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COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SOUGHT ON LAKE NAME PROPOSAL

The Geographical Names Board advises that Campbelltown City Council has submitted a proposal to name a lake, Thomson Lake.

The lake is located on the western side of the Main Southern Railway, adjacent to the southern perimeter of the University of Western Sydney Campbelltown Campus.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Des Mooney, said naming of local landmarks often reflected the history of the area.

“Naming helps to tell a story or history about a region or site,” he said.

“The lake was created in the early 1960s by the Thomson family to provide irrigation for the crops and pastures in connection with their dairy farm, ‘Claremont.’

“Before we consider adopting Council’s proposal it is important that everyone in the local community has a chance to provide their feedback on the proposed naming of the lake.

“Details of the proposal can be viewed and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board’s website at www.gnb.nsw.gov.au. The closing date for all submissions is 3 October, 2014.

“Public feedback forms a large part of what we do at the Geographical Names Board and for proposals to be successful it is important that they have the support of local residents.

“In addition, we also rely on our own guidelines as well as national conventions for naming of local landmarks, suburbs and street names.”

For more information on locality naming visit the Geographical Names Board website, www.gnb.nsw.gov.au.

Written submissions can also be lodged with the Secretary, Geographical Names Board, 346 Panorama Ave, Bathurst NSW 2795.