Australian Capital Territory

Public Place Names (Macnamara) Determination 2025 (No 3)

Disallowable instrument DI2025–270

made under the

Public Place Names Act 1989, s 3 (Minister to determine names)

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1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Public Place Names (Macnamara) Determination 2025 (No 3)*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after its notification day.

3 Determination of place names

I determine the place names as indicated in the schedule.

Dave Peffer
Delegate of the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

13 October 2025

SCHEDULE
(See s 3)

Division of Macnamara – Science and Technology

The location of the public places with the following names is indicated on the associated diagram.

NAME	ORIGIN	SIGNIFICANCE
Chris Bryant Street	Professor Chris Bryant AM (1936–2021)	Parasitologist and science communicator Emigrating to Australia in 1963, Chris Bryant commenced as a lecturer in Zoology at the Australian National University (ANU), later becoming a Professor of Zoology in 1983. A long-time friend of Professor Michael Gore, Bryant greatly assisted Gore in fostering a relationship between the ANU and Questacon, leading to the establishment of the ANU Shell Questacon Science Travelling Circus. From his involvement with Questacon, in 1988 Bryant created a graduate program in science communication at ANU. In 1996, Bryant and a colleague jointly established the Australian National Centre for the Public Awareness of Science (CPAS). In addition to his work at ANU, Bryant was influential in founding the Australian Society for Parasitology in the mid-1960s, becoming its President in 1982 and a Fellow in 1986. Bryant was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 2000 for his service to science communication, education and research in the field of parasitology. The ANU Research School of Biology and CPAS jointly inaugurated the Professor Chris Bryant AM Memorial Lecture in 2022.

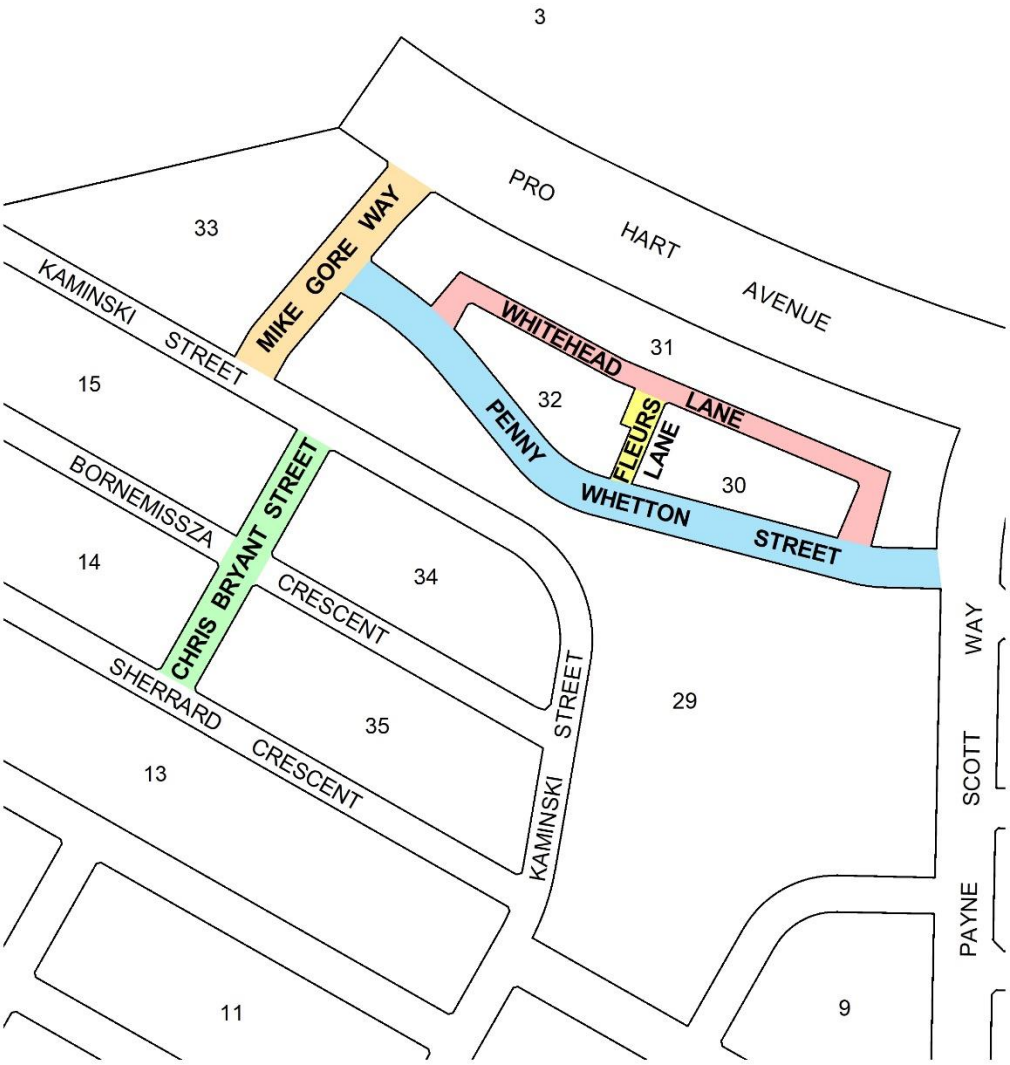
NAME	ORIGIN	SIGNIFICANCE
Fleurs Lane	Fleurs Field Station and Telescope Site (*fl.* 1954–1998*)*	Radio astronomy The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) established Fleurs Field Station at Kemps Creek, near Penrith, NSW where three cross-type radio telescopes were built that became collectively known as Fleurs Crosses. The Mills Cross built in 1954 performed all-sky surveys, and the Shain Cross built in 1956 was used for a survey of the Milky Way and processed radio emissions from Jupiter. The Chris Cross was developed in 1957 to generate high resolution two-dimensional images of the sun. In 1963, after equipment from Fleurs Field Station was moved to the CSIRO Parkes Observatory, control of the site was granted to the University of Sydney who used remnant parts of the Fleurs Crosses to create the Fleurs Synthesis Telescope. This telescope was used to examine large radio galaxies, supernova remnants and emission nebulae. The site was acquired by the University of Western Sydney in 1988 and operated as a teaching facility until its closure in 1998.

