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**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN A RESERVE NAME**

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

Secretary of the Geographical Names Board, Michael van den Bos, said “feedback is being sought on the proposal to name the reserve bounded by Edgar Street, Bartels Park.”

Gregory Bartels was an Alderman of Willoughby City Council from 1983 to 1993. He served two terms as Deputy Mayor from 1985 to 1987 and 1989 to 1991, and was elected Mayor of Willoughby in 1991.

Mr Bartels devoted much of his life to public service, as patron, chairman, member and director of many local groups including Chatswood Golf Club, Chatswood RSL club, the Northern Sydney Area Health Service Board and Chatswood Community Care Association.

Mr Bartels was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2000 and was awarded the Centenary Medal in 2003 for this service to the local community.

Mr van den Bos said the board is encouraging community comment before it considers the proposal.

“It is important that the name reflects 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 Monday 12 September 2016.

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