

## Media Release

# HAVE YOUR SAY ON A PLACE NAME IN WOOLLAHRA LGA

**Tuesday, 2 May 2023**

The Geographical Names Board (GNB) is seeking community feedback on a proposal by Woollahra Municipal Council to name a reserve in the suburb of Paddington as Gugara Park.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board Narelle Underwood said feedback is being sought on the proposal to name Gugara Park which is located on the corner of Dillon Street and Neild Avenue, Paddington.

Woollahra Municipal Council consulted with a local Aboriginal organisation, who recommended the use of the local Dharawal Language word for kookaburra, gugara as the reserve is home to many kookaburras.

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

Details of the proposal can 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 Ave, Bathurst, NSW 2795.

The closing date for submissions is 2 June, 2023.

### **Quotes to be attributed to Chair of the Geographical Names Board Narelle Underwood**

"Through place naming, communities have the opportunity to unlock past stories, preserve traditions, reawaken language and provide a sense of belonging and identity."

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

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