NAME	ORIGIN	SIGNIFICANCE
Mike Gore Way	Professor Michael Gore AO AM (1934–2022)	Founder of Questacon, physicist In 1962, Michael Gore emigrated to Australia to assume a lectureship in Physics at the Australian National University (ANU). Inspired by a 1975 visit to the Exploratorium in San Francisco, Gore envisioned a similar interactive science centre for Australia. He founded Questacon in a disused building at Ainslie Public School in Canberra and in 1985, he established the Shell Questacon Science Circus, a mobile outreach initiative designed to bring hands-on science education to regional and remote communities across Australia. Questacon was officially recognised as Australia's National Science and Technology Centre in 1988, with the opening of its purpose-built facility in Canberra. Gore served as Questacon's Founding Director from 1988 until his retirement in 1999. In the same year, Gore returned to ANU as an Adjunct Professor at the Australian National Centre for the Public Awareness of Science. Gore was recognised as Canberran of the Year in 1983, appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 1986, and elevated to Officer of the Order of Australia in 2015 for his distinguished service to science and education.

NAME	ORIGIN	SIGNIFICANCE
Penny Whetton Street	Dr Penny Whetton (1958–2019)	Climatologist After completing her Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Melbourne (UoM) in 1986, Dr Penny Whetton was recruited by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) in 1989 to the newly developed Climate Impact Group. A leading Australian climate scientist and strong advocate for climate change action, during her 25-year career at the CSIRO she led the development of the 1992,1996, 2001, 2007, and 2015 climate change projections. In these projections, Whetton developed an innovative way to visualise climate data, placing previous climate projections with future projections in a single timeline to reflect changes in climate more clearly. This is now standard practice in climate projection presentations. Her expertise was internationally recognised, as a lead author of Working Group I's contributions to the Third and Fourth Assessment Reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Whetton was appointed an Honorary Fellow of the School of Earth Sciences at the UoM and remained involved with the Climate and Energy College there up until the time of her death. As a transgender woman in a senior position in science, she is a role model for all gender diverse and LGBTIQA+ individuals.

NAME	ORIGIN	SIGNIFICANCE
Whitehead Lane	Mary Whitehead AM (1917–2014)	Mathematician and research scientist In 1949 Mary Whitehead took up a position at the Long-Range Weapons Establishment (later the Weapons Research Establishment) in Salisbury, South Australia. There, she led a team of female mathematicians from the Planning and Data Analysis Group who were charged with analysing large quantities of data from the Royal Australian Airforce's Woomera Rocket Range. Known as 'Computers', these women operated advanced data collection equipment such as kinetheodolites to calculate the trajectory of the launch of rockets and aircraft from the range. Whitehead is credited with the development of the method of roll-measurement to solve persistent discrepancies in missile trajectory calculations in Australia. While their work was highly regarded for its quality and accuracy, Whitehead and her female colleagues faced significant challenges such as gender-based wage discrimination. Whitehead was a dedicated member of Soroptimist International for over 50 years, founding the Soroptimist International South West Pacific Federation. She was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 1984 "for service to the community, particularly women's affairs".

Schedule
(see section 3)



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Diagram