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BARANGAROO NAMES ASSIGNED

Chair of the Geographical Names Board Des Mooney today announced five new names at Barangaroo.

Nawi Cove for a cove on the western shoreline of the suburb of Barangaroo, situated south of the proposed Barangaroo Point.

Nawi is a Sydney Aboriginal word recorded by early colonists for the bark canoes that plied Sydney Harbour. Barangaroo herself would have used a nawi. There is a canoe wharf located within the cove.

Watermans Cove for a cove on the western shoreline of the suburb of Barangaroo, adjacent to the intersection of Barangaroo Avenue and Watermans Quay.

A waterman is a boatman skilled in rowing. They were integral to transport on the harbour. Whether you needed to board a ship at anchor in the harbour or you missed a ferry, the waterman could take you.

Marrinawi Cove for a cove located at the northern extent of the proposed Barangaroo Point Reserve, adjacent to Moores Wharf.

Marrinawi is an Aboriginal Sydney language word meaning big canoe or big ship. It was a new word developed by the local aboriginal people to describe the First Fleet ship Sirius and applied to other British sailing ships.

Dukes Pier for a pier located within Nawi Cove. There was a Duke's Wharf on the original headland of Millers Point.

Rowntrees Dock for a dock situated within Nawi Cove, recognising Rowntrees Floating Dock, a major 19th Century wharf that was located nearby.

The first four names listed were chosen by the Barangaroo Delivery Authority from a shortlist created in consultation with key stakeholders including the City of Sydney, Lend Lease, the Geographical Names Board of NSW, the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council and the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council.

In addition to the above consultation, Rowntrees Dock was selected following a public vote for a series of other locations to be named within Barangaroo.

The position and extent for these features is recorded and shown within the Geographical Names Register of New South Wales. This information can be accessed through the Board's website at www.gnb.nsw.gov.au