

Media Release

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HAVE A SAY ON NAME OF TWO RESERVES IN BLACKTOWN

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by Blacktown City Council to name two reserves in the Blacktown LGA.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board Narelle Underwood said feedback is being sought on the proposal to name the two reserves Ashlar Park and Edgar Barlow Park.

“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.”

Ashlar Park is bound by Fairwater Boulevard and Greenbank Drive in the suburb of Blacktown.

The reserve is located on the site of the former Ashlar Golf Club which operated as a public golf club for 65 years until its closure in 2012.

Edgar Barlow Park is bound by Kudgee Street and Piddington Street in the suburb of The Ponds.

The reserve is named in commemoration of Edgar Ormond Barlow, a local man killed in action at Villers-Bretonneux on the Western Front during World War I.

Edgar Barlow was a farm hand from Schofields (from which the suburb of The Ponds was excised in 2007) who enlisted in Sydney in 1917 at the age of 25.

He was one of the 238 men of the 35th Battalion killed or injured on the 4 April 1918 during a fierce battle which prevented the German Army from capturing the French village of Villers-Bretonneux.

This was a strategic battle which established an enduring bond between Australia and the French village.

Details of the proposal can be viewed and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board’s website at www.gnb.nsw.gov.au.

Alternatively, email submissions can be sent to ss-gnb@customerservice.nsw.gov.au or written submissions may be lodged with the Secretary Geographical Names Board 346 Panorama Avenue Bathurst NSW 2795.

The closing date for submissions is Wednesday 22 January 2020.

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