

MEDIA RELEASE

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PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN A WARILLA RESERVE NAME

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by Shellharbour City Council to name a reserve in Warilla.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Des Mooney, said feedback is being sought on the proposal to name a reserve located at the intersection of Stephanie Avenue and Veronica Street, *Tom Wyatt Park*.

Tom Wyatt was a valued member of the local community who passed away in 1998.

Mr Wyatt served two terms as an Alderman of the Shellharbour Municipal Council from 1956 to 1962. He was instrumental in the creation of local sports fields and sporting groups in the Warilla and Lake Illawarra areas and assisted with the establishment of the Church of England in Warilla.

In retirement Mr Wyatt took up painting and donated several of his works of art he created to Shellharbour City Council.

Mr Mooney 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,” he 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 15 July 2016.

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