

HISTORY OF STREET NAMES

BENNETT STREET - Mr A. J. Bennett, a surveyor who worked in this area in 1912 and named Kuburoo Well.

BONEFISH STREET - US Submarine "Bonefish" - based in Fremantle, October, 1943 to September, 1944. Sunk By Japanese warships June, 1945.

BROAD STREET - The Broad family were the last occupiers of the Yardie Creek Pastoral Lease. They left the area in 1970.

BURKETT ROAD - Mr Robert Charles (Bob) Burkett. Bob Burkett was a man of vision who saw the potential for Exmouth and quickly set to developing it. He was a Councillor and Shire President with the Shire of Exmouth for eleven years.

CAMERON STREET - Sergeant C. B. Cameron, AIF. Killed in Operation Rimau.

CAMPBELL WAY – Corporal Campbell was either killed or executed during the unsuccessful withdrawal of Operation Rimau during World War 11.

CAREY STREET - Lieutenant W. G. Carey, AIF. Killed in Operation Rimau.

CARPENTER STREET - Incorrect spelling of Carpender. Vice-Admiral A. S. Carpender, USN, was the first Commander of the US Naval Force stationed in Australia during World War Two.

CARR WAY - Corporal B. J. Carr, RAAF, was drowned at the Bay of Rest during a cyclone in February, 1945.

CARTER ROAD - Mr Thomas Carter, a renowned ornithologist, who had the first pastoral lease on North West Cape in the 1890's.

CHARLES KNIFE ROAD - Mr Charles Knife, an employee of Ampol Australia, who determined the route for the road in 1950 to reach the proposed oil drilling site.

CHRISTIE STREET - Rear Admiral W. Christie, USN, Commander Submarines, South West Pacific Area, 1943-44. Based at Fremantle.

CRAFT STREET - Corporal C. M. Craft, AIF. Killed in Operation Rimau.

CULLEN PARK TIME CAPSULE - Mr R. C. Cullen, a construction worker killed in 1966 during the building of the Communication Station.

DAVIDSON STREET - Lieutenant Commander D. M. N. Davidson. DSO. RNVR, a member of the attack party in Operation Jaywick. Killed in Operation Rimau.

DONNELLY STREET - Leading Signaller A. P. Donnelly, RAN, in charge Learmonth H/F D/F Station at time of destruction by cyclone in February, 1945.

EURAYLE STREET - US Submarine Tender "Eurayle", based at Fremantle June, 1944 to March, 1945.

EXMOUTH - Taken from Exmouth Gulf which was named by Captain Phillip P. King when surveying the northern coastline on the 18th February, 1818, after Edward Pellew, First Viscount Exmouth (1757-1833) born at Dover, Viscount Exmouth distinguished himself in the Royal Navy from 1776, in the Battle of Lake Champlain, until 1816, with the bombardment of Algiers. During the Napoleonic Wars, he was Commander in Charge in India, the North Sea and the Mediterranean in turn.

FALLS STREET - Able Seaman W. G. Falls, DSM, RANVR, a member of the attack party in Operation Jaywick. Killed in Operation Rimau.

FARLEY STREET - Captain Farley, AIF, Staff Captain at Exmouth Gulf during Operation Potshot.

FITZHARDINGE STREET - Captain D. M. B. Fitzhardinge, AIF, in command of the anti-aircraft battery stationed at Exmouth Gulf October, 1943 to April, 1944.

FLETCHER STREET - Corporal R. B. Fletcher, AIF. Killed Operation Rimau.

FRIEDMAN WAY - Captain R. Friedman, USN. First Commanding Officer US Naval Communication Station Harold E. Holt. 1967-1969.

FYFE STREET - Rear Admiral J. Fyfe, USN, Commander Submarines, South West Pacific in 1945. Based at Fremantle.

GOOLEY STREET - Sergeant D. P. Gooley, AIF. Killed in Operation Rimau.

GRAYLING WAY – United States Submarine Grayling operating out of Exmouth Gulf during World War 11.

GRENADIER STREET - US Submarine "Grenadier". Based at Albany and Fremantle, September, 1942 to April, 1943. Damaged by Japanese aircraft in April, 1943 and subsequently scuttled. Credited 1 ship, 14,457 tons.

