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Dear Julie

Road Naming Request, Rear of 190 Timor Street, Warrnambool

I am writing to request consideration of a proposal to name two un-named laneways within the Warrnambool CBD.

We are currently developing a site at the rear of 186-194 Timor Street. The site is currently known as 'Rear of 190 Timor Street, Warrnambool'.

The new building is the future home of CoLab - and will contain a cafe, coworking space, community meeting space, and offices for several tenants including Myers Planning and Associates, Assemble Design Collective, and HEM Communities.

The site adjoins two unnamed laneways, one to the south and one to the east which currently provide access to the rear of properties along Timor Street (southern laneway) and the Ozone Carpark (eastern laneway). Access to our new building will be via the southern laneway.

We are concerned the current address ('Rear of 190 Timor Street, Warrnambool') will be difficult for people to identify our location, potentially causing confusion for emergency services and the delivery of goods.

We have identified two potential names which reflect the history of the surrounding area. These proposals are discussed below.

Southern Laneway (Road-029) - Dispensary Lane Proposal

The southern laneway provides access to the rear of properties at 186-194 Timor Street. The laneway has historically provided 'back of house' access to these tenancies. See Figure 1 overleaf.

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Figure 1 - Proposed Dispensary Lane

Our development will be accessed from this laneway, with two pedestrian access points to the building - the main entry to CoLab and a secondary entry for the cafe (marked with an asterisk above). We intend to re-seal the laneway prior to completion of the development (expected to be around October 2022).

During initial site works, several old chemist bottles were discovered buried across the site, including a bottle stamped 'R.F Kennedy & Co, Chemists, Warrnambool'.

We have since learned that Richard Frank Kennedy (1826-1903) established a pharmacy (Kennedy's Drug Depot) at 188 Timor Street (today occupied by Lady Vanderburg restaurant).

The following is an extract from the Warrnambool Historical Society's records:

'...He established a large pharmacy in Timor Street with a retail, wholesale and manufacturing business. In 1891 he erected a new building which was described as one of the most elegant and best-stocked chemist shops in Victoria. Kennedy was active in Warrnambool community affairs and was a foundation member of the

Warrnambool Bowls Club, being its first Vice-President and an early President. The business continued after Kennedy's death, trading as 'R.F.Kennedy and Co.'

'Richard Frank Kennedy was one of the most significant businessmen in Warrnambool in the late 19th century. The products of his chemist shop and factory were distributed all over Victoria and beyond.'



The following image is from the State Library collection and depicts Kennedy's Drug Depot and its elaborate interior.

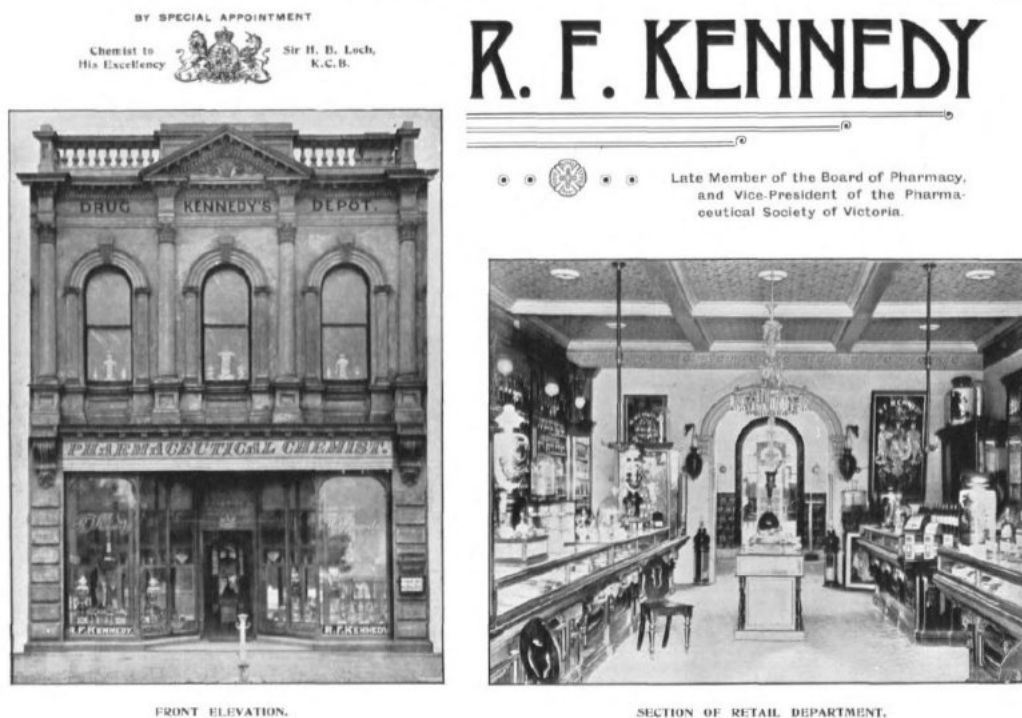


Figure 2 - Kennedy's Drug Store, 188 Timor Street (source State Library of Victoria)

