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## Media Release

### HAVE YOUR SAY ON A PLACE NAME IN PUTTA BUCCA IN MID-WESTERN NSW

The Geographical Names Board is seeking community feedback on a proposal by Mid-Western Regional Council to name a reserve in the suburb of Putta Bucca as Jennie Blackman Dog Park.

Acting Chair of the Geographical Names Board Thomas Grinter said feedback was being sought on the proposed name.

“It is important that place names reflect the character and history of the local area and community,” Mr Grinter said.

“We want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to provide their feedback on the proposed name.”

The reserve is located within the Glen Willow Regional Sporting Complex, in the suburb of Putta Bucca and seeks to commemorate Jennie Blackman (1975 - 2019), who was a well-known local resident.

Ms Blackman was diagnosed with Down Syndrome as a child but with the help of her family and the Mudgee community she achieved her goal of becoming a working professional.

After completing Year 11, Ms Blackman went to TAFE where she studied typing, computer skills, pottery, basic office skills and animal care.

She then worked part-time for the Mudgee Business Enterprise Centre and for Mid-Western Regional Council.

Ms Blackman was well-known around Mudgee and was often seen walking around town with her beloved dog Charlie.

GNB is seeking feedback to gauge community sentiment for the proposed name.

Suggestions for alternative names are not being sought at this time.

Details of the proposal can be viewed and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board’s [website](#).

Alternatively, written submissions may be mailed to the Secretary, Geographical Names Board, 346 Panorama Ave, Bathurst, NSW 2795.

The closing date for submissions is 6 June 2022.

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