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NAME PROPOSAL HONOURS LOCAL HISTORIAN

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by Canterbury City Council to name a local reserve.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Des Mooney, said public feedback is being sought on the proposal to name a reserve bounded by Close Street in Canterbury 'Lesley Muir Reserve'.

Dr Lesley Muir was a local historian and author. Together with her husband Brian Madden, Dr Muir was an active member of the Canterbury and District Historical Society.

Dr Muir was a tireless worker, dedicated to the society. She held the position of Chief Historian and was Vice President and Fellow of the Royal Australian Historical Society. She was well respected and an authority on local, state and Australian History.

In recognition of her contribution to recording and preserving local history, particularly in the Canterbury District, Dr Muir was awarded an OAM in the 2007 Australia Day Honours.

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.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 Tuesday 22nd May 2015.

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