

MEDIA RELEASE

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PROPOSAL TO RECOGNISE LOCAL WAR HERO

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by Maitland City Council to name a reserve.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Des Mooney, said public feedback is being sought on the proposal to name a reserve, located at the intersection of Champion Crescent and Scenic Drive in Gillieston Heights, *Joseph Maxwell Park*.

Maitland City Council has notified the board it wishes to recognise Joseph Maxwell VC, a former student of Gillieston Public School.

Mr Maxwell received Australia's highest military decoration, the Victoria Cross, for his bravery on the battlefield while serving with the Australian Infantry Force in World War I.

There are only 100 Australian recipients of this honour.

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 Monday 13 July 2015.

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