

MEDIA RELEASE

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PROPOSAL TO NAME A ST IVES RESERVE

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by Ku-ring-gai Council to name a reserve in St Ives.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Des Mooney, said feedback is being sought on the proposal to name the site at Carcoola Road *Lapwing Reserve*

In 2012 council acquired the land, which is adjacent to an existing reserve. Based on feedback of over 800 residents living nearby, the reserve is intended to provide extra play and leisure facilities including:

- A new playground as well as passive recreation opportunities
- New landscaping with native plants, retaining existing trees
- A small picnic shelter with tables and chairs and a drinking fountain
- A perimeter path and trails beneath existing trees

The community requested the new reserve be named *Lapwing Reserve* owing to the numerous sightings of the Lapwing birds nesting in the area.

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 <u>www.gnb.nsw.gov.au</u>.

Alternatively written submissions may be lodged with the Secretary, Geographical Names Board, 346 Panorama Ave, Bathurst, NSW, 2795.

The closing date for submissions is 11July.