

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
24 SEPTEMBER 2013**

**CCL 24/09/13
ENDORSEMENT OF DUAL NAMING OF MAJOR GEOGRAPHICAL
FEATURES IN THE NEWCASTLE LGA**

Attachment A: Guraki Committee Application to Geographical Names
Board of New South Wales: Dual Naming Proposal

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Geographical Names Board of New South Wales Dual Naming Proposal

1. NOBBYS HEADLAND

Proposed Dual Name: Whibayganba

Pronunciation: *wi[i]paykaNpa*

Local Government Area: Newcastle

Parish: Newcastle

County: Northumberland

Approx. AGD66 Lat: -32 55 30

Approx. GDA94 Lat: -32 55 24

Approx. AGD66 Long: 151 48 00

Approx. GDA94 Long: 151 48 04

Topographic Map: Newcastle

1:100000 Map: Newcastle 9232

Suburb: Newcastle

Other reference: GNB Ref - 42562

Description of feature, including location and extent:

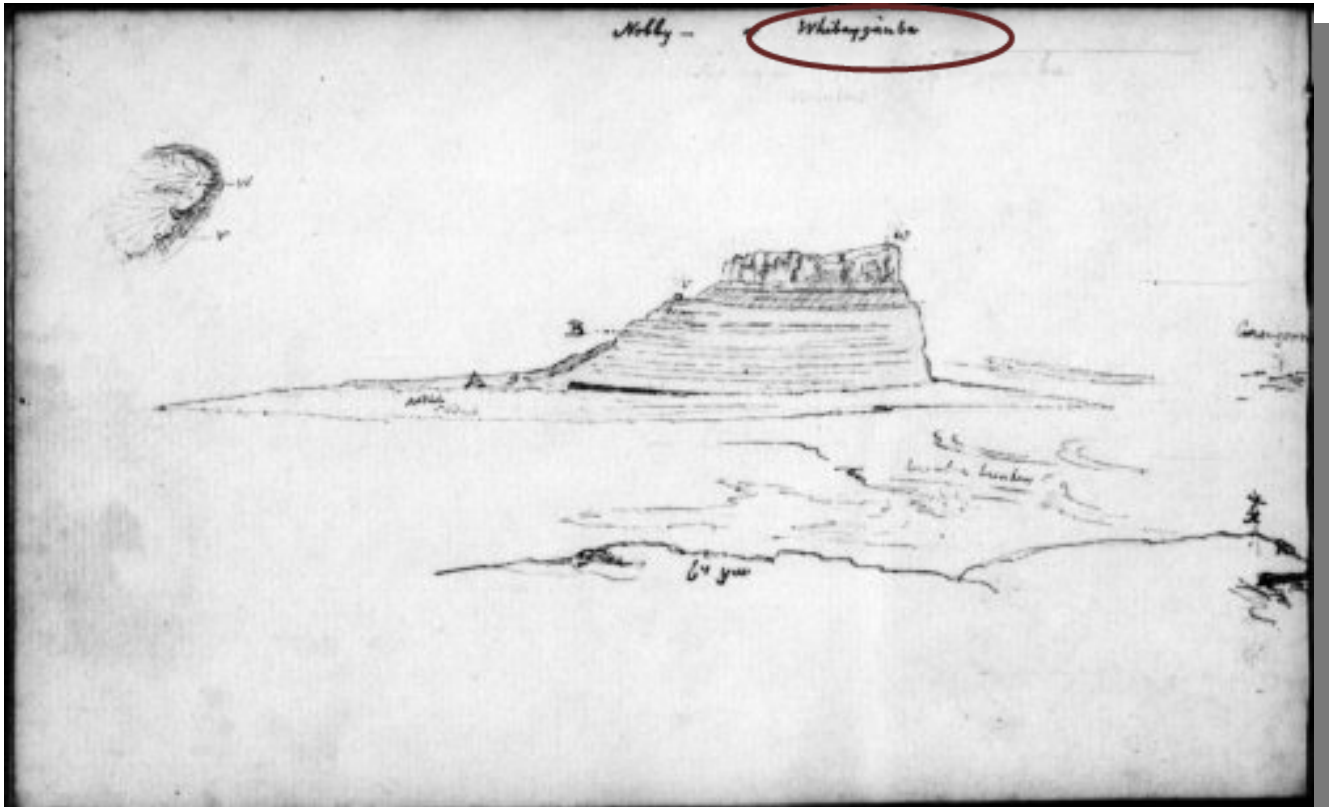
Nobbys Headland is about 2 km NE by E of Newcastle and about 1 km W of Pirate Point. Previously known as Coal Island, when this feature was still an island.



Reason for choice of Name:

The first documented reference to Nobbys Headland with an Aboriginal name is found in a sketch produced by Sir Thomas Mitchell in 1828. Mitchell drew Nobbys Island (now Nobbys Head) and wrote *Whibayganba* next to it (Mitchell 1828). There is a second

reference to the Island found in Jervis, 100 years later (1935:182): *Whibay-ganba*. Jervis used the sketch from Mitchell's Fieldbook as his source.



