

MEDIA RELEASE

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PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN THREE RESERVE NAMES IN RHODES

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by the City of Canada Bay to name three reserves in Rhodes.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Des Mooney, said feedback is being sought on the proposal to name the following sites:

John Whitton Reserve for a reserve located at the northern extent of Blaxland Road in the suburb of Rhodes.

The name commemorates John Whitton, a NSW Railways Engineer in Chief.

Mr Whitton worked for NSW Railways from 1856 to 1899 and is known by many as the Father of NSW Railways.

The reserve is located underneath a railway bridge built in 1886 designed by John Whitton. The bridge carried rail traffic over the Parramatta River until 1977 when it was replaced with a new bridge located alongside it.

Hoskins Reserve for a reserve bounded by Shoreline Drive and Walker Street in the suburb of Rhodes.

The reserve commemorates G & C Hoskins Ltd who established a cast iron foundry in Rhodes. The business was located on the western side of the Rhodes railway station between 1911 and 1928.

Phoenix Park for a reserve bounded by Shoreline Drive and Gauthorpe Street located in the suburb of Rhodes.

The proposed name remembers Tulloch's Phoenix Iron Works established in 1913. The iron works were located between the railway and Concord Road where the current Rhodes Corporate Park is situated.

During World War II, Tulloch's Phoenix produced a number of ships for the war effort and in the 1960s manufactured CityRails rolling stock of train cars. The iron works closed in 1974.

Mr Mooney said the board is encouraging community comment before it considers the

proposal.

“It is important 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 27 November 2015.

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