



## Media Release

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### HAVE YOUR SAY ON A PLACE NAME IN MID-WESTERN LGA

The Geographical Names Board is seeking community feedback on a proposal by Mid-Western Regional Council to name a reserve in the suburb of Rylstone as *Bill Staff Park*.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board Narelle 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.

“It is important that place names reflect the character and history of the local area and community.”

The reserve is located between Louee Street, Bylong Valley Way and the Cudgegong River.

The proposed name seeks to commemorate the late Bill (William) Francis Staff, a valued member of the Rylstone community remembered for his love of history in the local area, and his 36 year service as President of the Rylstone District Historical Society.

Mr Staff attended school in the neighbouring town of Kandos, after which he studied teaching and returned to the area to teach.

He later became principal of Rylstone Public School in 1968, where he remained until his retirement in 1981.

In 2002 Mr Staff was honoured with a Medal of the Order of Australia for his contributions to Rylstone, and in 2007 the Cross of Honour was bestowed upon him by the Pope. Mr Staff passed away in 2011.

Details of the proposal can also 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 Avenue, Bathurst NSW 2795.

The closing date for submissions is 18 July 2021.