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PROPOSAL TO HONOUR LOCAL LINDFIELD WAR HERO

The Geographical Names Board is considering a proposal by Ku-ring-gai Council to name a sports field on Sydney's North Shore after renowned WWI correspondent Charles Bean.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Des Mooney, said the Board was seeking community comment before considering adopting the council's proposal.

"The sports field is bounded by Dunstan Grove, Eton Road and Shout Ridge in Lindfield, and Charles Bean lived near this sportsground at Clifton for some 30 years," he said.

"Location and street names can help tell the history of the local area and it is important everyone has their chance to provide feedback."

Bean was Australia's first war correspondent and later became a WWI historian. He wrote six volumes and edited the remainder of the official histories of Australia in the WWI period.

His bravery was legendary and he followed the first troops ashore at Anzac Cove on 25 April 1915.

He was pivotal in the creation of the Australian War Memorial. Opening in Canberra in 1941, Bean became chairman of the memorial's board a decade later.

Mr Mooney said details of the proposal could be viewed and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board's website at 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 10 November 2014.

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