

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **PROPOSAL FOR DUAL NAMING OF NEWCASTLE LANDMARKS**

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by the City of Newcastle to dual name eight geographical features.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Des Mooney, said feedback is being sought on the proposal to assign dual names to the following:

*Whibayganba* as a dual name for Nobbys Head, the headland located on the southern entrance to Newcastle Harbour.

*Tahlbihn* as a dual name for Flagstaff Hill, a hill rising about 30 metres from Nobbys Beach.

*Burrabihngarn* as a dual name for Pirate Point, a point of land approximately 1km west of Nobbys Head.

*Yohaaba* as a dual name for Port Hunter, for the port in Newcastle.

*Coquun* as a dual name for the Hunter River (South Channel), a channel forming part of the outlet to the sea.

*Khanterin* as a dual name for Shepherds Hill, a hill approximately 1.5kms south of Dyke Point.

*Toohrnbing* as a dual name for Ironbark Creek, a watercourse rising in Cardiff Heights flowing into the South Channel (Hunter River).

*Burragihnbihng* as a dual name for Hexham Swamp, a swamp approximately 12kms north-west of Newcastle.

Mr Mooney said many local councils were increasingly open to dual naming in recognition of long-established Indigenous links to local landmarks.

The most well-known dual name place is Uluru / Ayers Rock and more recently Wahluu / Mount Panorama.

“It is important that place names reflect the character and history of the local area and community,” Mr Mooney said.

“We want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to provide their feedback on the proposed

name”

Details of the proposals 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 31 August 2015.

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