

**PROPOSED NAMES FOR NEW PRIVATE LANES**

- (1) EXTENSION OFF SOUTHERN END OF BAYNES STREET, BURWOOD
- (2) SUBDIVISION FROM 13 BASSETT STREET

This area is directly behind the historical All Saints Church (1877) in New Brighton Road, and also the Burwood School (1872). A search of the history of these institutions shows quite a lot of information concerning the church and its links with the local community, (however there is very little information concerning the early history and personalities associated with school).

**NAMES OF HISTORICAL PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE AREA**

Name Option (1):     TOBIN LANE

Alternatives: "TOBINS LANE"  
                  "BALLYTOBIN LANE"

*Cecil Alexander Tobin*

*Vicar of All Saints, Burwood, 1910 - 1937*

*Well known local, historical identity. Played a significant role in the early history of the Burwood area. One of the longest-serving ministers.*

Born 1856 in Dublin, educated in Devon. (Ballytobin in Ireland commemorates the residence of the family in that area).

Migrated to New Zealand on the "Norfolk" in the 1880s.

In the North Island he lived among Maori, learned to speak Maori, and taught English.

Burwood became a separate, independent parish around 1906, (previously it had been part of either Avonside and/or New Brighton), and Mr Tobin became the first permanent vicar appointed after that.

Mr Tobin was one of the longest-serving ministers of the church, and known for his involvement with the local community. He was noted for riding a bicycle, spending much of his time visiting people in the district - his family said "he spent his life on other people's doorsteps". As an example, during the 1918 Influenza Epidemic, Mr Tobin "rode around Burwood taking the temperature of any person who was not well and reported home, whereupon Mrs Tobin or one of the daughters would cycle out to do what was necessary for the sick person". Food was also delivered to the households of the sick.

Around 1914 he privately purchased the famous "old vicarage" in New Brighton Road, giving it the Welsh name "Glan yr Afon", (Riverside).

Retired at the age of 81 years, as the oldest Anglican clergyman in Christchurch still in charge of a parish. Died in 1938, and is buried in the Burwood cemetery, outside the church that he had served in for 28 years.

"Baynes" (Baynes Street?) was the maiden name of Tobin's wife, Sarah Elizabeth Tobin

Note: It seems unlikely that there would be any possible confusion with "Robin St" (in local area). However, if there were any problems, alternatives could be "Tobins Lane" or "Ballytobin Lane".

Name Option (2):     ANNE WARD LANE

*Anne Ward*

*Famous for her pioneering work in promoting the rights of women, through the Womens Suffrage movement, as well as her practical services and religious involvement. Buried in the All Saints Burwood Cemetery*

Born 1826. Came to New Zealand in 1854. Wife of a judge of the Supreme Court (Charles Ward), and travelled throughout New Zealand with him.

Was the first president of the New Zealand Women's Christian Temperance Union and. A supporter of Women's Suffrage. Spent much of her life speaking to women's groups, visiting jails, and the homes of poor families. Organised "temperance kindergartens" for children of working mothers, also started Bible Classes.

In her obituary, her most notable achievement was work for Women's Suffrage, being a leader of a national organisation which would spearhead significant social and political reform in New Zealand. She is also recognised for her interest in the poor, and her involvement in religious matters.

Died aged 70 years on 31 May 1896, and is buried in the historical Burwood Parish Cemetery, alongside her husband.

Name Option (3):     ROGERS LANE

Alternatives: "AMELIA LANE"  
                  "FRANCES LANE"

*Amelia Frances Rogers, (nee Inwood)*  
*Born 1847*

*Opened the first Post Office in Burwood. Commemorated local identity, and founder of the All Saints Sunday School.*

Daughter of Henry Inwood, the first person buried in the historic All Saints graveyard.

Married "Master Mariner Brent Rogers", but he died after 18 months and they had no children.

Returned to Burwood and opened the Post Office, shop and library in the house at 348 New Brighton Road.

Started the Sunday School at All Saints Church in 1876, (prior to the building of the Church). She taught Sunday School until her death in 1928, (age 81). Amelia was one of the long-term and committed parishioners at All Saints, and paid for the cost of lighting in the early Church, using kerosene lamps.

Was Postmistress from 1891, providing post, telephone and telegraph services for the area.

A monument has been placed in New Brighton Road, commemorating Amelia Frances Rogers and the initial Post Office, that she operated.

