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Multicultural place names in NSW



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Place names provide a very important link between the community and the country in which it appears. Place names can commemorate important events or people specific to that community.

In New South Wales, the NSW Government encourages place names that acknowledge the multicultural nature of our society. For instance, the highest mountain in Australia, Mount Kosciuszko, was named by Paul Edmund Strzelecki in 1840 after his fellow countryman, Polish patriot, Tadeusz Kosciuszko.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES BOARD

The Geographical Names Board of NSW is responsible for naming features such as mountains, rivers, beaches, parks and suburbs. The Board encourages all communities to put forward names for unnamed places and features in their local area.

The Board is asking communities to put forward names that highlight the cultural diversity in their area. In particular, the Board is encouraging proposals that commemorate the contribution made by migrants to Australia.

Names put to the Board should comply with its place naming guidelines which are published on its website, www.gnb.nsw.gov.au.

The Board will work with local councils and the community to establish these place names wherever it can.

SOME EXAMPLES OF MULTICULTURAL NAMES IN NSW

Placename	Location	Country	Origin
Gelibolou St	Auburn	Turkey	Turkish spelling for Gallipoli
Rangihou Reserve	Parramatta	New Zealand	Maori name meaning new horizons, new dawning
Mount Kosciuszko	Kosciuszko National Park	Poland	Named after Polish patriot, Tadeusz Kosciuszko
Mihajlovic Reserve	Green Valley	Serbia	Vladimir Mihajlovic, a Yugoslav refugee helped establish a local Free Serbian Orthodox Church
Brallos Park	Holsworthy	Greece	Brallos is a high mountain pass and a village in the Peloponnese Mountains
Fortunato Foti Park	Prestons	Italy	Fortunato Foti was one of the founding members of the Marconi Club and a well known businessman and community leader of the Italian community in Sydney
La Perouse	Eastern Sydney	France	A suburb named after French navigator who entered Botany Bay a few days after Capt. Phillip
George Dan Reserve	Randwick	Lebanon	Named after George Dan who arrived in Australia from Lebanon as a 17 year old in 1884 who became a successful businessman
Miklouho-Maclay Park	Snails Bay	Russia	Nikolai Miklouho-Maclay was an internationally acclaimed anthropologist, sociologist, biologist. He established the Southern Hemisphere's first marine biology station at Watsons Bay



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For further advice or assistance on place naming in NSW contact the Board's Secretary.

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