Proposed Name Ibrox Park - A place name of a Portion of land in Leichhardt, NSW first used in the

1880's and adopted as part of a school name, Ibrox Park Boys High School 1960-

76; it is no longer in use.

Pronunciation Ibrox (English: 'aibroks'; Scottish Gaelic: Àth Bruic) Park.

Local Government Area Leichhardt Municipal Council.

State Electorate Balmain

Parish Petersham.

County Cumberland.

Latitude 33⁰ 59' 43"

Longitude 151⁰ 09' 27"

Lot DP/Portion Lots 2-8, DP 2393 (Figures 4, 6, 7, 8).

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Description of Feature including location and extent

A Scottish Gaelic interpretation of Ibrox means "badger ford".

A place name for part of land bounded by Derbyshire and Balmain Roads in the suburb of Leichhardt, NSW (Figure 1).

The extent of the original site is shown by the Leichhardt Municipality Map, 1880's, Land and Property Information (LPI) Cadastral Records and delineated in parts by DP 53885 and DP 1147039. (Figures 2, 4, 5 and 6).

The extent of the original portion is shown by the Survey (FP 3885), DP 53885 (**Figure 4**). The original portion included the future sites of Ibrox Park and Derbyshire Reserve.

The name Ibrox Park was first used in the 1880's and adopted as part of a school name, Ibrox Park Boys High School 1960-76 (**Figure 3**).

The original Ibrox Park site is presently part of the Sydney Secondary College and enclosed within the southern part of Lot 100, DP1147039 under the control of the

NSW Education Department (Figure 6).

It is proposed to rename Derbyshire Reserve to Ibrox Park. Derbyshire Reserve stands on the last remaining part of the original portion (Figure 4) and is contiguous to the site known previously as Ibrox Park (Figures 7, 8, 9 and 10). Derbyshire Reserve is managed by Leichhardt Municipal Council.

Reason for choice of name

The place name of Leichhardt's Ibrox Park was originally named after Ibrox Park in Glasgow, Scotland; it is located on the south side of the River Clyde. Ibrox is also a District name in the City of Glasgow next to the District of Govan.

Ibrox Park became the renowned home of the Rangers' Football Club; it is now known as Ibrox Stadium. Ibrox Park was more than a football ground; it was a place where Scottish pride was exemplified and a rallying place that enlivened Scottish spirit. It was likely when the Rangers first moved to the "Old Ibrox Park" in 1887 or when the "New Ibrox Park" was opened on 30 December 1899 sparked the naming of Leichhardt's Ibrox Park.

Leichhardt's Ibrox Park has been thought to be named by Scottish immigrants/descendents that played football on the site and named it after Glasgow's Ibrox Park.

The place name Ibrox Park first appeared in the Leichhardt Municipality Map, 1880's. The place name Ibrox Park was subsequently adopted as the name for a secondary school, Ibrox Park Boys High School, which opened in 1960.

The use of the place name Ibrox Park ceased in about 1976 when Ibrox Park Boys High School was renamed Leichhardt High.

The site of Ibrox Park and its associated school name, Ibrox Park Boys High, has become a faded memory – there are little historical resources, no edifices or inscriptions to its existence. In contrast, the name Ibrox continues to flourish as part of Glasgow's heritage: Ibrox Public School, Ibrox Community Complex, Ibrox Stadium the home of the Rangers Football Club and Ibrox Primary School.

Ibrox Park is part of Leichhardt's history; it is more than just a place for Scottish Immigrants to play football in a dusty Leichhardt field back in the 1880's and for school students to learn, play and grow during 1960-76. It is a place that has been linked through a common heritage and a common dream for a grander life at different times.

Leichhardt's Ibrox Park is a place with significant historical and social values that epitomises working class aspirations when times were particularly tough. It was a place where dreams were shared by different generations struggling with social, economic and cultural hardships.

The heritage values of the place name Ibrox Park must be conserved; it is important that the N.S.W. Government together with N.S.W. Department of Education and Training, Sydney Secondary College, N.S.W Geographical Names Board, Leichhardt Municipal Council and Local Historical Associations take steps to conserve its significance; it is a place name that should not slip into obscurity.

It is proposed the place name Ibrox Park and its historical attributes be recorded as a heritage item in the NSW Geographical Names Board Register. With the support of Leichhardt Municipal Council, the place name Ibrox Park is included in the NSW Geographical Names Board Register as a heritage item.

It is suggested that the historical resources of the place name Ibrox Park and its associated school name, Ibrox Park Boys High School, be further developed with the NSW Department of Education and Training, Sydney Secondary College, Leichhardt

Municipal Council and Local Historical Groups in relation to the following considerations:

- Recording the history of Leichhardt's Secondary Schools: National School (initially called Petersham School, established 1862), Leichhardt Trades School, Leichhardt Domestic Science Girls School, Leichhardt Girls High School, Leichhardt Technical School, Ibrox Park Boys High School and Leichhardt High - all forerunners of Sydney Secondary College. Creating a student record by adding a facility to the Sydney Secondary College Website that provides the opportunity for past students to include their names/information.
- 2. Commemorating the place name Ibrox Park with an appropriate plaque, sign or heritage board.
- 3. Identifing/developing Ibrox Park resources Website, publication and images.

4. Building an association/relationship with Glasgow City Council and Glasgow's Schools who have a namesake connection with Leichhardt's Ibrox Park.

Name of Local Newspaper/s The Glebe.

La Fiamma, Italian Newspaper

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