

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN A RESERVE NAME IN NELSON BAY**

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by Port Stephens Council to name a reserve in Nelson Bay.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Ms Narelle Underwood, said feedback is being sought on the proposal to assign the name *Nelson Bay Apex Park* to the site bounded by Laman Street, Victoria Parade and Teramby Road.

The reserve is the site of the annual Anzac Day services. It was the original 'village green,' and contains a number of items of local heritage and cultural significance, including the Cenotaph, Centenary Column, National Service Memorial, the remains of the memorial steps and the original town well.

The Nelson Bay Apex Club has played a significant role in the reserve's development over time. In the early 1960s, the club took on the park as a community service to beautify the area.

Ms Underwood 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," Ms Underwood 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](http://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 Thursday 8 December 2016.

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