GREY STREET - Lieutenant Grey, RN, of HMS "Lynher". Lt Grey took formal possession of North West Australia in a ceremony at Hanover Bay in 1837.

GRIFFIN WAY - United States Submarine Griffin operating out of Exmouth Gulf during World War 11.

GRIFFITHS WAY - Telegraphist G. Griffith, RAN. Helped to establish and maintain H/F D/F Station at Learmonth in 1943.

HALL STREET - Leading Telegraphist S. A. Hall, RAN, established the H/F D/F Station at Learmonth, 1943.

HARDY LOOP - Lance Corporal John T Hardy, AIF. Killed Operation Rimau.

HERON WAY – The Heron was a seaplane tender in the Exmouth Gulf during World War 11.

HORWOOD QUAYS - Squadron Leader F. J. Horwood was the commanding Officer of No. 76 Operational Base Unit RAAF, based at Learmonth during Operation Potshot.

HUSTON STREET - Able Seaman A. M. W. Huston, DSM, RAN. A member of the attack in Operation Jaywick. Killed in Operation Rimau.

INGLETON STREET - Major R. W. Ingleton, Royal Marine Commandos. A member of the attack party in Operation Rimau who was executed after the attack.

JOHNSON ROAD - Mr Geoff Johnson was Assistant lighthouse keeper at Vlaming Head, then became employed at Ned's Well by the resident officer in charge of construction of the base. Mr Johnson became a prominent resident of Exmouth and founded many organisations. He later became District Officer of P.W.D. and died in 1973.

JOHNSON FIELD - Exmouth District School Oval. Mr Geoff Johnson, as above.

JONES PLACE - Arthur Jones, DSM. Sole survivor of Krait raiding party of original raiders in Operation Jaywick.

KEILLOR PLACE - The late Mr Bruce Keillor was a Main Roads Department foreman involved in construction of roads and town street and landscaping during the construction of the town. On 12th August, 1965 he and a fellow employee, Mr Jim Schmidt, were electrocuted when an aerial from a radio they were operating accidentally touched the overhead power lines.

KENNEDY STREET - Mr John F. Kennedy, President of the United States of America, 1960-63.

KING PLACE - Lieutenant P. P. King, RN, Commanding Officer HMS "Mermaid". Explored and named Exmouth Gulf in 1818.

KLEIN PLACE - Brigadier B. E. Klein, AIF. The Senior Australian Officer of a party which landed in the Gulf in September, 1942 to consider its suitability for Operation Potshot.

KOOBOOROO OVAL - Cricket Oval, Kuburoo Well - a native well in the area. The spelling was changed as this would be more phonetically correct for aboriginal pronunciation.

KOOLINDA WAY – The State Ship Koolinda which was used for transport to Exmouth Gulf during World War 11.

KRAIT STREET - Commando Vessel "Krait" - famous for her role in Operation Jaywick.

LEARMONTH STREET - Wing Commander C. C. Learmonth, RAAF. Killed in a crash off Rottneest Island in January, 1944. He stayed with his Beaufort bomber describing the trouble, which later enabled experts to determine the fault.

LEFROY STREET - The Lefroy family have held the pastoral lease of Exmouth Gulf Station since 1903.

LESSELS ROAD - During the period 1969-74, Wing Commander J. D. G. Lessels, OBE, BCE, was the Commanding Officer of the No. 5 Airfield Construction Squadron at Learmonth. He was instrumental in providing valuable assistance in construction of facilities at the Light Aircraft Strip and was an active member of the Exmouth Soaring Club which was based at the Light Aircraft Strip.

LOCKWOOD STREET - Rear Admiral C. A. Lockwood, USN, Commander Submarines, South West Pacific area, 1942-1943, based at Fremantle.

LYON STREET - Lieutenant Colonel I. Lyon, MBE, DSO, Gordon Highlanders. The Commanding Officer of the attack parties in Operation Jaywick and Rimau. Killed in Operation Rimau.

MCLEOD STREET - Mr N. D. McLeod, a resident who carried out many civic tasks during the early development of Exmouth. Died 1971.

MAIDSTONE CRESCENT - HMS "Maidstone", Depot Ship of the British 8th Submarine Flotilla based in Fremantle, September, 1944 to April, 1945.

MALEY STREET - Captain W. Maley, USN Officer in Charge of Construction of the Naval Communication Station, North West Cape, 1962-1967.

