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### **PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN AN URBAN PLACE**

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by the City of Ryde to name an urban place in Ryde.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board Narelle Underwood said feedback is being sought on the proposal to name the site near the intersection of Blaxland Road and Devlin Street, *Ryde Central*.

Previously home to the Ryde Civic Centre, Council invited submissions for the future development of the site. Attracting 175 entries from 47 countries, the winning entry was from the Beijing Institute of Architectural Design. The new complex is expected to house council and community facilities.

The proposed name for the site, *Ryde Central*, was voted the favourite from Council's naming competition. The competition invited the public to choose their preferred name for the new development.

Mrs 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," she 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 15 May 2017.

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