



# A 24 Hour Sand Mine next to a Shrine

*What could be a problem with that?*

An independent planning panel is set to review a NSW Southern Highlands application that could produce 29 million tonnes of concrete, tiling and mortar sand for the Sydney market.

The Sutton Forest Quarry Project application will go before the State's Independent Planning Commission (IPC), after 428 objections were submitted by deadline Thursday, 21 June, a spokesman for the planning department said.

Sutton Forest Quarries is seeking to open a sandstone quarry and processing plant, just off the Hume Highway. The extraction, processing and stockpiling areas will be on a site spanning 67 hectares.

The quarry is expected to have an output of one million tonnes per annum (tpa) of friable sandstone reserve that will yield approximately 860,000 tpa of sand products for sale [annually] over 45 years. A total of 21 million tonnes of light quality sand products will be produced in the first 30 years, and eight million tonnes in the following 15 years.

(Source: <http://www.quarrymagazine.com/Article/8734/Planning-panel-to-review-ambitious-sand-project>)

This proposed Sand Mine will be next to the Shrine of Divine Mercy on Hanging Rock Road, just near the Shrine's natural Grotto. The Shrine is visited by over 100,000 visitors every year and is important to many locals in the Wingecarribee Shire.

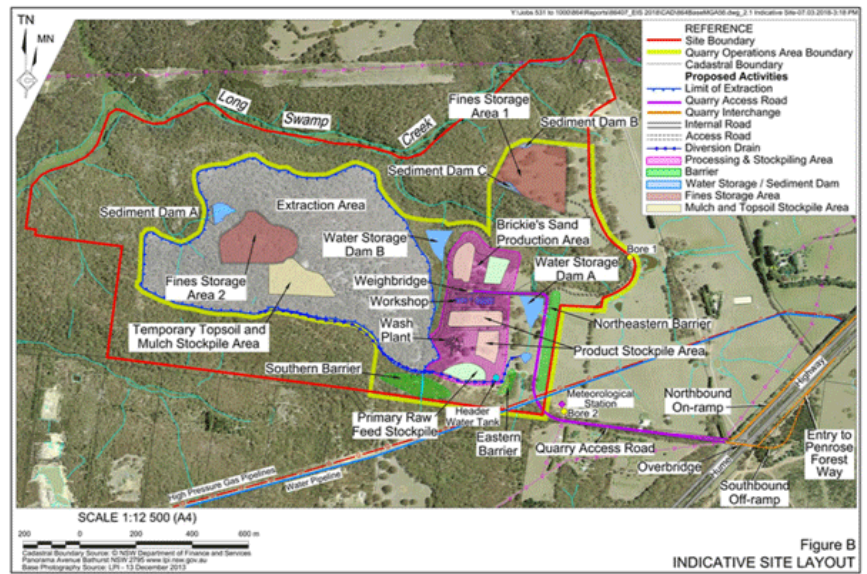
This is to be a long term mine with long term impacts on the local environment with continual open cut mining and truck movements 24 hours a day. As usual there is the claim that this will bring

jobs to the community, but it will provide very few jobs as most of the work is automated and the trucking is not locally based.

**There will be a public meeting with the Planning and Environment Department at 6pm at Sutton Forest Hall on Tuesday 10 July. Please attend to show your support for the environment.**

**Submissions by the company to Wingecarribee Council will be made on Wednesday, 11 July before the council meeting.**

(See also: <https://www.southernhighlandnews.com.au/story/5502096/sutton-forest-quarries-to-host-public-presentation/?cs=262>)



Sutton Forest Sand Quarry Report No. 85407

**Glimpses of Wingello**

This fascinating collection of historical and other bits of Wingello is available from the Wingello Village Store and WVA events.

**Bin Collection Mondays**

**July**

- 2 ● Green
- 9 ● Yellow
- 16 ● Green
- 23 ● Yellow
- 30 ● Green

Fire season ended  
**1 April**

Fires on properties 4000 SqM and over permitted.

**Library Bus**

Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15  
In front of the park  
Jul 10, 24 Aug 7, 21

**Store Opening Hours**

Phone: 02 4884 4340

Mon - Thu:	7:30 am - 6:00 pm
Fridays:	7:30 am - 6:00 pm
Weekends:	8:00am - 2:30pm
Public holidays:	8:00am - 10:30am

We are open **Every Day** except Good Friday, Christmas & Boxing Day.

## Wingello Happenings

### Wingello Village Association AGM

Saturday 21st July at 2pm. Renew your membership to be eligible to nominate for a position and vote for the new Committee for 2018-19.

A General Meeting will follow at 2.30pm. Come along and let the new committee know what you'd like to see happening in the village.

Points for discussion will be the Hall and the Tennis / Basketball Courts

### Regular Events

**2nd Saturday** 2-4pm: Craft Afternoon.

Bring your spinning, knitting, embroidery, or whatever you're working on, enjoy a cuppa and biscuits

*(\$5, tea and biscuits included)*



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At the Wingello Licensed Post Office we offer a huge range of services including banking, telephone credits, Bill payments and more. Why go anywhere else?

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<https://auspost.com.au/money-insurance/transfer-money/bank-at-post>

## Wingello Fire Brigade News

It looks as if the winter months are now with us and hopefully a bit more of the rain we have been having in the last couple of days will continue. Throughout the highlands Hazard Reductions have ceased due to rain and weather conditions and will, if all goes well, recommence in the spring.

Wingello Brigade has had a quiet month in regards to call outs with only two fire calls and one call out for an MVA, let's hope it continues throughout the winter months. During this last month the Brigade has once more joined in the Southern Group training exercises incorporating a number of brigades working together as a team to improve their skills.

The Brigade has a number of new members Jack Bauche and Stephanie Bauche. We welcome them into the Brigade and hope they enjoy the company of the Brigade as well as the training that they will be doing during the coming months. We also have a new crew leader in the Brigade well done Tess Brearley, congrats on gaining your crew leaders rating.

## Helping the Homeless



Wingello residents have been very generous supporting Luca's efforts to support the homeless people in Sydney. Blankets, sleeping bags and more have been received with great comfort on the cool Winter days.

The winter weather is supposed to be a lot colder this year so that means fires and heaters are being used longer. So hopefully all work has been done to make sure your heating equipment is up to scratch and in good condition. House fires are something that we all do not want.

During the last month a few of us attended a conference in Coffs Harbour and the Commissioner of the Rural Fire Service made a number of pertinent remarks:

*"The NSW Rural Fire Service is the lead combat agency for Bush fires in NSW. For over 100 years we have played a significant part of the history and landscape of NSW. Working closely with other agencies we respond to a large range of emergencies including structure fires, MVAs and storms that occur within our district. The NSW RFS is widely acknowledged as the largest Volunteer fire service in the world and our members are trained to very high levels of competency to ensure they know what to do in an emergency and to work with the community to enhance their resilience."* The Brigade is always looking to make welcome any new members.

So with the Winter upon stay warm and stay safe.