



MEDIA RELEASE

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Proposal to assign a reserve name – Don Dobie Reserve

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by Sutherland Shire Council to name a reserve in Greenhills Beach.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Narelle Underwood, said feedback is being sought on the proposal to name the site located at 422 Captain Cook Drive, Don Dobie Reserve.

The reserve is proposed to honour the memory of the late James Mathieson Donald Dobie, known as Don. Mr Dobie was a member of the Australian Parliament representing the seats of Hughes and Cook from 1966 to 1996.

He was appointed Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Sir William McMahon from 1971 to 1972.

Don Dobie was an effervescent and popular member of the local community supporting Sutherland's hospital, surf and servicemen's clubs and other institutions. He was a local member, renowned for his attendance at community functions and events.

The proposal was previously proposed and advertised in 2013, however was deferred at that time due to a lack of support. After further consideration council has resubmitted the proposal.

Mrs Underwood said the board 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," she said.

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

Details of the proposal can 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 Friday 18 May 2018.

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