

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **PROPOSAL TO RECOGNISE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTALIST**

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by Wyong Shire Council to name a reserve.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Des Mooney, said public feedback is being sought on the proposal to name a reserve, located in Brush Road in the suburb of Fountaindale, *Mark Foster Reserve*.

The area is currently known locally as Fountaindale Ridge Reserve.

Mark Foster ran a bush regeneration business and contributed to hundreds of hectares of bush regeneration in the Wyong area.

Mr Foster was also active in the Landcare, Bushcare and Dunecare volunteer organisations and a firefighter with NSW Fire Brigades.

He was killed in an accident in early 2010.

Mr Mooney 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,” he 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 Friday 10 July 2015.

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