

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN ST CLAIR RESERVE A NAME**

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by Penrith City Council to name a reserve.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Des Mooney, said public feedback is being sought on the proposal to name the reserve, bounded by Denver Road and Colorado Drive in St Clair, *Martin Reserve*.

Penrith City Council has received a request seeking to have the reserve named after the late community members Bill and Eva Martin.

William (Bill) George Martin was a veteran of both WWI and WWII and past president of St Marys RSL sub branch. He was granted a 52 acre parcel of land following WWI and together with his wife Eva established the Park Riding School in 1926.

During WWII, while Bill was serving in North Africa, Eva continued running the riding school. Local children knew of and referred to Bill and Eva as Uncle Bill and Auntie Eva. The couple continued to operate the riding school until the early 1970s.

Bill passed away in 1976 and Eva in 1983.

Mr Mooney 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,” he said.

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

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

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

The closing date for submissions is Friday 24 July 2015.

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