



Media Release

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HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE NAME OF A RESERVE IN CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN LGA

The Geographical Names Board is seeking community feedback on a proposal by Canterbury-Bankstown Council to name a reserve in the suburb of Villawood as *Dick Payten Reserve*.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board Narelle Underwood said feedback is being sought on the proposal.

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

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

The proposal seeks to commemorate David (Dick) Clifford Payten, OAM.

Dick Payten was part of the 7th Division that fought in the Middle East and New Guinea in World War II.

Following the war, he resided in Bankstown and was President of the 7th Australian Division Association and instrumental in the development of memorials and commemorations.

He dedicated much of his life to ensuring those that fought as part of the 7th Division were never forgotten. Mr Payten died on 1 March 2020.

The reserve is located along the Remembrance Driveway which stretches along the Hume and Federal Highways between Sydney and Canberra.

It stands as a living memorial honouring all those who served in the Australian Defence Forces in World War II and subsequent wars or conflicts, and was launched in 1954 by the Queen and Prince Philip.

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 24 April 2021.

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