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Media Release

HAVE YOUR SAY ON A PLACE NAME IN PARKES LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

The Geographical Names Board is seeking community feedback on a proposal by Parkes Shire Council to name an overnight camping and picnic area in the suburb of Bogan Gate as Baayay Girrawiiny.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board Narelle Underwood said the proposed name sought to acknowledge the location as a meeting and trading place for groups within the Wiradjuri nation.

“Through place naming, communities have the opportunity to unlock past stories, preserve traditions, reawaken language and provide a sense of belonging and identity,” Ms Underwood said.

“We want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to provide their feedback on the proposed name.”

The word Baayay means a meeting place of two parties while the word Girrawiiny means a quiet place with many pretty flowers.

The site is located on Hutton Street, Bogan Gate and is to be used as an overnight rest area with a table and barbecue facilities.

Parkes Shire Council worked with the Bogan Gate Community Consultative Committee which consulted with local Wiradjuri Elders before proposing the name. The proposed name is in Wiradjuri language.

Details of the proposal, including a map, can be viewed and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board’s website: www.GNB.nsw.gov.au

Alternatively, written submissions may be mailed to the Secretary, Geographical Names Board, 346 Panorama Ave, Bathurst, NSW 2795.

The closing date for submissions is 1 October.