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MEDIA RELEASE

**PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN TWO RESERVE NAMES IN
THE SHELLHARBOUR LGA**

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by Shellharbour City Council to name two reserves in the suburb of Shell Cove: McKinnery Park and Ragamuffin Reserve.

The proposed name McKinnery Park is in honour of brothers Edward and Matthew McKinnery who owned the land on which the reserve is located in the early 1900s. The reserve is located at the corner of Hinchinbrook Drive and Norfolk Crescent.

Ragamuffin Reserve is consistent with the naming theme of the area being Sydney to Hobart yachts. Ragamuffin is the boat that won line honours in the Sydney to Hobart in 1979. The reserve is also located at the corner of Ragamuffin Circuit and Brindabella Drive.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Mrs Narelle Underwood, said the Board is encouraging community comment before it considers officially naming the reserves.

“It is important that place names reflect the character and history of the local area and community, place names should also be easily identified in an emergency services event,” she said.

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

Details of the proposal can be viewed and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board’s website at www.gnb.nsw.gov.au or by email to ss-GNB@finance.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 Monday 2 October 2017.

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