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PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN A WINGECARRIBEE CREEK NAME

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by Wingecarribee Shire Council to name a creek *Comerton Creek*.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Des Mooney, said feedback is being sought on the proposal to name the creek located at the junction of Mittagong, Bowral and Glenquarry localities. The creek flows generally south west for approximately 5.2km into the Wingecarribee River.

The proposed name *Comerton Creek* recognises the original land grant of 2,852 acres to James Comer in 1839. The pioneering Comer family settled and farmed the area from 1831 to 1923.

James Comer was a founding member of the first District Council in Berrima, with the first meeting held on 26 September 1843.

During 1844-1845 a sandstone homestead was completed within the estate in front of the creek, becoming known as Comer Flat.

After the sale of the north half of the property, the estate was reduced to 1,286 acres and renamed Comerton Park Estate. The name Comerton has remained synonymous within the area for over 175 years.

Mr Mooney said the board is encouraging community comment before it considers the proposal.

“It is important that place names reflect the character and history of the local area and community,” he said.

“We want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to provide their feedback on the proposed name.”

Details of the proposal can be viewed and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board’s website at www.gnb.nsw.gov.au.

Alternatively written submissions may be lodged with the Secretary, Geographical Names Board, 346 Panorama Ave, Bathurst, NSW, 2795.

The closing date for submissions is Friday 15 January 2015.

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