

New Suburb Named

Dear Stakeholder,

On Wednesday, 8 October 2025 the Northern Territory Minister for Lands Planning and Environment released the first new suburb name for the Greater Holtze Land Release area.

The new suburb of Asche is named after the late Dr Valerie Asche AM a respected microbiologist, researcher and community leader in the Northern Territory. Dr Asche was named NT Senior Australian of the year in 2000 and in 2001 was appointed Member of the Order of Australia for services to science, and to the community of the NT.

Dr Asche will be the first Territory women to have a suburb named after her in her own right.

Asche will include the Holtze Land Release, the Territory Reserve Parcel, and the Health Precinct, which houses the Palmerston Regional Hospital. All other areas of the existing Holtze suburb will remain unchanged.

A map of Asche is available on the back of this stakeholder notice.

The renaming of the suburb has been done to clearly distinguish the development from the existing rural suburb of Holtze and provide a streamlined administrative framework for the first urban area under the Greater Holtze Area Plan.

In order to ensure the timely delivery of much needed residential land, the Department has proactively taken all necessary steps to establish a distinct and meaningful suburb name. This process included thorough research and careful engagement with key stakeholders to ensure the name reflects community values and heritage.

If you have any questions regarding the new suburb name, please contact the Place Names Unit at place.names@nt.gov.au or on 08 8995 5334.

For all enquiries about the Holtze enabling infrastructure works please contact 1800 920 260 or email feedback@truenorthcomm.com.au.

Suburban boundary for the suburb of Asche