Kennedy Street in Merrivale is named after Richard Kennedy. Warrnambool City Council's history of road names notes:

'Richard Frank Kennedy (1826-1903) born England, came to Melbourne in 1856 and then to Warrnambool in 1870. A Councillor 1885-90, he was a chemist in Timor Street (opposite the Post Office) in the 1880s. He was for many years president of the Warrnambool Hospital and Benevolent Asylum, president of the Mechanics' Institute and Art Gallery, a trustee of the Savings Bank and for many years a justice of the peace. He lived at "Ivanhoe", Canterbury Road...'

To avoid duplication of road names, while still recognising Kennedy's connection the area, we would like to apply to have this laneway named **Dispensary Lane** in recognition of the laneway's connection to Kennedy's Drug Store and the significant contribution that Richard Kennedy made to the formation years of the City of Warrnambool.



The proposed name addresses the following relevant principles as set out in the *Naming rules for places in Victoria 2022 - Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities* (the naming rules).

Principal A - Ensuring public safety

Complies. The proposal will assist with operational safety for emergency response and public services (such as mail). The site is currently known as 'Rear of 190 Timor Street' which is confusing for emergency services and delivery of goods.

We are concerned that as long as the laneway remains un-named, the building will not be easily identifiable.

Principal B - Recognising the public interest, and Principal C - Linking the name to the place

Complies. The proposal recognises the history of Richard Kennedy and his drug store at 188 Timor Street. The rear of the property (including our site) was clearly used as part of the drug store.

The proposed name will celebrate and recognise the establishment and early years of Warrnambool as we know it today, and the role of Richard Kennedy and his drug store.

Principal D - Ensuring names are not duplicated

Complies. The proposal does not duplicate an existing name within Warrnambool or within 15 kilometres of the road.

Principal F - Names must not discriminate or be offensive

Complies. The proposed name does not discriminate or cause offensive.

Principal K - Language

Complies. The proposed name is easy to pronounce, spell and write.

The naming of the above laneway is our primary request to ensure the building is easily identifiable. Our secondary request relates to the eastern laneway, as discussed below.

Eastern Laneway (Road-128) - Proposed De Grandis Lane

The eastern laneway provides access to the Ozone carpark from Timor Street. The laneway is between 178-182 Timor Street and 186 Timor Street. See Figure 3 overleaf.



Figure 3 - Proposed De Grandis Lane

The De Grandi's were well known for their sports goods store which operated at 178-182 Timor Street (De Grandi's Sportsgoods Store). After 114 years of family ownership, the store closed in 2011 (business was founded in 1897 by Lou De Grandi). Today, the former De Grandi's Sportsgoods Store sign is proudly maintained in the laneway.

We would like to apply to have this laneway named **De Grandis Lane** in recognition of the significant contribution that the De Grandi family has made to Warrnambool over the decades.

The proposed name addresses the following relevant principles as set out in the naming rules.



Principal A - Ensuring public safety

Complies. The proposal will assist with operational safety for emergency response and public services (such as mail). Locally, the De Grandi's store is well known, and the laneway is often informally referred to as the De Grandi's Laneway to assist with identification.

While not required to allow identification of our building, the naming of this laneway will assist in identifying our building (such as 'CoLab is located on the corner of De Grandis Lane and Dispensary Lane'). In turn, we believe this will assist emergency services and delivery of goods.

Principal B - Recognising the public interest, and Principal C - Linking the name to the place

Complies. The proposal recognises the significant contribution the De Grandi family has made to Warrnambool over the decades. The proposed name also has direct links to the heritage De Grandi's store signage which takes pride of place at the entry the road.



Principal D - Ensuring names are not duplicated

Complies. The proposal does not duplicate an existing name within Warrnambool or within 15 kilometres of the road. There is a De Grandis Road in Hawkesdale (around 32 kilometres from the road).

Principal F - Names must not discriminate or be offensive

Complies. The proposed name does not discriminate or cause offensive.

Principal I - Using commemorative names, and Principal J - Using commercial and business names



Complies. The proposed name commemorates the significant contribution of an iconic (former) Warrnambool business (De Grandi's Sports Store), and the contribution the De Grandi family has made to Warrnambool over the decades. The De Grandi family is held in strong regard by the community and has a long association with the laneway and adjoining store.

Principal K - Language

Complies. The proposed name is easy to pronounce, spell and write.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these road names for your consideration.

If you have any questions, please contact me on telephone (03) 5562 9443 or email steve@myersplanninggroup.com.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Myers", is positioned below the text "Yours sincerely,".

Steve Myers, Director