Mitchell, T. L. (1828). Field Book- Port Jackson and Newcastle (C 40): State Library of NSW.

2. FLAGSTAFF HILL

Proposed Dual Name: Tahlbihn

Pronunciation: *Ta[a]lp[i]N*

Local Government Area: Newcastle

Parish: Newcastle

County: Northumberland

Approx. AGD66 Lat: -32 56 00

Approx. GDA94 Lat: -32 55 54

Approx. AGD66 Long: 151 47 30

Approx. GDA94 Long: 151 47 34

Topographic Map: Newcastle

1:100000 Map: Newcastle 9232

Suburb: Newcastle

Other reference: GNB Ref - 18864

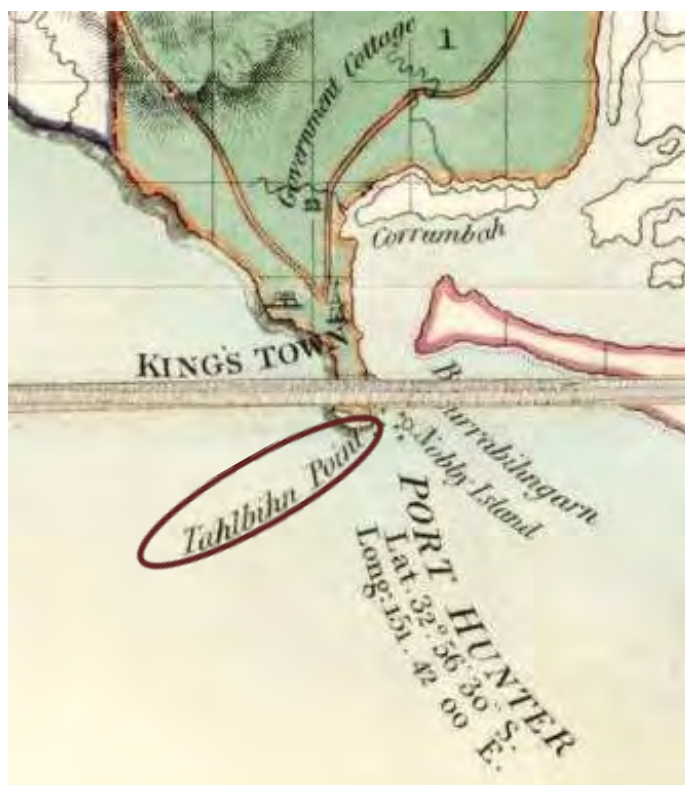
Description of feature, including location and extent:

A hill rising about 30 metres from Nobbys Beach. It is about 1 km SW of Nobbys Head and about 2 km NE of Shepherds Hill.



Reason for choice of Name:

Henry Dangar recorded the name *Tahlbihn* at the site of Flagstaff Hill on his map surveying the Hunter Region in 1828. The geographical features of the entrance to Newcastle Harbour have since been altered by the construction of a long breakwater from Flagstaff Hill to Nobbys Island (now Nobbys Head). At the time the map was made *Tahlbihn* was a hill at the entrance to Newcastle Harbour.



3. PIRATE POINT

Proposed Dual Name: Burrabihngarn **Pronunciation:** *parapi[i]Nka[a]N*

Local Government Area: Newcastle

Parish: Stockton

County: Gloucester

Approx. AGD66 Lat: -32 55 30

Approx. GDA94 Lat: -32 55 24

Approx. AGD66 Long: 151 47 30

Approx. GDA94 Long: 151 47 34

Topographic Map: Newcastle

1:100000 Map: Newcastle 9232

Suburb: Stockton

Other reference: GNB Ref - 46607

Description of feature, including location and extent:

A point about 1 km W of Nobbys Head and about 1 km N of Flagstaff Hill.



Reason for choice of Name:

The first documented reference to Pirate Point with an Aboriginal name is *Burrabihngarn*, also found on Henry Dangar's map (1828).



Cross, Joseph.(1828) Map of the River Hunter, and its branches [cartographic material]
<http://nla.gov.au/nla.map-nk646>

4. PORT HUNTER

Proposed Dual Name: Yohaaba

Pronunciation: *yuwaapa*

Local Government Area: Newcastle

Parish: Newcastle

County: Northumberland

Approx. AGD66 Lat: -32 55 00

Approx. GDA94 Lat: -32 54 54

Approx. AGD66 Long: 151 46 00

Approx. GDA94 Long: 151 46 04

Topographic Map: Newcastle

1:100000 Map: Newcastle 9232

Suburb: Newcastle

Other reference: GNB Ref - 47140

Description of feature, including location and extent:

A port at Newcastle comprising Newcastle Harbour, The Basin, Throsby Basin, North Harbour, Port Waratah and Fullerton Cove.



Reason for choice of Name:

The name Yohaaba was recorded by Flinders during his voyages in the period 1798-1803 on the map section showing Newcastle and Port Stephens of "Chart of Terra Australia". It is likely that his source was Bungaree (or 'Bongaree'), an Aboriginal man from Broken Bay, who is said to have spoken the Kuringgai language. Wafer and Lissarrague (2010) argue that Kuringgai and Awabakal are the same language.



