

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN THREE RESERVES**

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

Secretary of the Geographical Names Board, Michael van den Bos, said feedback is being sought on the proposal to name the reserves at a new development near Kent Road.

Each of the proposed names for the new reserves Reverend Soo Park, Annabel Park and Doctor Darragh Park reflect the character and history of the local area and community.

Reverend Soo Park, located at the western end of Galloway Street, is inspired by Reverend George Soo Hoo Ten, the first Chinese man in the colony to be ordained by the Anglican Church. In 1885 he was put in charge of the new Chinese Anglican Church that was established on the corner of Botany Road and Tramway Street, Mascot. He is an important figure in both the history of the local area and NSW.

Annabel Park located on the corner of Muller Lane and Galloway Street, originates from the Annabel family, who were prominent market gardeners in the Mascot area. Their 25-acre farm was located at the western end of Coward Street.

Doctor Darragh Park located on the corner of Gearin Alley and Church Avenue is named after Doctor Darragh who was born in 1898 and graduated from the University of Sydney in 1923 with a Bachelor of Medicine and Master of Surgery. He ran a practice in Botany for decades before he died in 1960. A reserve on the corner of Botany Road and Wentworth Avenue Mascot was previously named as Dr Darragh Park however the land was resumed in 2014 by Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) for the West Connex Enabling Works.

Mr Van den Bos 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,” he said

Details of the proposal can be viewed and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board’s website at [www.gnb.nsw.gov.au](http://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 12 September.

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