

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Rural Addressing

### The Importance of an Address

Rural properties can be difficult to locate without an easily understood addressing system. Many people have experienced the frustration of trying to find an unfamiliar rural property.

Relying on directions such as *'look out for the place with a tiled roof...about three k's down the road...first turn on the left'* can be confusing.

This frustration is also shared by emergency services, utilities and delivery and pick up services.

In an emergency, every second counts.

A delay in dispatching or arrival of emergency services because of a confusing address could mean the difference between life and death.

### About the Federal Government's Rural Addressing Project

The Federal Government, in consultation with Emergency Services, has developed a new nationwide Rural Addressing system to address the problem of rural residents not having a clearly understood and identifiable address.

Oberon Council has implemented this system and will assign a new property number to replace your current Lot, RMB or property number.

If you have an alternative address for your postal address, this will remain unchanged. If you receive mail at your property, you should change your postal address to show your allocated rural address number.

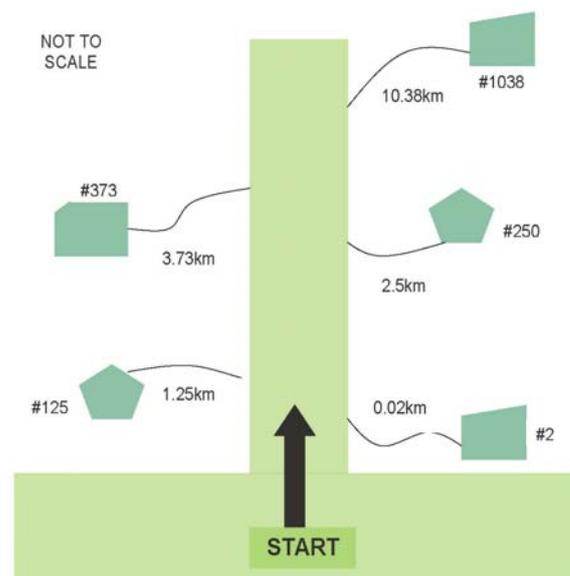
### How Rural Road Numbers are Allocated

Rural addressing involves allocating a logical property number based on the approximate distance from the start of the road to the entrance of the property.

For example, the number 125 refers to a property on the odd, or left side of the road, 1.25km from the start of the road.

Number 1038 is 10.38km from the beginning of the road and is on the even, or right side.

The sketch below shows the basic principles of the system.



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### Who allocates the numbers?

Oberon Council will allocate your rural road number.

If you move your entrance/gate more than 100 metres, your allocated number will change – make sure you contact the Council to get your new number.

### The Benefits of a Rural Address

Rural residents have always been disadvantaged by not having a clearly defined address.

This is costly, inconvenient, and may at times be the difference between life and death.

Rural addressing benefits a range of people and organisations including:

- Emergency Services (police, ambulance, fire brigade) by being able to locate your property in an emergency.
- Commercial business by improved delivery of goods and services.
- Australia Post for more efficient mail delivery.

It also:

- Makes your property easy to locate! Visitors will be able to follow the sequential numbers along the road and know the distance to reach your property.
- Improves services from local government, power, gas, water and telephone utilities.

### What you have to do

Council has already placed numbers and advised you of the new address.

The numbers should be in a conspicuous location at your front entrance, like near your gate if it is often open, or on your gate if you close it. It should be visible at all times and very close to the entry of your property.

If the numbers weren't placed for you and were left for you to place because there was no front fence or gate, please ensure these numbers are placed as soon as possible.

The numbers are reflective so they are able to be seen at night time.

### Using your number

If you have a number, use it now for all property identification purposes.

The more it is used, the more people will become familiar with the system.

It is there for your benefit.

### Additional Information and Support

Oberon Council's staff are always available to assist members of the community.

During business hours call Council on (02) 6329 8100.

A range of information is also available on Council's website [www.oberon.nsw.gov.au](http://www.oberon.nsw.gov.au)

