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MEDIA RELEASE

PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN A RESERVE NAME

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal supported by Maitland City Council to rename a reserve.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Narelle Underwood, said feedback is being sought on the proposal to rename Joseph Maxwell Park to Joseph Maxwell VC Park. The reserve located at the intersection of Champion Crescent and Scenic Drive in Gillieston Heights.

The reserve name recognises Joseph Maxwell VC, a former student of Gillieston Public School. Mr Maxwell received Australia's highest military decoration, the Victoria Cross, for his bravery on the battlefield whilst serving with the Australian Infantry Force in World War I. There are only one hundred Australian recipients of the Victoria Cross.

"Joseph Maxwell VC is one of Australia's most decorated soldiers of World War I. By adding 'VC' to the reserve name we can help ensure this soldier receives the full recognition due to him," said Mrs Underwood.

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

"It is important that place names reflect community sentiment. We want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to provide their feedback on the proposed name," said Mrs Underwood.

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 Monday 2 October 2017.

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