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## Media Release

### HAVE YOUR SAY ON A PLACE NAME IN GRIFFITH

The Geographical Names Board (GNB) is seeking community feedback on a proposal by Griffith City Council to name a reserve in the suburb of Griffith as Prendergast Park.

Acting Chair of the GNB Thomas Grinter said feedback was being sought on the proposal for the name Prendergast Park.

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

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

The reserve is on the corner of Yoolooma Street, Ortella Street and Gordon Avenue, in the suburb of Griffith and is unofficially known as Ortella Park.

Griffith City Council sought suggestions from the public from September 2021 for a name for the reserve which would commemorate a person of significance to the local community.

The name Prendergast Park was selected by Council from six names put forward by the community.

The name seeks to commemorate Lennon Charles Prendergast (1926-2009), a founding and life member of Griffith Pioneer Park Museum and a life member of the Ex-Serviceman's Bowling Club.

Mr Prendergast, along with his five brothers, became builders under the name of Prendergast Brothers. Their father Charles Prendergast was a builder who built many houses in the immediate area from the 1930s and 1940s.

Mr Prendergast was also a long-standing Griffith Rotarian.

GNB is seeking feedback to gauge community sentiment for the proposed name.

Suggestions for alternative names are 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 6 June 2022.

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