

## Media Release

### **HAVE A SAY ON NAMING A RESERVE AFTER SIR JACK BRABHAM**

The Geographical Names Board is calling for community comment on a proposal by Camden Council to name a reserve in Oran Park.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board Narelle Underwood said feedback is being sought on the proposal to name the reserve located at the intersection of Dick Johnson Drive and South Circuit as Jack Brabham Reserve.

“It is important the name reflects the character and history of the local area and community,” Mrs Underwood said.

The proposed name commemorates Sir Jack Brabham, AO, OBE. Sir Brabham was a former Royal Australian Air Force mechanic and started his motorsport career on Australian speedway dirt tracks in the late 1940s. He won the Formula One Grand Prix World Drivers’ Championship three times and the automobile Constructors’ Championship twice.

After working overseas for a number of years, Sir Brabham returned to Australia to race at Oran Park Raceway in the Australian Touring Park Championship.

In 1966 Jack was named Australian of the Year and awarded the Officers of the British Empire. He was knighted for his services to motor sport in 1978. He was also awarded the Order of Australia medal in 2008 for service to motor sport as an ambassador, mentor and promoter of safety. Jack Brabham passed away in March 2014.

The reserve is located on the site of the former Oran Park Motor Racing Circuit and the proposed name reflects the history of the area.

Mrs Underwood said the board is encouraging community comment before it considers the proposal.

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

Details of the proposal can be viewed and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board’s [website](#).

Alternatively written submissions may be lodged with the Secretary Geographical Names Board 346 Panorama Avenue Bathurst NSW 2795.



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The closing date for submissions is Saturday 28 September 2019.

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