

Media Release

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HAVE A SAY ON NAME OF RESERVE IN KURRI KURRI

The Geographical Names Board is calling for community feedback on a proposal by Cessnock City Council to name a reserve in Kurri Kurri as Col Brown Rotary Park.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board Narelle Underwood said feedback is being sought on the proposal to name the site which is located on the corner of Hampden Street and Barton Street.

“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.”

Col Brown was a highly respected electrical contractor and active volunteer within the Kurri Kurri community.

He was a member of the Kurri Kurri Rotary Club for more than 40 years until he passed away in May 2016.

His business, Col Brown Electrical volunteered time and resources to setting up stages and electrical services for events that were held within the reserve, known colloquially as Rotary Park.

Events held at the reserve include the local farmers market, the Rotary Christmas Carols evening, the Nostalgia Festival, NAIDOC week events and the Kurri Kurri Community Festival.

Col was also a mentor in career workshops within local schools, providing information and sharing his experience with students about to enter the workforce.

Since his passing, the Kurri Kurri Rotary Club has continued to provide opportunities and assistance to local electrical apprentices in the form of the ‘Col Brown Memorial Scholarship’.

Full details of the proposal can be viewed and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board’s website.

Alternatively, email submissions can be sent to ss-gnb@customerservice.nsw.gov.au or written submissions may be lodged with the Secretary Geographical Names Board 346 Panorama Avenue Bathurst NSW 2795.

The closing date for submissions is 11 January 2020.

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