



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Proposal to assign a reserve name

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by Cessnock City Council on behalf of the Freemasons Lodge Cessnock, to name a reserve in Cessnock.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Narelle Underwood said feedback is being sought on the proposal to name the site at Quarry Street as *Freemasons Park*.

The proposed name seeks to commemorate Lodge Cessnock No. 252 which was dedicated on 19 December 1907. Many notable Freemasons have made significant contributions to the town of Cessnock including undertaking philanthropic activities.

Mrs Underwood said the board is encouraging community comment before it considers formalising the name.

“It is important that place names reflect the character and history of the local area and community,” Mrs Underwood 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](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 19 July 2019.

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