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Proposal to rename a Reserve – Hawkesbury Park to James Goyen Reserve

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by Sutherland Shire Council to name a reserve in Sylvania Waters.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Narelle Underwood, said feedback is being sought on the proposal to rename *Hawkesbury Park* to *James Goyen Reserve*.

The reserve name was originally formalised in July 1985 as *Hawkesbury Park*, taking its name from the adjoining road. The reserve is located on the corner of Moruya Avenue and Hawkesbury Esplanade in the locality of Sylvania Waters.

The proposed new name honours James Goyen and recognises his contribution to the development of Sylvania Waters. Mr Goyen was a visionary builder in the St George District, and was instrumental in transforming the Gwawley Bay oyster farms into the water-front community that exists today.

“Place names often commemorate people that made a significant contribution to the area,” she said. “It is also important that place names reflect the character and history of the local area and community.”

Mrs Underwood said the board is encouraging community comment before it considers the proposal.

“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 18 May 2018.

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