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HAVE YOUR SAY ON A PLACE NAME IN SHOALHAVEN LGA

The Geographical Names Board is seeking community feedback on a proposal by Shoalhaven City Council to name a reserve in the suburb of Berry as *Boongaree*.

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

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

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

The reserve is located on the corner of Woodgate Mountain Road and North Street and is currently known locally as Berry District Park.

The site is presently under construction and will host a rugby league field, cricket pitch, tennis courts, skatepark and an amenities block.

The word Boongaree from the Wodi Wodi people of the Dharawal Nation is the traditional Aboriginal name for the Berry area.

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

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

The closing date for submissions is 6 June 2021.

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