

MEDIA RELEASE

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PROPOSAL TO RECOGNISE LOCAL PHILANTHROPIST

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by Inverell Shire Council to name a watercourse.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Des Mooney, said public feedback is being sought on the proposal to name a gully, located in the suburb of Yetman, *Hayes Gully*.

The watercourse, contained within Lot 6 DP 750091 and around 4km in length, crosses Bedwell Downs Road approximately 79km north-north west of Inverell before joining Ena Creek.

The proposal by Inverell Shire Council has been made on behalf of Mr and Mrs Doney, the owners of the property the proposed gully runs through.

Mr and Mrs Doney's application seeks to honour the late Mervyn Douglas Hayes for his generosity to them and the wider local community, as well as rural-focused charities during his life time. Mr Hayes passed away in 2009.

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.qnb.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 Friday 10 July 2015.

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