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Lake Wingello Reappears

Every heavy rain results in the reappearance of Lake Wingello on Murrimba Road

Traditionally January has only a little rain, but this year we had ample! Here are January rainfall numbers:

- 2011: 45 mm
- 2012: 64 mm
- 2013: 87 mm
- 2014: 27 mm
- 2015: 205 mm

We also have the relatively new tradition of the return of the disappearing Lake Wingello across Murrimba Road whenever rainfall is particularly heavy.

If you drive along the centre of the road, the water runs about a foot (30cm) deep. Although this shouldn't stop traffic, all wise drivers do not drive into water of unknown depth. We have seen cars wait at the edge pondering their options until a local driver slows down and drives through showing how deep the water actually is.

We know council has had a number of submissions to rectify the situation and has attempted a few seemingly temporary solutions over the years. Now that we have just received the latest quarterly Council Rates notice, it may be a good time for a lot more villagers to make requests to get some value for our "Storm Levy" charge.

Other than the return of Lake Wingello, the rain has been great for the gardens. Rain, sun and mild weather have meant every gap in the weather has brought out all the mowers and garden trimmers. Normally the height of summer means a bit of break from mowing!

But rain on warm days means the kids can go out and enjoy some fun in the rain.



New Trial Bus Service

In response to customer requests in the Southern villages, Berrima Buslines is introducing a trial timetable for buses from Bundanoon to Marulan, basically an extension of the Bundanoon to Mittagong route. This will go for 3 months from 2 February. If you have wanted more public transport options in Wingello, you should support this initiative.

Bus Times:
Wingello to Marulan: **10:56, 12:26, 16:51** (arriving 19 minutes later in Marulan)
Wingello to Bundanoon: **11:39, 13:09, 17:34** (arriving 16 minutes later in Bundanoon)
More details are on the Community Noticeboard at the Wingello Village Store

Bin Collection Mondays

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

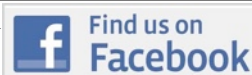
Store Opening Hours

Phone: 02 4884 4340

Mon - Thu:	7:30 am - 6:00 pm
Fridays:	7:30 am - 7:30 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.

The Wingello Village Store is now on Facebook. Just look for **Wingello Village Store** and you will find us.



You can also get Wingello Village News via email. Just contact us at wingello@gmail.com and we will send you the subscription link.

Loosely Woven are returning



The very entertaining musical group "Loosely Woven" will be returning to Wingello on Sunday 15 March at 3pm. Afternoon tea will be served and the entry fee will be something ridiculously inexpensive for such a fun afternoon. More details will be provided soon, but it would be good to reserve the date in your calendars now. This is another great joint effort of the Wingello Hall committee and the Penrose community.

Friday Nights

We will now be closing at 7:30pm on Friday evenings.

Dine in and take away orders are still welcome as we serve locals wanting a great Friday night dinner to complete the week properly.

In response to our customers' requests, we will still be offering the popular Chef Night Specials, but it will be every 2 months rather than monthly. The last event was very well attended with the lovely chicken skewers, slow cooked marinated steak and personal trifles.

So the next Chef Night Special will be **20th March**. More details will be in the March newsletter.



Wingello Fire Brigade News

2015 has started off as another wet month with an abundance of rain in Wingello and the Highlands. The rain certainly prevents bush fires but then we still have two months of the fire season to go and while we appreciate the wet we also know about how much growth occurs with this type of summer weather. Hopefully the rest of the season will be quiet.

Since the last news letter the Brigade has attended a number of calls, the first was the truck fire near Hanging Rock Rd, an MVA, tree down, grass fire south of Murrimba Rd and a lightning strike and tree alight in Wingello village. All incidents were well attended by the Brigade and were dealt with quickly. All our training pays off at times like these. Our response times from the time our pagers go off until the trucks roll ranged from three to seven minutes which is a great reflection on the members.

The brigade also assisted in the South Australian fires. Wingello was represented by two strike teams along with many other crews from the Southern Highlands. Our trucks were ferried over by two drivers in each and arrived at the staging camp at Nairne the morning after the crews arrived there by plane. The convoy that consisted of 25 vehicles arrived safe and sound and took sixteen hours to get there. Well done to the drivers. On completion of our deployments the vehicles were then returned to the Highlands in the same manner. The Southern Highland teams proved themselves once again to be efficient and well trained crews.

This year was the seventeenth anniversary of the Gulph Road fire where tragically David Quinlivan lost his life. A visit to the memorial and the site where the truck was caught in the fire overrun was organised with almost all of the Wingello membership attending. Also attending were a crew from the Penrose brigade and Frank and Gale Pritchett who were members of the 'Wingello 8'. It was a very moving experience. On return to the station there was a viewing of the 60 Minutes program that covered the tragedy. A special thank you to Frank and Gale for their attendance and their talk about the incident. I am sure all who attended were greatly moved.

Many thanks to David Stimson for obtaining the video and organising the day.

House visits were delayed this month because of other commitments and weather but will resume shortly. Training which has proved its worth over the last month along with in station work and maintenance still goes on. Again well done to all crew and hope the rest of the season is quiet. To all Wingello residents we thank you for your support over the last year and hope 2015 keeps you all safe and well.

