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MEDIA RELEASE

PROPOSAL TO NAME A HISTORIC SITE

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal to name a historic site in Haymarket.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Narelle Underwood, said feedback is being sought on the proposal to name the historic site in the vicinity of Lee Street, Pitt Street and Central Railway Station, Ambulance Service Historic Site.

The Civil Ambulance and Transport Brigade of NSW commenced operations in April 1895. The first ambulance station in NSW was a borrowed police station located at Central Railway Station in Haymarket, Sydney.

The Brigade was a community based organisation staffed by two permanent officers. Patients were transported on hand-held stretchers and hand-pushed litters. The first horse-drawn ambulance commenced in 1899 and first motor vehicle ambulance began operating in 1912; both were donated to the Brigade by the public.

The site remained headquarters of the Ambulance Service until its relocation to Quay Street, Sydney in September 1961.

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.

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 6 October 2017.

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