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HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE NAME OF A RESERVE IN THE CITY OF PARRAMATTA LGA

The Geographical Names Board is seeking community feedback on a proposal by the City of Parramatta Council to name a reserve in the suburb of Carlingford as *Roland Wakelin Reserve*.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board Narelle Underwood said community comment is being sought on the proposal to name Roland Wakelin Reserve.

“It is important that place names reflect the character and history of the local area and community,” she said.

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

The reserve is located on Felton Road, near the intersection of Pennant Hills Road and Jenkins Road, Carlingford.

The proposed name seeks to commemorate Roland Shakespeare Wakelin (1887-1971), born in New Zealand and moved to Sydney in 1912 where he enrolled in the Royal Art Society School to study drawing and painting.

He became a central figure in the group of artists who were pivotal to the development of modernism in Australian art during the early 20th century.

His work is represented in all major Australian public collections including the Art Gallery of NSW.

Wakelin was a member of the Northwood Group of landscape painters that regularly gathered to paint outdoors throughout the 1930s and 1940s.

The surrounding Mobbs Hill landscape was a favourite spot for the Northwood Group with its rolling hills and built heritage elements, such as water reservoirs, churches, heritage houses and farms.

Wakelin completed a number of works of the surrounding landscape between 1935 and 1950, including *Carlingford Pastoral* (1935), *Afternoon, Carlingford* (1949) and *House at Carlingford* (1950).

The location of the reserve would likely have functioned as a vantage point for one or more of these paintings due to its ridgeline prominence and extensive views to the south and north prior to urbanisation of the area.

Details of the proposal can also 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.

The closing date for submissions is 18 October 2020.

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