

MEDIA RELEASE

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SWEET SUGGESTION FOR RESERVE NAME

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

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Des Mooney, said public feedback is being sought on the proposal to name a reserve bounded by Parramatta Road and Allen Street 'Arnotts Reserve'.

William Arnott Ltd (now known as Arnott's Biscuits Ltd) was the owner of the site from 1927 to 1997. Arnott's factory staff historically used the reserve for recreation. The site contained lawn bowling greens, buildings associated with the greens and a cricket oval.

Arnott's Biscuits has historical associations with the Strathfield and Homebush districts. As a large local employer Arnotts made a significant contribution to the development of Homebush in the 20th century until the factory's closure in 1997.

Members of the Arnott family lived in Strathfield for many decades and actively supported businesses and the local community.

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.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 Tuesday 22nd May 2015.

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