# **Public Place Names (Belconnen District) Determination 2016**

#### Disallowable instrument DI2016-193

made under the

Public Place Names Act 1989, s 3 (Minister to determine names)

## 1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Public Place Names (Belconnen District) Determination* 2016.

## 2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after notification.

## 3 Determination of Divisions

I determine the names of the divisions specified in the schedule.

Dorte Ekelund Delegate of the Minister 15 July 2016 (See section 3)

#### **District of Belconnen**

The location of the divisions with the following names is indicated on the associated plan.

DIVISION NAME	ORIGIN	SIGNIFICANCE
MACNAMARA	Dame Annie Jean Macnamara, DBE (1899-1968) (Also known as Dame Annie Jean Connor, DBE)	Medical scientist  Jean Macnamara contributed significantly to medical science in Australia and was committed to improving the lives of children suffering from the viral disease, poliomyelitis. As Honorary Medical Officer in the Physiotherapy Department at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne during 1927-59 Jean organised and supervised the care of children suffering from poliomyelitis, training doctors and physiotherapists in the management of the disease. Her discovery, in collaboration with Macfarlane Burnet, of the existence of multiple strains of the poliomyelitis virus, reported in 1931 in the British Journal of Experimental Pathology, proved pivotal in the development of the effective Salk vaccine.

In 1935 Jean was appointed Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire for services to the welfare of children.

Dame Jean was passionate about Australia's rural heritage and the environment. In the face of commercial opposition, she maintained that if the country was to be left with any topsoil, the rabbit must be eradicated. Her tireless advocacy contributed to Jean playing a prominent role in the campaign for the testing and introduction of the myxoma virus to control the wild rabbit plague of the 1950s.

#### **STRATHNAIRN** Strathnairn

Property name associated with the Belconnen District.

The 'Strathnairn' property was originally part of a land grant awarded to 19th century explorer Captain Charles Sturt. The property was established as a mixed grazing farm in the 1920s. In January 1934 the rural lease over Block 18 District of Belconnen was transferred to Mr Ian Hamilton Baird who named the property 'Strathnairn'. The Baird family farmed the property until 1974 when the lease was resumed by the Commonwealth. 'Strathnairn' was first leased for community arts activities in 1977. The property continues to provide working spaces and facilities for a range of artists and crafts people and community groups.

