

Why be
anywhere
else?



Never waste a fine pot hole
in Wingello

Pot Holes - Nature Reclamation Project?

Getting to Wingello can be a challenge - don't fall in the traps

The main road into and out of Wingello and the Entrance to the Southern Highlands is Murrimba Road. The recent rains, cold weather and busier traffic has meant small defects in the road have grown into pot holes and some massive rents in the road.

The road out of Wingello has 7 pot holes of reasonable size and the way in has over 12 pot holes including the massive pot chasm pictured below. This hole deserves special mention as it is right in a cutting of the road which means if there is oncoming traffic drivers have few options of avoidance.

To no surprise of the locals, the majority of the incoming pot holes are all part of the general degradation of Murrimba Road on the roadside widening performed a few years ago. Whilst the widening and road marking has been widely praised, the quality of the roadwork has been criticised since the beginning.



We have always enjoyed the beauty of Wingello and it's close integration with the bountiful Australian flora and fauna - that is one of the great features of living here. A key part of our enjoyment is getting here safely and without undue damage to our vehicles or ourselves.

There has been some discussion that perhaps the degeneration of the roads is some sort of planned obsolescence. Is this part of a secret Wingecarribee Shire Council Native Reclamation Project? "Revitalising the Shire" could be a typical slogan.

Should we start utilising the potholes for pot plants?



The Wingello Village Association has had their AGM recently and a great gathering of locals has stepped up to assist the village liaise with Council and help present a united front to Government and other organisations.

- President** Colin Reed
- Vice President** Michael Brearley
- Secretary** Carol Olde
- Treasurer** Richard Davidson

Committee Members

Katherine Seers, Cassandra Deegan and Elizabeth Bennett (Ball)

The team are looking forward to an interesting year getting to know what the community wants. First up is the Meet and Greet on Tuesday 4th at 2pm, with everyone welcome.

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.

Bin Collection Mondays

- August
- 3 Green
- 10 Yellow
- 17 Green
- 24 Yellow
- 31 Green

Events for August

Tuesday 4th August 2 to 3 pm. WVA Social Group, afternoon tea/chit-chat. Hosted by Carol Olde. All welcome. Gold coin donation.

Tuesday 18th August, 9.30 to 12.30 pm. Wingecarribee Shire Council Street Tree Workshop. This event will also be advertised on Council's web site where residents can register to attend. Hosted by Callum Edwards, Tree Management Officer WSC.

Saturday 29th August, 2.00 to 4.00pm. Wingello Hall AGM. Tea and Coffee afterwards.

Open to all Wingello residents. If anyone is interested in joining the Hall Committee please come along on the day and support your local Hall and Community.

Sunday 30 August: Camelbak Southern Highlands Challenge Fun Run.

Hundreds of people, young and not so young will be enjoying the Wingello State Forest in the annual fun run. The Wingello Fire Brigade and Wingello School will be providing support.

<http://www.southernhighlandschallenge.com>



Monthly Dinner at the shop

We have brought back our regular once a month dinners at the shop. These will be held on the 3rd Friday each month with a Roast as the main meal and a special entree and dessert for a fixed price of \$25. This month's dinner will be **Friday 21st August**.

When you book you can select to be on a special "Meet and Greet" table where individuals, couples or small groups can join others on one large table. It's a great way to meet new people in a convivial atmosphere.

Entrees are served at 6:30pm.

Entree: Something nice

Main: Slow cooked Roast Pork with crunchy crackling, served with vegetables and boiled potatoes rolled in butter and chives.

Dessert: It will be yummy.

Book now.



Wingello Fire Brigade News

During July the brigade has been busier than in recent months with quite a few varied jobs as detailed below.

- **A house fire in Forest Rd.** Wingello RFB was assisted by Penrose and Bundanoon Rural brigades and Bundanoon Fire and Rescue. There was limited damage to the building thanks to the quick initial response of the Wingello brigade.
- **A chimney fire in Camden St** with no major damage.
- **Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA)** involving a car trailer that had become uncoupled on the Hume Highway.
- **Power lines down** at the corner of Forest Rd and Railway Pde. The brigade remained in attendance till the arrival of Integral Energy.
- **A collision between a motor bike and a kangaroo on Murrimba Rd.** The rider had significant injuries that resulted in an air lift by chopper from the Bill O'Reilly Oval.

Shake down exercises are continuing with the brigade's new unit Wingello 1. This truck has now had all of its gear installed and crew familiarisation continues. Wingello 7 has also undergone some significant refurbishment.

On the 25th and 26th of July the brigade assisted in the running of the '3 Ring Circus'. This involved providing

car parking and race marshalling and also the communication facility for use during this event. Many thanks to those members of our community who offered to assist the brigade with the event.

The same services will be provided for the upcoming Southern Highlands Challenge running marathon which will be held on Sunday 30th August.

Note for your diary!! **The Rural Fire Service Open Day will be held on the 12th September** at the Wingello Fire Station. More details will be released as the date gets nearer so keep an eye out in the Wingello Village Store's Notice Board.

Congratulations to our member Tim Ball and his wife Liz on the birth of their second son - a brother for young Max.

The Bush Fire Danger Period (BFDP) will soon be with us and whilst with the recent cool and wet weather you may think that the BFDP has no relevance for you, please think again. The Bureau of Meteorology has confirmed that a strong El Nino event has commenced that will gain in strength later in the year. Please ensure that you have planned your preparations well and that should be commenced now.

If you require any assistance please contact the Captain, **Arron Deegan on 0402 659 945** so that he can put the brigade's Community Engagement Team in touch with you. So Stay Safe and Be Ready