

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN A RESERVE NAME IN BAWLEY POINT**

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by Shoalhaven City Council to name a reserve in Bawley Point.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board Des Mooney said feedback is being sought on the proposal to name the site, consisting of Part Lot 98 DP 213760, located at the northern extent of Terragong Avenue, Watts Reserve.

Dorothy and Ray Watts were both valued members of the local community who first moved to Bawley Point in 1962.

Dorothy and Ray were involved in many community activities and donated their time, skills and funds to many local groups including fundraising to build the Kioloa Community Centre, lobbying for the Bawley Point Rural Fire Station and for Neighbourhood Watch to be established in the area.

In 2014 Ray was awarded the National Medal and was formally recognized for his forty year contribution to the NSW Rural Fire Service.

The reserve proposed to be named in honour of Dorothy and Ray Watts is located next to their old residence in Terragong Avenue.

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

“It is important 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 website at [www.gnb.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gnb.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 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2015.

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