



## Media Release

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

The Geographical Names Board is seeking community feedback on a proposal by Camden Council to name a reserve in the suburb of Mount Annan as *Joseph Maiden Reserve*.

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

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

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

The reserve is located at 50 Stenhouse Drive, Mount Annan, Camden local government area.

The proposal seeks to commemorate Joseph Maiden, the first curator of the Technological Museum in Sydney (1881-1896) who became the consulting botanist to the Department of Agriculture and Superintendent of Technical Education.

In 1896, Mr Maiden was appointed Government Botanist and Director of the Botanic Gardens in Sydney, succeeding Charles Moore, who had been one of his botanical mentors. Maiden was instrumental in establishing the first formal herbarium, museum, and library.

The name has been in use unofficially for over 20 years.

GNB is seeking feedback to gauge community sentiment for the proposed name. Suggestions for alternative names is not being sought at this time.

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 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021.