 395 George Street, Sydney as "Temperance Lane"

In accordance with Division 2 (Naming of Roads), Roads (General) Regulation 2000 and the guidelines set down by the Geographical Names Board of NSW, the proposed name has been advertised in the local media and Public Notices displayed in Neighbourhood Service Centres and at the site.

No objections or comments were received during the advertising period.

RECOMMENDATION

It is resolved that:

- (A) approval be given to the naming of the laneway above described as "Temperance Lane"; and
- (B) the new name be published in the Government Gazette and notification forwarded to relevant authorities in accordance with the provisions of the Roads Act 2000.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Location Diagram of Laneway Proposed to be Named.

Attachment B: Detail From Section 26 of Surveyor Percy Doves' "Directory of Sydney" Dated c.1880.

BACKGROUND

1. The subject "T" shaped, 3.2 metre wide lane is part of Lot 15 of Section 26 of the City of Sydney and is shown on City maps dating from 1865 (Attachment A).
2. The lane is owned by the City of Sydney by virtue of a decision of the Court of Appeal dated 28 September 1999, which stated that the lane was deemed to be dedicated to the public pursuant to Section 3 of "The Alignment of Sydney Streets Act -1834".
3. "Temperance Lane" was suggested by the City of Sydney's historian, Shirley Fitzgerald, as commemorating a past form of commercial and social activity in the city which is strongly associated with the site.
4. Recently a decision was made to name the laneway, as it is being renewed as part of the Laneway revitalisation program being developed by Project Development, City Strategy. Immediately to the south of the lane, a "Temperance Hotel" or "coffee palace" operated from 1879 until about 1890, as shown on the extract of Doves' Directory (Attachment B).
5. The Temperance movement established "dry" hotels in Britain from the mid 19th century. Temperance hotels were established in Sydney in the mid 1870s to provide all the functions of a hotel or tavern - except the provision of alcohol. In addition to catering to the temperance movements ideals, coffee palaces appealed to the new interest in the fashionable drink of coffee instead of the more traditional tea drinking culture. Attachment B shows the physical proximity of the "coffee palace" to the unnamed laneway.

KEY IMPLICATIONS

6. This lane is one of twenty priority laneways chosen to be the subject of the City of Sydney's "Live Laneways" project designed to enliven the laneways in the CBD with cafés, artworks and performance spaces. A name will give the subject lane an identity in the CBD and enhance public awareness of its potential.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. There are no financial implications associated with this proposal.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

8. In accordance with Division 2 (Naming of Roads), Roads (General) Regulation 2000 and the guidelines for naming and renaming roads as set down by the Geographic Names Board of NSW, Council as the responsible authority may approve any new road name with its Local Government Area.

CRITICAL DATES / TIME FRAMES

9. The "Live Laneways" project is currently in development, with three laneways being developed as part of "Art & About 2007". It would therefore be desirable to name the laneway prior to that time.

OPTIONS

10. Council can accept or reject this proposal.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

11. The proposed name was advertised by a Public notice in the "Central" inner-city newspaper on 13 June 2007.
12. Public Notices advertising the proposed name were displayed at Town Hall House – One Stop Shop, as well as at Neighbourhood Service Centres at Glebe and Redfern, for fourteen days from 31 May 2007. No objections or comments were received.

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