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HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE NAME OF A RESERVE IN SUTHERLAND LGA

The Geographical Names Board is seeking community feedback on a proposal by Sutherland Shire Council to name a reserve in the suburb of Kirrawee as Bidy Giles Park.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board Narelle Underwood 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,” Mrs Underwood said.

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

The reserve is located on the corner of Flora Street and Oak Road, in Kirrawee.

The proposed name seeks to commemorate the late Bidy Giles, a Gweagal woman who had extensive knowledge of Dharawal land from the south side of the Georges River to Wollongong.

Bidy was renowned for her knowledge of the land, storytelling and bush tucker cooking, often acting as a guide with her husband in the local area for travellers on hunting and fishing expeditions.

Bidy passed away in the 1890s and her descendants still live in the Sutherland area.

Details of the proposal can also be viewed, and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board’s [website](#).

Alternatively, email submissions can be sent to ss-gnb@customerservice.nsw.gov.au or written submissions may be lodged with the Secretary Geographical Names Board, 346 Panorama Avenue, Bathurst NSW 2795.

The closing date for submissions is 12 September 2020.

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