MARSH STREET - Able Seaman F. W. Marsh, MID, RAN. A member of the attack party in Operation Jaywick. Killed in Operation Rimau.

MEREDITH STEPHENS CIRCUIT - (Go-Kart Track) Meredith Stephens was a tireless worker for the Exmouth Kart Club. The members of this Club requested that their track be named after Meredith and the Shire of Exmouth fully supported this.

MILDURA WRECK ROAD - SS "Mildura" was a cattleship carrying Kimberley cattle south. The "Mildura" was wrecked when it clipped North West Reef during a cyclone in 1907. No lives were lost. Timber and iron salvaged from the ship were used in out buildings at Yardie Homestead.

MURDOCH PARK - Golf Course. Colonel J. K. Murdoch, OBE, Royal Australian Infantry, Civil Commissioner, Exmouth Commissioner for the Shire of Exmouth, December, 1963 to December, 1975.

MURAT ROAD - Point Murat, the easterly point of North West Cape. Named by Captain Baudin in 1801, after Napoleon's cavalry leader.

NEALE COVE - Gordon Neale a much respected long time resident and local identity who was introduced to Exmouth Gulf when he fished the Gulf in the 1950's off the Batavia Road. He also served as a paratrooper in the Second World War.

NIBLETT OVAL - Mr Fred Niblett, a former Australian civilian employed by the US Navy. A foundation member of the Exmouth Softball Association who over many years spent much time and effort in promoting the game.

NIMITZ STREET - Fleet Admiral C. W. Nimitz, USN. US Commander-In-Chief Pacific, 1942-1945.

NINGALOO STREET - Ningaloo Station, a pastoral lease to the south west of Exmouth.

PACE RETREAT - Lance Corporal H J Pace, A.I.F. who died or was killed during operation Rimau.

PAGE STREET - Captain R. C. Page, DSO, AIF. A member of the attack party in Operation Jaywick. Killed in Operation Rimau.

PALTRIDGE MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL - Sir Shane Paltridge, Minister for Defence, 1964-66. A strong supporter in the establishment of the Town of Exmouth. PATTERSON WAY - Telegraphist G. Patterson, RAN. Helped to establish and maintain H/F D/F Station at Learmonth in 1943.

PAYNE STREET - The Payne family leased the Yardie Creek Station property from 1907-1962.

PELIAS STREET - US Submarine Tender "Pelias" was based in Exmouth Gulf from 4th May, 1943 to 28th May, 1943, for Operation Potshot and then at Fremantle until 1944.

PELLEW STREET - Admiral E. Pellew, First Viscount Exmouth, 1757-1833. Exmouth Gulf was named after this admiral.

POTSHOT STREET - Operation Potshot.

PRESTON STREET – The Preston was a seaplane tender in Exmouth Gulf during World War 11.

REDFIN COURT – The Redfin was a United State Submarine operating during World War 11.

REYMOND STREET - Lieutenant B. Reymond, RANR. A member of the attack party who was killed or died during the unsuccessful withdrawal from Operation Rimau.

REID STREET - Telegraphist L. C. Reid, RAN. Helped to establish and man the H/F D/F Station at Learmonth in 1943.

RIGGS STREET - Sub-Lieutenant J. G. Riggs, RNVR. Killed in Operation Rimau.

ROSS STREET - Lieutenant H. R. Ross, British Army, a member of the attack party who was killed or died during the unsuccessful withdrawal from Operation Rimau.

RULE STREET - Major Rule. In charge of surveys in the area during World War 11.

SALMON LOOP – The Salmon was a United States Submarine operating during World War 11.

SARGO COURT - The Sargo was a United States Submarine operating during World War 11.

SARGENT STREET - Lieutenant A. F. Sargent, AIF. Killed in Operation Rimau.

SCHMIDT WAY - The late Mr Jim Schmidt was an employee with the Main Roads Department during the construction of the first town streets. He was electrocuted on the 12th August, 1965, with a fellow employee, when an aerial from a radio touched the overhead power lines in the town.

SCULPIN COURT - United States Submarine Sculpin operated out of Exmouth Gulf during World War 11.

SEAWOLF PLACE - United States Submarine Seawolf operated out of Exmouth Gulf during World War 11.

SHOTHOLE CANYON ROAD - After the shotholes left by the explosive charges used for seismographic studies in the early 1950's.

