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PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGES AND SIX NEW SUBURBS IN THE BLACKTOWN CITY COUNCIL AREA

The Geographical Names Board (GNB) is seeking public comment on a proposal from Blacktown City Council to change existing suburbs in its Local Government Area.

The proposal is to amend the suburb boundaries of Marsden Park, Schofields, Riverstone, Rouse Hill, Vineyard, Quakers Hill and Shanes Park. The amendments will result in the creation of six new suburbs named:

Melonba - Darug name for a type of wattle found in the area, commonly known as black wattle or early green wattle.

Angus - After John Angus a successful businessman and Shire President, Blacktown Shire Council 1917 to 1920.

Richards - After Benjamin Richards who is credited with establishing the Riverstone Meatworks in 1878.

Kwigan - Darug name for a type of native cherry found in the area.

Wran - Named after Neville Wran NSW Premier from 1976 to 1986.

Lynch - After former Mayor Jim Lynch. He was first elected to council in 1977, he was part of the team that lead to Blacktown being declared a City in 1979. Lynch was Mayor of Blacktown from 1981-1985.

The proposed new suburbs supports the planned development of the area. This development will need to cater for a population increase that will take place over the next 20 years.

“An important element of determining place names and boundaries is endeavouring to meet the approval of affected residents,” said Mrs Narelle Underwood, Chair of the Geographical Names Board.

“So, it can consider resident feedback the GNB is encouraging community comment before it considers adopting Council’s proposal”.

Copies of map GNB3725-4-A showing the proposed suburb boundary amendments will be on display at the following library locations:

- Max Webber Library, Cnr. Flushcombe Road and Alpha Street , Blacktown 2148
- Our Library @ The Mount Druitt Hub, Ayres Grove, Mount Druitt 2770

- Dennis Johnson Library, Cnr. Stanhope Parkway & Sentry Drive, Stanhope Gardens 2768
- Riverstone Library & Digital Hub, 1st Floor, Riverstone Village, Cnr. Market Street & Riverstone Parade, Riverstone 2765
- Lalor Park Library, Cnr. Freeman Street and Northcott Road, Lalor Park 2147

The proposal can also be viewed and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board's website at www.gnb.nsw.gov.au

Email submissions can be lodged with the Secretary, Geographical Names Board ss-GNB@finance.nsw.gov.au

Otherwise people can write to the Secretary, Geographical Names Board, 346 Panorama Ave, Bathurst, NSW 2795.

“Residents are invited to view the proposed boundary amendments and lodge submissions with the Geographical Names Board by Saturday 8 September 2018,” Mrs Underwood said.

The closing date for submissions is 8 September 2018.

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