



Media Release

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HAVE YOUR SAY ON PLACE NAMES IN CAMDEN LGA

The Geographical Names Board is seeking community feedback on proposals by Camden Council to name four reserves in the suburb of Elderslie.

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.”

As part of Council’s ‘Your Parks Your Voice Program’, students at Elderslie Public School were approached to provide possible names as part of their local history study research, naming local pioneers. The students selected the following names:

John Condron Park for a reserve located at 2 Kingsman Avenue, Elderslie.

This proposed name seeks to commemorate John Condron who was one of three herdsmen for John Macarthur of Camden Park. Condron was a convict who arrived in Australia in 1800 and was granted his freedom. In 1812, he was granted 100 acres by Governor Lachlan Macquarie. This was the second parcel of land granted in the Narellan area.

William Parrott Park for a reserve located at 87 Lodges Road, Elderslie.

This proposed name seeks to commemorate William Parrott who was a shoemaker for John Macarthur. Governor Lachlan Macquarie granted Mr Parrott 100 acres. This property became known locally as “Parrots Farm” and was the first land grant in the Narellan area. William Parrott died on the 20th of June 1824, when he was 56 years old.

William Payne Reserve for a reserve located at 11 Corven Avenue, Elderslie.

This proposed name seeks to commemorate William Payne who purchased both Parrotts Farm and Condron Farm from William Thompson. Payne began construction of a Gentleman’s Residence, as well as several other buildings.

Payne named the property, “Studley Park”. The buildings that Payne constructed were used for different purposes over the years, including Camden Grammar School, a setting

for Fox Studios, Department of Defence training school headquarters, and a golf club.

James Hartup Park for a reserve located at 7 Greenfield Crescent, Elderslie.

This proposed name seeks to commemorate James Hartup (1921 – 2015) who was the owner and local butcher at the Narellan Butcher Shop for 18 years.

The shop provided a service delivering meat to the Camden community including Camden Hospital, Narellan Leagues Club at Leppington, as well as donating meat to the Lions Club and Apex Club for local charity events.

When the family sold the butcher shop, Hartup worked for Camden Council as part of the repair crew on the Camden Bridge after it was destroyed by flood.

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

Suggestions for alternative names is not being sought at this time.

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 8th November 2021.