

## Media Release

### HAVE A SAY ON NAMING RESERVE IN DUFFYS FOREST

The Geographical Names Board is calling for community comment on a proposal by Northern Beaches Council to name a reserve in Duffys Forest.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board Narelle Underwood said feedback is being sought on the proposal to name the reserve located on Guwara Road as Mary Newlinds Reserve.

“It is important the names reflect the character and history of the local area and community,” Mrs Underwood said.

The proposed name is in commemoration of Dr Mary Newlinds OAM. Dr Newlinds was a General Practitioner in Terry Hills and known as a caring and empathetic doctor. She was an important part of the local community, volunteering her time with many local organisations.

Dr Newlinds was a strong advocate for the environment and in 1965, she helped establish the Duffys Forest Residential Association. Dr Newlinds was a member of the organisation for fifty years and fought hard to protect the amenity of Duffys Forest and its bushland fringes. In 2002, Dr Newlinds was awarded the Order of Australia medal for service to the community. Dr Mary Newlinds passed away in March 2018.

Mrs Underwood said the board is encouraging community comment before it considers the proposal.

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

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

Email submissions can be sent to [ss-gnb@customerservice.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ss-gnb@customerservice.nsw.gov.au) or written submissions to the Secretary Geographical Names Board 346 Panorama Avenue Bathurst NSW 2795.

The closing date for submissions is 28 September 2019.