

MEDIA RELEASE

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PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN A NEW LOCALITY IN BALLINA

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by Ballina Shire Council to amend the localities of Tintenbar and Cumbalum to create a new locality named Kinvara.

Council has informed the Board that the name Kinvara is to recognize the historical significance of the early Irish settlers in the area.

Kinvara is Irish and means ‘Hill by the sea’ or ‘Head of the sea’.

It is also a small rural town in Ireland located south of the town of Ballina.

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 proposal.”

A map of council’s proposal can be viewed at the Ballina Council Office, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina.

Details of the proposal can also be viewed and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board 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 21 September 2015

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