



Matt Huan, *Name That Place*

Answer sheet and References

Location	Name origin	Meaning / Context / History
Allawah	Dharawal	'make your home here'; 'stay here'. It was once known as 'Struggletown'.
Banksia	English	named after Sir Joseph Banks, a botanist and explorer on the HMS Endeavour; also a genus of plants, <i>Banksia</i> spp. in the family Proteaceae with distinctive features.
Blakehurst	English	named after William Blake (1824-1892), road assessor, landholder, quarryman and postmaster. The postal service in this area was established in 1863.
Beverly Hills	English	derived from Beverlac meaning 'beaver clearing' or 'beaver lake'. Residents disliked its previous name, Dumbleton, and renamed it in 1940 after the famous city in California, USA.
Bexley	English	It was named by James Chandler, an early landholder, after Bexley village in London, meaning either a 'clearing surrounded by box trees', or after the River Cray (bec) flowing through it.
Bonnet Bay	English	named after 'The Bonnet', a sandstone rock overhang resembling an old-fashioned poke bonnet. It overlooks the Woronora River and the land it is located on is now private property.
Caringbah	Dharawal	name of the pademelon wallaby, <i>Thylogale</i> sp.
Carlton	English	a common place name in England, meaning 'king's town' or 'town of free men'.
Como	Italian/ Roman	named after Lake Como in Lombardy, Italy, which was named after the city of the same name, known to the Romans as Novum Comum.
Cronulla	Dharawal	' <i>karanulla</i> ' means 'place of the little pink shells'.
GyMEA	Dharawal	name after the GyMEA Lily, <i>Doryanthes excels</i> , which used to be prolific here.

Hurstville	English/French	from 'hurst' meaning 'wood or grove' and French 'ville' for 'town', which is also the root word for 'village' in English, meaning 'small town'.
Jannali	Dharawal	'moon rising'; 'place of the moon'; 'beautiful moonrise'. It is supposedly the sister suburb to Narwee ('sun').
Kamay	Dharawal	'fresh water'. Also named 'Botany Bay' by Capt. James Cook, after the exotic flora sampled by Sir Joseph Banks when they first arrived in Australia in 1770 on the HMS Endeavour.
Kangaroo Point	Guugu Yimithirr	'gangarru' is the name for the Eastern Grey kangaroo, <i>Macropus giganteus</i> .
Kareela	Dharawal	'place of wind and water'; 'place of trees and water'
Kingsgrove	English	named after Governor Philip King (1758-1808), governor of NSW. Land was granted to Hannah Laycock in 1804, who established the King's Grove Farm.
Kirrawee	Dharawal	'girrawee' is the name for the sulphur-crested cockatoo, <i>Cacatua galerita</i>
Kogarah	Dharawal	'kuggerah' refers to 'common reed'; 'place of many reeds / rushes'.
Kurnell	Dharawal	derived from 'cunnel'. according to Beryl Beller, Elder of the Gwegal people, cunnel means 'family' within a shire. It is thought that Thomas Holt anglicised it into Kurnell , or a corruption of the native pronunciation of Connell , an early settler's name.
Kyle Bay	English	named after Robert Kyle, a shipbuilder on the Georges River in the 1870s.
Lugarno	Latin	named after Lake Lugano in Switzerland; probably from the Latin word 'lucus' meaning 'sacred wood'.
Miranda	English	named by James Murphy, estate manager in the 1870s, after a girl in 'The Tempest', a play by William Shakespeare.
Monterey	Spanish	'Mountain of the King' (monte + rey in Spanish)
Mortdale	English	named after Thomas Mort (1816-1878), a businessman, wool merchant and industrialist who pioneered the freezing of meat for export/ shipment.

Narwee	Aboriginal; exact language group unknown	'sun'. Was also the site of Sunning Hill Farm. In the 1930s its residents were mostly farmers and gardeners. It is supposedly the sister suburb to Jannali ('moon rising').
Oatley	English	named after James Oatley (1815-1839), a convict who became a watchmaker and keeper of the town clock.
Oyster Bay	English	named after the Sydney Rock Oyster, <i>Saccostrea glomerata</i> which was abundant in this area.
Peakhurst	English	named after John Robert Peake (1815-1886), who built the first church in the suburb, the Wesleyan Church which was also used as a private school.
Penshurst	English/Welsh	'wooden hill'; from Old Welsh 'pens' meaning 'hill top' and 'hurst' meaning 'wood or grove'.
Ramsgate	English	named after a seaside town in England, from Anglo-Saxon "Hræfn's geat" meaning 'raven's cliff gap'.
Riverwood	English	renamed from Herne Bay in 1957 due to the suburb's unsavoury reputation.
Rockdale	English	originally named 'Frog Hollow'. The name 'Rockdale' was suggested by the first postmistress, Mrs Mary Ann Geeves in 1878.
Sans Souci	French	'no worries'. The first Colonial Treasurer in NSW, Thomas Holt (1811-1888) named his house after the Sanssouci palace of the Prussian King Frederick the Great in Postdam, Germany for his German wife, Sophia Eulert (m.1841)
Sutherland	Scottish	'southern land'; named after Forby Sutherland, crew on the HMS Endeavour who died at Botany Bay and was the first Briton buried in Australia.
Sylvania	Latin	'from the forest'. Believed to have been named by James Murphy, estate manager in the 1870s.
Woolooware	Dharawal	'muddy track', inspired by the muddy flats in the area.
Woronora	Dharawal	'black rock', likely inspired by the local rock formations.

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