

MEDIA RELEASE

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PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN A NAME TO LEICHHARDT RESERVE

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by Leichhardt Municipal Council to name a reserve in Leichhardt.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Des Mooney, said feedback is being sought on the proposal to name the site, consisting of Lots 2-8 DP2393 and bounded by Derbyshire Road and Balmain Road, *Ibrox Park*.

The Leichhardt site is a place with significant historical and social value epitomizing working class aspirations.

Ibrox Park was a place where Gaelic immigrants came to play football, named probably in jest after the significant *Ibrox Park* in Glasgow. The name *Ibrox Park* first appeared on the Leichhardt Municipality Map in the 1880s.

The site of the current Sydney Secondary College (Leichhardt Campus) was originally named *Ibrox Park* from 1960-1976. The proposed reserve is located to the south of Sydney Secondary School.

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 25th August 2015.

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