



## Media Release

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### HAVE YOUR SAY ON A PLACE NAME IN BLACKTOWN LGA

The Geographical Names Board is seeking community feedback on a proposal by Blacktown City Council to name a reserve in the suburb of Blacktown as *Beryl Simes Smith Park*.

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

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

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

The reserve is located on the corner of Fourth Avenue and Prince Street, Blacktown.

The proposed name seeks to commemorate Beryl Simes Smith (1918 –2014) who was an inspirational and influential teacher and principal of Blacktown Girls' High School, which is located approximately 250 metres north of the reserve.

Miss Beryl Simes Smith led and inspired generations of students at schools across NSW in her 40 years in the school system. Former students speak of Beryl Simes Smith directly contributing to their strong sense of integrity, perseverance and ethics which has made a generational impact on Blacktown.

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 September 2021.