SKIPJACK CIRCLE - United States Submarine operating out of Exmouth Gulf during World War 11.

SAURY PLACE - The Saury was a United States Submarine operating during World War 11.

STEWART STREET - Corporal C. M. Stewart, AIF. Killed in Operation Rimau.

STOKES-HUGHES STREET - Major Stokes-Hughes, AIF. Army Commanding Officer at Exmouth Gulf during Operation Potshot.

TALANJEE OVAL - Talanjee is the name of one of the aboriginal group who traditionally occupied this area.

TAMBOR DRIVE - The Tambor was a United States Submarine operating during World War 11.

TAUTOG STREET - US Submarine "Tautog", based in Fremantle from June, 1943 to May, 1944. Carried out 13 war patrols and credited with 26 ships. 72,606 tons.

THEW STREET - Commander J. L. Thew, USN. A member of the party which landed in the Gulf in September, 1942 to consider its suitability for Operation Potshot.

TONGE PLACE - Leading Aircraftman G. A. Tonge, RAAF. Drowned at Bay of Rest during a cyclone in February, 1945.

TONY KEENAN COURTS - Exmouths Netball Courts were named after Tony Keenan who was a Councillor with the Shire of Exmouth for thirteen years and part of this term he served as Deputy President. Tony was the Shire's Recreation Coordinator and for the last 6 years of his office he gave considerable assistance to the Netball Association with planning, advice and support beyond all expectations. Tony was also a Life Member of the Exmouth Race Club and Exmouth Golf Club.

TROUT PLACE - The Trout was a United States Submarine operating during World War 11.

TRUSCOTT CRESCENT - Wing Commander "Bluey" Truscott, RAAF. Commanding Officer of the Fighter Squadron responsible for the defence of Exmouth Gulf during World War Two. Killed in a flying accident in Exmouth Gulf.

TURNOR PLACE - Corporal E. C. Turnor, RAAF. Drowned at Bay of Rest during a cyclone in February, 1945.

WALTERS WAY - Mr A. T. Walters was Civil Commissioner and Commissioner for the Shire of Exmouth from February, 1976 to June, 1979. He was largely responsible for putting the Shire in a position which enabled it to have self-government when council elections were held for the first time in May, 1979.

WARNE STREET - Private D. R. Warne, AIF. Killed Operation Rimau.

WARREN WAY - Warrant Officer A. Warren was executed after Operation Rimau, the World War Two raid against Japan in which all men were either killed in action or were executed.

WELCH STREET - The late Mr Laurie Welch was associated with the construction of the Learmonth Airfield during World War Two and also had some connection with Operation Potshot.

WILLERSDORF ROAD - Warrant Officer J. Willersdorf, AIF. Killed in Operation Rimau.

YARDIE STREET - Yardie Creek flows through ravines in the Cape Range to the Indian Ocean 64 kilometres south of Vlaming Head Lighthouse.

WEST COAST ACCESS TRACKS

Tantabiddi Access: Named after the officially named creek adjacent to the access.

Baudin Access: Captain Nicholas Baudin visited the North West Cape in 1801 and named North West Cape "Cape Murat" after Napoleon's brother-in-law.

Brooke Access: In the ship "Trisel" John Brooke recorded sighting North West Cape on 31st May, 1621.

Trial Access: Misspelling of the word Trisel. The name of the ship on which John Brooke recorded sighting North West Cape in 1621.

5 Mile Access: This access is adjacent to the old 5 mile fence which was a boundary fence on the former Yardie Creek Station and the beach is commonly known as the 5 Mile.

Wobiri Access: An aboriginal word associated with this area meaning "cyclonic storm".

Jansz Access: Jansz accompanied Captain L. Jacobsz from the ship "Mauritius" in the first recorded landing on North West Cape, 31st July, 1618.

Jacobsz Access: The first recorded landing on North West Cape was made by Captain L. Jacobsz in the ship "Mauritius" with William Jansz on 31st July, 1618.

Mauritius Access: The name of the ship in which Captain L. Jacobsz sailed and recorded first landing on North West Cape in 1618.

Hunter Access: The late Charles Hunter was District Engineer in Charge of Lighthouses during erection of the Vlaming Head Lighthouse in 1912. The track is adjacent to the Vlaming Head Lighthouse.