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HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE NAMES OF RESERVES IN CAMDEN LGA

The Geographical Names Board is seeking community feedback on proposals by Camden Council to name four reserves.

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

“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 names.”

Holmes Park will be located within the future subdivision of Emerald Hills Estate, in the suburb of Leppington.

The proposed name refers to Holmes Farm named by Henry Kable in 1810. Kable and his wife, Susannah Holmes, were first fleet convicts and held the colony’s first European marriage.

Henry was an early pioneer in shipbuilding and maritime business, operated the first stagecoach deliveries in the colony and successfully instigated the first civil lawsuit in NSW.

Ina Cameron Park in the suburb of Elderslie seeks to commemorate Ina Cameron, a long-term resident of the suburb who was heavily involved with the local community.

Mrs Cameron and her husband Gordon moved to Camden in 1946, where she partnered with her brother and sister-in-law in the Capitol Café on Argyle Street, on the site now occupied by Creme Della Creme.

In 1950, Mrs Cameron and her husband opened a menswear store in Argyle Street, which they operated for 16 years before Mr Gordon Cameron’s passing.

Mrs Cameron was the last foundation widow member of Camden Rotary.

Henry Oliver Park in the suburb of Elderslie seeks to commemorate Dr Henry Oliver, principal of Campbelltown-Camden Grammar School during the 1890s.

He moved the school to Studley Park in 1902, which was located near the site of the reserve.

Bates Reserve in the suburb of Elderslie, seeks to commemorate Thomas Bates, a pioneer who received the earliest land grant in Elderslie in 1812.

Thomas Bates arrived in Sydney in 1791 with the NSW Corps.

Details of the proposals 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 07 May 2021.

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