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## PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN TWO RESERVE NAMES

The Geographical Names Board has received two proposals from Port Macquarie-Hastings Council regarding the naming of a park and a reserve in the local government area.

The council has proposed the reserve adjacent to River Street in Wauchope be named the Alf Trotter Reserve.

Alf Trotter was the longest serving president of the Wauchope Timbertown Tennis Club. He was a keen tennis player, coach and mentor to many young club members during his 30-year service. He also spent many summers teaching children to swim in the pool adjacent to the proposed reserve area.

The council has also proposed the park adjacent to Koala Street in Port Macquarie be named the Wayne Richards Park.

Wayne Richards was a councillor on Port Macquarie Council from 1995 until his death in 2003. He was a supporter of youth and sport in the Hastings region and was instrumental in the formation of the Mayor's Sporting Fund – a fund that continues today.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Des Mooney, said the board was encouraging community feedback before making a decision on whether to approve the new names.

“This is an opportunity for local residents to have input into a decision making process that affects their neighbourhood,” Mr Mooney said.

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).

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

The closing date for submissions is 29 December 2014.

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