

Why be
anywhere
else?



Why be anywhere else?

Christmas and New Year is a great time to reflect on life in Wingello

It is good to have some time to enjoy the peace and quiet of a Wingello Summer's day. Sitting under the shade of a back verandah or wonderful tree one can reflect on life and our part in it to a backdrop of various bird calls and a gentle breeze through leaves with only a few sounds of our fellow villagers from a generator or pump or occasional lawn mower.

On a clear night as the day has cooled, the stars start to reveal themselves until you feel that you can almost touch the "milk spill" in the sky. A little technology can help on your smart phone allowing you to match the patterns in the sky with constellations and planets.

This lifestyle is enhanced by well applied modern technology. Although our Internet speed is not as fast as that in larger areas, it is still adequate to communicate with family, friends and businesses, purchase and sell online and obtain information you may require. Now that the Wingello Store has been upgraded, most banking (deposits, withdrawals and balances) can be done without driving to larger towns.

There are a number of community groups in Wingello, both new and long existing, which provide many different ways of working and socialising with other villagers.

We breathe wonderful fresh air and have great drinking water via rainwater or bores.

Although we will still find ways in which our lives could be improved, it is important to be grateful for the many benefits we already have. It is always an easy temptation to minimise the things which are good and maximise the things which could be better. At the end of the day, and in the shade of a delightfully relaxing Summer's day, I am very thankful for life in Wingello and all the locals who enrich our experience of village life.

Please enjoy this Christmas and New Year break and from all of us at the Wingello Village Store we look forward to being part of Wingello with you all in 2016.

Wingello Rain Chart										
Month	2011		2012		2013		2014		2015	
	Mth	Cum	Mth	Cum	Mth	Cum	Mth	Cum	Mth	Cum
Jan	45	45	64	64	87	87	27	27	205	205
Feb	129	174	304	368	320	407	112	139	73	278
Mar	70	244	160	528	27	433	192	331	34	312
Apr	63	307	62	590	68	501	44	375	166	477
May	84	390	15	605	47	548	32	406	52	529
Jun	84	474	80	685	310	857	56	462	58	587
Jul	39	513	25	710	18	875	9	471	51	638
Aug	67	580	13	723	2	877	290	761	196	834
Sep	53	633	23	745	65	941	31	791	39	872
Oct	81	714	26	771	25	966	78	869	56	928
Nov	75	789	60	831	84	1,050	46	915	48	976
Dec	47	836	32	862	37	1,087	263	1,178	33	1,008

Online shopping was a hit in 2015

Once more we handled a record number of parcels over the Christmas period from December through to early January. We would have received near to 1,000 parcels over this period, plus sent out even more!



Santa Lolly Run was a great success

Thank you to all the volunteers of the Wingello Rural Fire Brigade for this year's Santa Lolly Run. Children lined all the streets of Wingello and enjoyed a wave from Santa and lolly bags expertly handed out by the busy elves.



Fire season started on **1 October**
No fires without a permit.

Store Opening Hours
Phone: 02 4884 4340

Mon - Thu: 7:30 am - 6:00 pm
Fridays: 7:30 am - 6:00 pm
3rd Friday of Month - Open till 8:30pm

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

We are open **Every Day** except Good Friday and Christmas.

Bin Collection Mondays

January

- 4 ●● Both
- 11 ●● Yellow
- 18 ●● Green
- 25 ●● Yellow

Library Bus
Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15
In front of the park
Jan 5, 19, Feb 2, 16

News Snippets

Australia Day Picnic -

26 January, Bill O'Reilly Oval, 11:30am to 5:30pm



The WVA invites you to bring your family, friends and picnic to the oval. Kick a ball, play tennis or just relax and chat. Raffle for a great picnic set in a backpack will be drawn.

Art & Craft - 13 February, 2:00pm to 4:00pm

There will be an initial display of paintings, spinning, patchwork and other crafts as well as demonstrations by local artisans.

Cleanup in Bumballa Road.

The huge piles of trees are starting to be converted to massive woodchip piles. Hooray to all concerned!



Monthly Dinner at the shop

We have brought back our regular once a month dinners at the shop. They are 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 \$29. This month's dinner will be **Friday 15th January**.

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: Lettuce Burrito.

Main: Slow Roast local Pasture fed beef.

Dessert: Pana Cotta with special Passionfruit & Mango sauce.

MUST book by Midday Thursday 14 January

Wingello Fire Brigade News

Christmas has now come and gone and hopefully everyone is settling back into some normality. There has been some rainfall and over the Christmas period temperatures were very kind. However, do not let yourself become complacent as we are still faced with at least two and a half months of potential fire weather.

Over the past month the brigade has attended a number of incidents which include several motor vehicle accidents, an illegal pile burn and a tree down along Murrimba Rd.

Santa arrived at the station so the brigade could transport him around the Village but the pagers went off and both trucks had to respond to the illegal pile burn. This delayed Santa's run around but we are sure that all of the children who wanted to see him got the opportunity. The brigade also transported Santa to a visit at the Wingello Public School so the big fellow in Red has had a busy time. Many thanks to the Wingello Village Store for organising the lolly bags.

The brigade's annual door knock appeal was held before Christmas and a big thank you to all of the Village folk who donated to the brigade. We trust the calendars will be handy for you during this year. If you missed the door knock and would like to make a contribution please drop it into the Wingello Store in an envelope marked for attention of the brigade. Whilst you are doing that pick up a 2016 Wingello RFB calendar for your convenience. The brigade would also like to thank those who drop their change in our collection helmet at the Wingello Store. This was

emptied recently and it was clear that there are many generous people around. All monies collected by the brigade goes toward the improvement in equipment and facilities so your brigade can provide the emergency service that you expect.

As the Wingello Rural Fire Brigade is registered as a Deductible Gift Recipient please remember that donations over \$2 are tax deductible however you must tell us if you wish to have a receipt issued.

We are fully aware that some of the following message is repetitive and therefore could be ignored by some. Just think for a moment of those poor folk in Victoria on Christmas Day having to flee their homes and for some time not knowing if their properties were destroyed or not. This type of fire is not isolated or unique to Victoria or even South Australia. The high risk exists right here and the responsibility is on you as the property owner to ensure you have done everything possible to prepare your property but more importantly you and your family.

Please go to www.myfireplan.com.au for all of the information and advice that you will need.

As the old year has gone let us remember that great quote from Edith Lovejoy Pierce....

"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity 2016 and its first chapter is New Year's Day."

On behalf of all of the members of the Wingello Rural Fire Brigade we hope everyone receives all that they wish for in 2016 and that you enjoy good health and prosperity and please stay safe.