

MEDIA RELEASE

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PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN A RESERVE NAME

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by Sutherland Shire Council to rename a reserve in Kurnell.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Narelle Underwood, said feedback is being sought on the proposal to rename the site between Lindum Road and Greenhills Street off Captain Cook Drive, from Green Hills Parklands to *Marang Parklands*.

Marang is a Dharawal word that means sandhill. The renaming of the reserve to Marang Parklands is an opportunity for council and the community to recognise and acknowledge the Dharawal language as the first language in the Sutherland Shire.

“The Geographical Names Board is committed to supporting the revival of Aboriginal languages and recognising our Aboriginal culture by recording and assigning appropriate place names,” said Mrs Underwood.

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,” she said. “The names we give places convey their significance through a sense of history and connection between people and place.”

“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 30 September 2017.

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