

MEDIA RELEASE

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PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN A HILL NAME

The Geographical Names Board (GNB) is calling for public comment on a proposal by Wollondilly Shire Council to name a hill in Wallacia.

Chair of the GNB Narelle Underwood said feedback is being sought on the proposal to name the site at Nortons Basin Road as *Baines Hill*.

The name commemorates the Baines family who were prominent and well respected in the Wallacia area. In 1873 the highest recorded Nepean River flood was marked by William (Billy) Baines with a brass plaque on a sandstone block at his nearby Grove Farm.

The Baines family owned the land on which the hill is situated and the area is referenced by many residents and older generations as Baines Hill.

Mrs Underwood 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,” Mrs Underwood 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 GNB’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 31 July 2017.

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