

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN A RESERVE NAME**

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by Mid-Western Council to name a reserve in Mudgee.

Secretary of the Geographical Names Board, Michael van den Bos, said feedback is being sought on the proposal to name a reserve located on the corner of Banjo Patterson Avenue and Eleanor Dark Court, Matilda Park.

Matilda was a playful and much loved Border Collie puppy who lived at a property neighboring the reserve. Matilda, along with her brother Banjo, befriended the Council staff working on the park site.

Matilda in particular became very attached to the workers, spending every day with them and at times sleeping on their folding chairs and sharing their lunch. The workers treated her like their very own dog. Unfortunately, during the final days of construction Matilda was fatally injured.

Council staff and Matilda's family were devastated by her death and asked for the reserve to be named to commemorate her.

Mr van den Bos 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," he said.

Details of the proposal can be viewed and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board's website at [www.qnb.nsw.gov.au](http://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 Monday 12 September 2016.

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