

MEDIA RELEASE

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PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN NAMES TO TWO RHODES RESERVES

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by the City of Canada Bay to name two reserves in Rhodes.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Des Mooney, said feedback is being sought on the proposal to name the following sites:

Lewis Berger Park for a reserve bounded by Rider Boulevard and Shoreline Drive.

The reserve commemorates Lewis Berger, the founder of Lewis Berger and Sons Pty Ltd, a linseed oil and paint manufacturing business established in Rhodes in 1916.

Lewis Berger and Sons supplied 60,000 gallons of paint used during the construction of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, providing work for many hundreds of people during the Great Depression.

Union Square for a reserve located at the junction of Mary Street and Rider Boulevard, neighbouring Rhodes Railway Station.

The proposed name is consistent with the famous Union Square located in New York.

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 Friday, 15 January, 2016.

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