

Media Release

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HAVE A SAY ON NAME OF THREE RESERVES IN WOLLONGONG LGA

The Geographical Names Board is seeking community feedback on proposals by Wollongong City Council to name three reserves in the suburb of Kembla Grange.

The proposed names are Mogomorra Park, McPhail Reserve and Stane Dyke Park.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board Narelle Underwood is encouraging community comment before the board considers the proposals.

“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 names.”

The name Mogomorra Park is proposed for a reserve on the corner of Paynes Road and Farm Road at Kembla Grange.

Mogomorra is a local Aboriginal name for the Kembla Grange area and has support from the Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council (ILALC).

McPhail Reserve is proposed for the park bound by Sheaffes Road, Stewards Drive, Farrier Place and Paynes Road while the reserve located between Sheaffes Road and Bentley Road is proposed to be named Stane Dyke Park.

The proposed Stane Dyke Park fronts Stane Dyke Homestead, a heritage item identified in the Wollongong Local Environment Plan 2009 as having local heritage significance.

‘Stane Dyke’ is Scottish for stone wall, and was built c.1890 and relocated in 1930 to its current location.

McPhail Reserve commemorates the McPhail family who were the last owners of the subject land and resided in the Stane Dyke Homestead since it was built in the 1880s.

The McPhail’s were successful dairy farmers at the time and are noted for donating land in Kembla Grange for the construction of the West Dapto Public School.

The stone for the old school was obtained from the same quarry used for the Stane Dyke homestead.

Details of the proposals can also be viewed and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board’s website.

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 Friday 24 January 2020.

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