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## THREE NEW RESERVES PROPOSED FOR PARRAMATTA

Parramatta City Council has submitted a proposal to the Geographical Names Board to name three reserves within the Parramatta local government area.

The proposed reserves, Little Duck Creek Reserve in Guildford, Baraba Reserve in South Granville and Ngunun Reserve in Granville recognise the area's colonial, Aboriginal and environmental heritage.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Des Mooney, said the community now had the opportunity to comment on the proposal.

"It is important that the public have a chance to have their say and provide their thoughts on any proposal," Mr Mooney said.

"Little Duck Creek Reserve is adjacent to Little Duck Creek which flows into Duck River.

"Governor Arthur Phillip entered the mouth of the Duck River while exploring the Parramatta River in February 1788.

"He viewed a group of wild ducks taking flight from a reed bed and thought it might be a breeding ground for ducks, subsequently naming the waterway Duck River.

"'Baraba' is the local Dharug Aboriginal word for bullrushes which occur within the proposed reserve.

"Native bullrushes are a water plant which grows up to four metres high in swamps, streams, lake edges and other water channels.

"It was a popular Aboriginal bushfood with the roots roasted to provide nutritional starch and sugars.

"'Ngunun' is the local Dharug Aboriginal word for 'Flying-fox' and the proposed name recognises the large Grey-headed Flying-fox camp which dominates the small linear reserve.

"Grey-headed Flying-fox are listed as a vulnerable species and the camp has been identified to be of significance due to being a 'maternal camp' and one of only a small number of permanent camps remaining in the Sydney metropolitan area."

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 17 October 2014.

**Editors's note:** The proposed reserves can be viewed below:

### Little Duck Creek Reserve

<https://www.google.com.au/maps/place/Adam+St,+Guildford+NSW+2161/@-33.8522242,151.0046539,16z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x6b12bcd9349f0a0f:0x2f478d80007aacf3>

### Baraba Reserve

<https://www.google.com.au/maps/place/Bennett+Rd,+South+Granville+NSW+2142/@-33.8535221,151.0132847,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x6b12bcc4b8be8a0f:0xdea8d6cd35b83ff3>

**Ngunun Reserve**

<https://www.google.com.au/maps/place/Clyde+Station/@-33.835958,151.017072,17z/data=!3m1!4m2!3m1!1s0x6b12a333ee927627:0xc9add55a77d697a2>

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