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# Amazing escape from car crash

Eric somehow manages to escape with only minor cuts and bruises from crash on Highland Way

At around 11:00am Eric was past Bundanoon on his way to work at the Wingello Village Store. The roads were wet so he kept to the speed limit, but he lost control of his car at a locally notorious bend and went right into the bordering trees.



About 5 minutes later, Kate from Todd's Real Estate in Bundanoon was travelling past and noticed the car. She immediately pulled to the side and called 000. I minute later the Bundanoon Rural Fire Brigade was paged and they arrived there in less than 15 minutes later, shortly followed by an ambulance. After calling 000 Kate stayed with Eric and kept him company. Eric wasn't making a lot of sense at the time as he was suffering concussion. Thank you Kate for delaying your appoint-

ment in Tallong and helping Eric in his time of need.

Once the Fire Brigade arrived they recognised Eric and called us at the shop. Lana quickly made her way to the accident site, fearing the



worst. Upon seeing the wreck of the car Lana's heart leapt, but she remembered the initial words of the first responders, "Eric's OK."

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Due to the concussion, Eric was taken to Liverpool hospital where I met him after leaving my client in Sydney and I stayed with him until he was discharged after 8:00pm. After all the X Rays, ultrasounds, tests and checking - and double checking the photos of the dead vehicle to make sure this was the same driver - Eric only had some minor cuts, bruising



on his side and a sore head. Also, no memories of the accident itself.

Thank you to all those that helped Eric at this time and we are truly grateful that it was only the car that was totally wrecked.

### Tough Mudder Mania

The Tough Mudder was very successful. Somewhere between 10,000 and 15,000 people joined in the very muddy obstacle course and had a great time doing so! The atmosphere was happy and co-operative, with various participants not only going through the obstacles themselves, but helping others - friends and unknown fellow sufferers - over and through the mud and wet and various challenges.

Well done Simon Badway for putting in so many hours in organising for the Tough Mudder to be held in Wingello. We know it was a lot of time and effort and risk bringing so many people together to work so well on the day!

We have a full article at wingello.com.au with lots of photos. You will also see a whole new selection of photos along the

Wingello Village

Store walls.

## Store Opening Hours Phone: 02 4884 4340

Mon - Thu: 7:30 am - 6:00 pm
Fridays: 7:30 am - 9:00 pm
(Restaurant till later in the evening!)

Weekends: 8:00am - 2:30pm
Public holidays: 8:00am - 10:30am

We are open Every Day except Good Friday and Christmas.

#### A Facelift for the Grand Old Lady of WIngello

You will have noticed the work being carried out recently on our historic Mechanics Institute Hall.

Wingecarribee Shire Council, which took over the maintenance of the hall some years ago, allocated funds in this year's budget for some much needed repairs. These funds were allocated to replacing the roof, which had reached the end of its serviceable life and to fully insulating the ceiling. These improvements will help to keep the hall cooler in summer and warmer in winter as

well as helping to minimise dust in the building. The result will be to make it much more comfortable for people using the hall.

Additional work included structural repairs to the front section of the building and an upgrade of the stormwater drainage.

The council was also busy in planting some more bushes and plants in the area opposite the shop next to the railway line. This parking area and rail verge is looking

very good. As the plants grow it will get even better!







### Wingello Fire Brigade News

Only a short time now before we get a visit from Santa! This year has flown and so far we have been lucky in regards to fires around Wingello.

The Brigade has been busy over this past month mainly with the events that have taken place within Wingello. First there was the '**Highland Fling**' that involved most of our Brigade along with many of the local residents who assisted us with this event. Again many thanks to those who helped it was greatly appreciated.

The 'Tough Mudder' event followed one week after the Highland Fling and the brigade members assisted with the car park marshalling. The first day, with good weather, saw an unprecedented number of cars lining up to get into the car parks. Some had taken two and a half hours to travel from the Hume Motorway to the venue. Whilst we don't have any official figures it is estimated that over 2,000 cars were parked! We believe that between 10,000 and 15,000 people participated.

The second day was very cold and windy with a number of heavy rain storms passing through the area. The numbers were very much less than the Saturday but the participants were just as eager. The brigade also provided fire protection for one of the obstacles.

Wingello RFB also had a team that entered and did very well in supporting each other in completing the gruelling course. The planning is well advanced for the next time 'Tough Mudder' visits the village. Congratulations to all that participated. The event was well organised, well run and Wingello should feel proud that this area was chosen for what is a world wide held event.

This past month has been very quiet for the brigade with only a number of small incidents but we did attend a structural fire in the village.

The brigade also has had a new generator installed at the station. This will enable the station to operate 24 hours a day in the case of any serious blackouts. This makes the station fully operational at all times particular when the station becomes a major staging area during local fires. The funding for this unit was covered by the funds that we raise throughout the year, including the very much appreciated help from the Wingello community.

The Brigade also had a few members in the Southern Highland team Movember charity event to help raise

funds to assist in men's health. Wingello had four members participating those being David Stimson, Carlyle Seers, Tim Ball and Colin Hadley. The combined RFS team have raised approximately \$3000 so far.



Have a safe and happy Christmas, **Don't forget Santa's visit** around the Wingello village on Christmas eve.

Please remember Prepare. Act. Survive.

Download your Bush Fire Survival Plan now and ensure you discuss with the whole family all of your options in case you are impacted by fire.

