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Media Release

HAVE YOUR SAY ON A PLACE NAME IN GLENN INNES SEVERN LGA

The Geographical Names Board is seeking community feedback on a proposal by Glen Innes Severn Shire Council to name a reserve located on the corner of Dumaresq and Ferguson streets in the suburb of Glen Innes as Lex Ritchie Park.

Acting Chair of the Geographical Names Board (GNB) Thomas Grinter said feedback was being sought on the proposed name and encouraged community comment before the GNB considers the proposal.

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

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

The proposed name seeks to commemorate Alexander Ritchie OAM (1927-2007) for his contribution to the Glen Innes Highlands community.

Alexander, also known as Lex, was largely responsible for formalising the tourism industry in Glen Innes during the 1980s and 1990s.

Lex was dedicated to promoting and attracting visitors to the area and had a strong connection to the racecourse which is adjacent to the reserve.

He was involved in the bid for the Australian Standing Stones monument and the formation of the Celtic Festival in 1992.

Lex also supported the formation of Minerama Fossicking, Gem and Jewellery Show and construction of the Glenn Innes Visitor Information Centre.

GNB is seeking feedback to gauge community sentiment for the proposed name.

Suggestions for alternative names are not being sought at this time.

Details of the proposal can be viewed and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board’s [website](https://www.gnb.nsw.gov.au/): <https://www.gnb.nsw.gov.au/>.

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

The closing date for submissions is 15 July 2022.

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