

MEDIA RELEASE

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CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON HISTORIC SITE NAME

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal to officially name a historic site in King Creek.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Des Mooney, said public feedback is being sought on the proposal to name the site - adjacent to the Oxley Highway and 100 meters south of Rawdon Island Road – *Spencers Cutting*.

The name *Spencers Cutting* has been in local use since the early 1900s. The historical significance of the name can be seen in old newspaper articles dating back to 1905 reporting on the robbery of a mail coach that took place at ‘Spencers Cutting’.

The naming proposal was submitted by Kendall resident John Kenny and supported by a resolution from Port Macquarie Council in September last year.

Mr Kenny, who grew up near King Creek, said he recalled a sign post identifying the site as Spencers Cutting – in recognition of the Spence family who owned the land for many years – but the sign had vanished in recent times.

Mr Mooney said the board is encouraging community comment before it considers the proposal.

“It is important that place names reflect the character and history of the local area and community,” he said.

“We want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to provide their feedback on the proposed name.”

Details of the proposal can be viewed and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board’s website at www.qnb.nsw.gov.au.

Alternatively written submissions may be lodged with the Secretary, Geographical Names Board, 346 Panorama Ave, Bathurst, NSW, 2795.

The closing date for submissions is 27 March.