5. HUNTER RIVER (SOUTH CHANNEL)

Proposed Dual Name: Coquun

Pronunciation: *kukuyn*

Local Government Area: Newcastle

Parish: Newcastle

County: Northumberland

Approx. AGD66 Lat: -32 52 30

Approx. GDA94 Lat: -32 52 24

Approx. AGD66 Long: 151 43 00

Approx. GDA94 Long: 151 43 04

Topographic Map: Beresfield

1:100000 Map: Newcastle 9232

Suburb: Newcastle

Other reference: GNB Ref – 74912 GNB3930

Description of feature, including location and extent:

A channel forming part of the outlet to the sea of the Hunter River.



Reason for choice of Name:

The name *Coquun* (written *kukuyn* in Lissarrague's (2006) orthography) is found on many websites and reports in reference to the Hunter River. The source of these is likely Lang (1834). Wafer and Lissarrague (2008:160) note: J. D. Lang (1834, 2: 64) recorded the name of the Hunter River as "Coquun". This is [...] the same word recorded by Threlkeld as *ko-ko-in*, by Hale as *kokoin*, by Fawcett and Miller as *kukun* and by Mann as *kukun*, all with the meaning "water" (Lissarrague 2006: 118, under entry *kukuyn*).

Hunter's River, or **the Coquun**, as it is called by the Aborigines, runs in an easterly direction for upwards of a hundred miles, from the high ranges of mountains in the interior to the Pacific Ocean. It is formed from

Wallaby † *Joe*—a name which had probably been given him by some of the convict-servants of the neighbouring settlers. I found him rather an intelligent and somewhat communicative personage; for on asking him, among a variety of other questions bearing on the native mythology, the native names of the three rivers, he immediately told me that the main or Hunter's River was called **Coquun**; the first branch, or William's River, Doorribang; and the second, or Patter-

Lang, J.D. (1834). *An Historical and statistical Account of New South Wales Vol 2*.

6. SHEPHERDS HILL

Proposed Dual Name: Khanterin

Pronunciation: ka[a]NTiriN

Local Government Area: Newcastle

Parish: Newcastle

County: Northumberland

Approx. AGD66 Lat: -32 56 30

Approx. GDA94 Lat: -32 56 24

Approx. AGD66 Long: 151 46 30

Approx. GDA94 Long: 151 46 34

Topographic Map: Newcastle

1:100000 Map: Newcastle 9232

Suburb: Newcastle

Other reference: GNB Ref - 52844

Description of feature, including location and extent:

A hill rising about 70 metres from Cottage Creek Stormwater Channel. It is about 2 km SW by W of Flagstaff Hill and about 1.5 km S of Dyke Point.



Reason for choice of Name:

The first documented reference to Shepherd's Hill with an Aboriginal name is *Khanterin*. Khanterin is found in a report on geology and mining (Plews 1858) written above a sketch of Shepherd's Hill (in a geological description).



7. IRONBARK CREEK

Proposed Dual Name: Toohrnbing

Pronunciation: *TuwaNpiN*

Local Government Area: Newcastle

Parish: Hexham

County: Northumberland

Approx. AGD66 Lat: -32 52 00

Approx. GDA94 Lat: -32 51 54

Approx. AGD66 Long: 151 41 00

Approx. GDA94 Long: 151 41 04

Topographic Map: Beresfield

1:100000 Map: Newcastle 9232

Suburb: Newcastle

Other reference: GNB Ref – 24859

Description of feature, including location and extent:

A watercourse about 12 km long. It rises in Cardiff Heights and flows generally N into the South Channel Hunter River.



Reason for choice of Name:

The first documented reference to Ironbark Creek with an Aboriginal name is *Toohrnbing*, recorded on Dangar's map (1828).



Cross, Joseph. (1828) *Map of the River Hunter, and its branches* [cartographic material]
<http://nla.gov.au/nla.map-nk646>

8. HEXHAM SWAMP

Proposed Dual Name: Burraghinhnhng

Pronunciation: *paraki[i]Npi[i]N*

Local Government Area: Newcastle

Parish: Hexham

County: Northumberland

Approx. AGD66 Lat: -32 50 20

Approx. GDA94 Lat: -32 50 14

Approx. AGD66 Long: 151 40 00

Approx. GDA94 Long: 151 40 04

Topographic Map: Newcastle

1:100000 Map: Newcastle 9232

Suburb: Newcastle

Other reference: GNB Ref - 23634

Description of feature, including location and extent:

Hexham Swamp is a fresh water and estuarine wetland. A swamp about 5 km S by E of Beresfield and about 12 km NW of Newcastle.



Reason for choice of Name :

The first documented reference to Hexham Swamp with an Aboriginal name is *Burraghinhbihng*, found on Dangar's Map (1828).



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<http://nla.gov.au/nla.map-nk646>

Naming proposals approved by the Geographical Names Board will be advertised in local newspapers.

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Newcastle Herald

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