

MEDIA RELEASE

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PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN A PATHWAY NAME IN WENTWORTH FALLS

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by Blue Mountains City Council to name a pathway in Wentworth Falls.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Des Mooney, said feedback is being sought on the proposal to name the pathway, extending from Sinclair Crescent to Waratah Road within Wentworth Falls Lake Reserve, Stanley Bignell Walkway.

Stanley Bignell served in the RAAF in World War II with the rank of Flying Officer and was taken as a prisoner of war in January 1945.

Stanley and his family moved to Hazelbrook in 1956. He was a tireless community pioneer working with the Blue Mountains City Council to introduce a number of sporting opportunities for young people in the Blue Mountains.

Stanley helped establish the Blue Mountains Sailing Club at Wentworth Falls Lake and also worked to promote lake upgrades. He taught young people about boat building and sailing and founded the Hazelbrook soccer and netball clubs.

Stanley passed away in 1978 from injuries sustained while fighting in World War II.

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’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 Monday 16 November 2015.

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