

Table of Collieries that have operated in the Southern Highlands

Southern Highlands Collieries					
Medway Group of Collieries					
Cataract Mine	Wongawilli?	N/A	1867	1877	First colliery to open in Southern Highlands
Fitzroy Iron Works	not applicable	N/A	1856	1867	Exploration shaft sinking abandoned before seam reached due borehole results
Berrima Colliery (original)	Wongawilli	132	1881	1886	Reopened in 1888 as Great Southern Colliery
Great Southern Colliery	Wongawilli	132	1888	1896	(Original) Berrima Colliery
Loch Catherine Colliery	Wongawilli	174	1923	1929	Reopened in 1964
Loch Catherine Colliery	Wongawilli	174	1924	1960	Lease amalgamated with Berrima Colliery in 1990
Belanglo Colliery	Wongawilli	67	1923	1930	Reopened in 1945 and abandoned same year
Belanglo Extended Colliery	Wongawilli	689	1958	1958	Abandoned in same year due to water inflow
Medway Colliery	Wongawilli	67	1924	1927	Renamed Berrima Colliery in 1927
Berrima Colliery	Wongawilli	59, 174, 132	1927	2013	Operated for 89 years, the longest operating colliery in Southern Highlands
Carrada Bulli Colliery	Wongawilli	N/A	1949	1952	Metropolitan Portland Cement Ltd
Bundanoon Group of Collieries					
Rock Roof Colliery	Wongawilli	124	1872	1875	Re-opened as Erith Colliery
Erith Colliery	Wongawilli	124	1882	1920	Not worked 1885-1896
Ringwood Colliery	Wongawilli	670	1884	1885	Reopened as Collins Colliery
Collins Colliery	Wongawilli?	123	1896	1912	Reopened as Federal Colliery in 1923
Federal Colliery	Wongawilli	123	1923	1924	See notes re Ringwood and Collins Colliery above
Bundanoon Colliery	Wongawilli	N/A	1880	1897	Very small mine
Mittagong Group of Collieries					
Black Bob's Colliery	Wongawilli	130	1870s	1941	Closed between 1889 and 1937. Later opened as Southern Colliery
Southern Colliery	American Creek	146	1947	1968	Unusual for Southern Highlands colliery to work this seam
Southern Colliery	Wongawilli	130	1947	1968	Owned by Southern Coal Mining Pty Ltd
Southern Extended	Wongawilli	729	1969	1971	Renamed Murrimba Colliery in 1971, then closed
Murrimba Colliery	Wongawilli	729	1971	1971	Originally Southern Extended, renamed & closed
Colo Gap Colliery	Wongawilli	N/A	c. 1882	1886	Mine never fully established
Mittagong Colliery	Wongawilli	118	1883	1889	Closed then reopened as Box Vale Colliery in 1890

Box Vale Colliery	Wongawilli	118	1890	1896	Originally called Mittagong Colliery
South Main Colliery	Wongawilli	186	1951	1955	Coal lease merged with Mount Alexander Colliery
Mount Alexander Colliery	Wongawilli	186	1956	1972	Closed 1958 - 1968. Produced anthracitic coal
Mount Waratah Colliery	Wongawilli	190	1957	1971	Produced anthracitic coal
Wingello Colliery	Wongawilli	N/A	c. 1922	?	Mine never fully established
Joadja Creek (oil shale)					
Joadja Creek Oil Shale Mine	American Creek	N/A	1873	1903	Produced coal and "torbanite" which is oil shale

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