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PROPOSED NAME FOR WATER FRONT RESERVE

The Port Stephens community is invited to comment on a proposed new name for the water front reserve between Shoal Bay Beach boat ramp and the Tomaree Lodge gates.

Chair of the NSW Geographical Names Board, Des Mooney, said Port Stephens Council had submitted a proposal to name the area Marrungbangbaa Reserve.

“The reserve borders the eastern end of Shoal Bay Beach from the Shoal Bay Boat Ramp to the Tomaree Lodge gates. The Tomaree National Park forms the western boundary,” Mr Mooney said.

“Port Stephens Council and the Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council alongside the Murrook Culture Centre and Worimi Elders have worked in collaboration to develop the name Marrungbangbaa Reserve.

“The Board is encouraging community comment before it considers adopting the proposal.”

In the Worimi language Marrungbangbaa means ‘beautiful place’.

The proposal is supported by NSW Trade and Investment and Crown Lands.

Details of the proposal can be viewed at www.gnb.nsw.gov.au

The closing date for submissions is Monday 8th September.

Submissions can be lodged online or in writing to:

The Secretary
Geographical Names Board
346 Panorama Ave
Bathurst NSW 2795