

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN A LOOKOUT NAME**

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by Central Coast Council to name a lookout in Copacabana.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board Narelle Underwood said feedback is being sought on the proposal to name a viewpoint, located near the Copacabana Surf Life Saving Club at 235B Del Monte Place, as *Bonnie Lookout*.

Zelia Ellen Hawkins, known as Bonnie, was a long-time resident of Copacabana. Over her lifetime Bonnie spent countless hours involved in projects for the betterment of Copacabana and the broader community of Gosford.

Bonnie helped to establish many local organisations and actively volunteered for community groups. These include the Copacabana Progress Association, Neighbourhood Watch and local resident associations. She was also instrumental in the advocacy and provision of a skate park for the youth of Copacabana.

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](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 Friday 12 May 2017.

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