

Why be
anywhere
else?

Helping in the
Bountiful Wingello Gardens



Buying local supports locals

6 years of running the Wingello Village Store pays dividends to the community

We are often told that buying local supports the local community. As we reminisce over the last 6 years of owning our little Wingello Village Store I thought it would be a good idea to see how much of this is true.

The common definition of local is within 100km but I am looking at just 50km which means between Mittagong and Goulburn.

Over the last 6 years we have contributed to the local economy \$2.3 million. This is in the form of wages, contractors and suppliers.

Pretty much all of the upgrades to the land and buildings has been expertly done by local tradesmen and supplied from local suppliers. You can look back over the last 72 issues of the Wingello Village News to see our articles showing the fine work of these tradesmen.

All our fresh food is sourced locally too.

So, the support you give to your local store pays big dividends to your neighbours and the local economy.

It's not only the economic benefits that a local store brings to the community. It is also personal service. Staff at a large corporate rarely provide individualized service. "One burger please" or "I want to pay for this" is normally the limit of our interactions.

At a local business it is more typical to order a burger with various options - plus or minus ingredients, egg hard or soft, bread brown or white, toasted or not and so on.

When did you last see a petrol station employee personally fill a tank of petrol? We do for our customers who require assistance. We often carry out parcels that are too heavy or quickly open the door if the customer is overburdened.

Cash-outs are a feature allowing a way for our customers to avoid travelling many kilometres to an ATM.

We have delivered groceries and papers to bedridden locals and know almost everyone by name.

This is not unique to us, but is a staple feature of most well run small local businesses. Once you compare the combination of quality of service, food and all the other factors, the price is incredibly reasonable.

Business in a smaller community like ours also support all the local groups such as the fire brigade, community hall and other groups as we do.

So support your local businesses so they can support you.



Helping a customer send lots of Overseas letters.

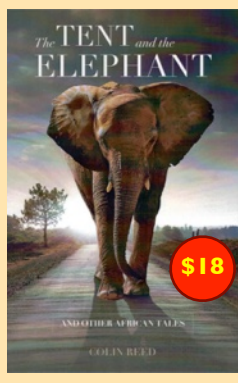


Locals bursting into music at the latest Chef Night Special

Trial Bus Service

Bus Times to 3 May:
 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

Speaking of local support, one of our locals has written a fascinating book detailing his experiences growing up and living an amazing life in Africa from the 1940's onwards. I have been reading this over the last few days and continually stop and share interesting sections with the rest of the family.



Bin Collection Mondays

April

- 6 ● Yellow
- 13 ● Green
- 20 ● Yellow
- 27 ● Green

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.

Exploration License Application covers Wingello and surrounding area

Australian Bauxite Limited put notice of an Exploration License Application in the Goulburn Post on 4 March. As you can see by the map it covers pretty much all of Wingello and a lot of area either side of it.

I spoke with Leon Hawker, COO of Australian Bauxite Limited, and he informed me that this was only an application which had not been approved and they had no plans to do anything further for quite a few years to come. He also wanted to stress that they will only go where they are welcome. If the property owner declines their offer to come on the property and explore they do not enter. They always ask for permission.



Wingello Fire Brigade News

March was a quiet month for the brigade with only two incidents. These were a call to a smoke sighting which turned out to be a hazard reduction burn in the Goulburn-Mulwaree area and to a search and rescue in the Wingello State Forest. This incident also involved the NSW Police and the SES. A lone bike rider became very lost but was eventually found safe and well.

The Brigade again assisted in the running of the James Williamson Enduro Bike Ride held in the Wingello State Forest on Sunday 22nd March. Our members manned a number of marshalling points around the course and the brigade provided the communication platform for the event.

The next big event that the brigade will assist at is 'Brigadoon'. Over two days members will assist in the set up of the event and on the Saturday provide traffic and crowd control as well as run the 'Water Toss'. Wingello Brigade for over 20 years has conducted this part of the 'not so traditional' Highland Games. Other games include the Egg Toss and Caber Toss. If you are attending 'Brigadoon' this year wander onto the oval when the games are being held and say "Hello" to the Wingello crew.

Brigade members have been rocked by two recent acts of vandalism involving the Australian Flag that is positioned over the David Quinlivan Memorial Garden at the front of the station. On the first occasion the flag was completely stolen and the second saw it ripped completely along one end and then taken. These acts are a serious violation against our National Flag and it is hoped that the person/s responsible will be found and prosecuted. Bowral Police are continuing with investigations.



The brigade has been reluctant in the past to install a security system as Wingello normally enjoys a safe environment mostly free of crime. Recently, however there have been reports of a number of house break-ins around the village. Rural Fire Service stations have also been broken into in surrounding areas where expensive vital equipment has been stolen. In most cases volunteers have worked hard at fund raising to acquire much needed equipment to ensure that an efficient reliable emergency service is provided to a level that the community expects. Wingello brigade is now looking to install a system that will detect any activity around the fire station. If any community member witnesses any activity that is illegal please report to Bowral Police.

Wingello brigade has a comprehensive training program that continues throughout the year and is designed to ensure that the skills and expertise of the members is kept to a high standard. External from the brigade training program, members have recently undertaken District Training. These were BF (Basic Firefighting), CSA (Community Safety Assistant) and CSF (Community Safety Facilitator). Congratulations to Murray Thomas who has completed his BF course.

The Bush Fire Danger Period (BFDP) is now officially over and from now until the introduction of the next BFDP property owners can undertake pile burning without the need for a Fire Permit from the RFS. However all that are intending to light a fire must inform their neighbours 24 hours before they intend to light up and the pile size needs to be in accordance with the Standards of Pile Burning. Access to the 'Standard' is http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0012/13323/Standards-for-Pile-Burning.pdf. Sorry about the long URL.

With winter fast approaching please ensure that if you use solid fuel heaters that you have serviced your flue or chimney. House fires are quite often caused by flue and chimney fires. Don't forget to change the battery in your smoke alarm as well on the weekend of the 5th April (Easter Sunday) when Daylight Saving finishes.