

MEDIA RELEASE

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PROPOSAL TO RECOGNISE LOCAL PHILANTHROPIST

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by Blacktown 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 in Cawarra Street in Eastern Creek *Marlene Sewell Park*.

Over a period of 20 years Marlene Sewell raised many thousands of dollars for countless causes, in particular the Children's Ward of Mount Druitt Hospital, the Lupus Association of NSW and Eastern Creek Public School.

Marlene Sewell was an honorary custodian of the reserve for many years and assisted Blacktown City Council in maintaining its neat appearance.

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 Friday 29 May 2015.

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