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PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN A CIVIC PLACE NAME

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by Bayside Council to name a civic place in Sans Souci.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Narelle Underwood, said feedback is being sought on the proposal to name the site on Alfred Street near the corner of Ramsgate Road, *Bill Batley Square*.

Bill Batley was a resident of Ramsgate for almost 50 years and was awarded Rockdale Citizen of the Year in 1999. He passed away in September 2016 aged 86.

Bill was actively involved in the community, supporting activities of the local council and as a life member of the Ramsgate Life Saving Club. He was also involved in activities associated with the beach area for Botany Bay and Cook Park, particularly the installation of the rock groynes along the coast that helped increase the area of sandy beach.

Bill participated in the Bexley leg of the Olympic Torch Relay in 2000 through the City of Rockdale.

He was presented with an Order of Australia medal on Australia Day 2011.

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

“It is important that place names reflect the character and history of the local area and community,” she 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 25 November 2017.

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