



Media Release

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HAVE YOUR SAY ON A PLACE NAME IN GEORGES RIVER LGA

The Geographical Names Board is seeking community feedback on a proposal by Georges River Council to name a reserve in the suburb of Oatley as *Boorea Reserve*.

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 name ‘Boorea’ is an Aboriginal word from the Dharawal Language, meaning turpentine tree.

The proposal to name the reserve came from the community via the Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society and is intended to recognise the native trees that are characteristic of the area – Turpentine (*Syncarpia glomulifera*).

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 29 October 2021.