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PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN A RESERVE NAME IN KAHIBAH

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by Lake Macquarie City Council to name a reserve in Kahibah.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Des Mooney, said feedback is being sought on the proposal to name the reserve, located at the intersection of Waratah Street, Redhead Street and Banforth Lane, Pit Pony Park.

The name recognises the historical association of pit horses being stabled in the local area.

Locally the horses were referred to as ponies, a generic term used for any breed of horse or pony that worked within a mine.

Pit ponies worked with local coal miners underground in numerous mines throughout the region.

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.qnb.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 23 May 2016.

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