



MEDIA RELEASE

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Proposal to assign a reserve name in Walcha

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

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Narelle Underwood said feedback is being sought on the proposal to name the site located on the corner of Pakington Street and Croudace Street, Peter Fenwicke Oval.

The reserve, known locally as Walcha Oval, is proposed to be officially named in recognition of the contribution made to Walcha by Peter Fenwicke.

Peter, born in Walcha in 1932, was an all-round sportsman playing golf, cricket and tennis at a high level.

It was rugby with which Peter had the most success. He started playing with the local Walcha Rugby Club before joining the Australian Wallabies side in 1957. He captained Australia on two occasions and was a country selector from 1984 to 1986. Peter was the Walcha Golf Champion in 1968 and 1969, and a former captain of the NSW Country Cricket team.

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,” Mrs Underwood 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 Saturday 11 May 2019.

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