



Action on the Railway Crossing?

Does a meeting late last year indicate attention to our Railway crossing?

Residents of Wingello have been pursuing council, State politicians, the Railways and anyone who may have some influence to provide a solution to the issue of our dangerous railway crossing and intersection for many years. If you look on our news wall at the shop you will see a front page story from the Southern Highlands News from some years ago. We are still working on a solution. Hopefully we can get a result before we have a fatality.

The latest news is that a meeting late last year was held between many of the stakeholders regarding the challenge of our railway crossing in Wingello. Our State minister Pru Goward, members of the Wingecarribee Shire Council, representatives from ARTC (Australian Rail Track Corporation) and the Wingello Village Association discussed what has to be done to get an improvement happening.

Various plans were proposed and one concept which extends Murrimba Road straight through to Railway Parade and changes the existing crossing to one for pedestrians was shown. A copy of this idea is on the WVA notice board next to the hall. At this stage it is all conceptual with no firm plans at this stage.

Why?

Funding.

The ARTC said they had no funding. The council said they are ready to do whatever road and kerbside work is needed, but as it is directly involved with railway land, the ARTC is the one that has to come to the party.

Pru Goward was quite firm in pushing for action from the ARTC.

I understand from the council planners I spoke to that the ball is



now with the ARTC with pressure from Pru Goward to make something happen.

Thank you to everyone - past and present - keeping this issue alive. This village needs a better railway crossing and intersection so that all residents and visitors can enjoy Wingello safely.

Seven Years of service

WINGELLO VILLAGE STORE
& POST OFFICE CIRCA 1883

In 2009 we started the first of many transformations to the Wingello Village Store. Thank you to all of our local villagers and the many visitors, truckies, tradies and tourists who have helped us make the Wingello Village Store the centre it is today.

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

February

1	● Green	Green
8	● Yellow	Yellow
15	● Green	Green
22	● Yellow	Yellow
29	● Green	Green

Library Bus
 Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15
 In front of the park
 Feb 2, 16 Mar 1, 15, 29

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

News Snippets

Muso's Afternoon

On the 2nd and 4th Sunday every month (14 and 28 February) a local group of musicians have a jam session in the Wingello Store Shed from 11:30am to 3:00pm. All acoustic musicians are welcome.

For more details you can call Anthony on 0418 972 876 or ask at the Wingello Village Store.

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 pine tree piles are slowly transforming into pine-soil mulch. A tremendous effort has occurred so far. The project is being managed and delivered by Simon Badway for the client's subdivision. There are eight piles of which 3 have nearly been completed. Several other stages will follow post pine tree mulching.

The mulch is high quality as it has no sap and decomposition in progress, is multi sized for aeration and integrated with soil. It has a high aesthetic and visible effort for gardens.

If you are interested in some, please call Simon on 0439 762 283. **Free for locals.**

This is a fantastic result. Thanks Simon!

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 19th February**.

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: Marinated mini chicken kebabs.

Main: Slow Roast pork with yummy crackling.

Dessert: Lemon tea cake.

MUST book by Midday Thursday 18 February

Wingello Fire Brigade News

Well, there goes January and we are now into the second month of 2016, and the shops already have Easter on their mind. Time just goes so quick.

We here in Wingello have been lucky so far as fires go, and not too bad in our state of NSW while the others have had some horrific fires. Tassie is still, at the time I am writing this, in the thick of things. The NSW RFS has been sending men and equipment and expertise down to Tasmania and earlier in the month to WA. Our Brigade had our turn away last January, now others have stepped up to assist in any way they can to help our counterparts in the other states. Let's hope things get better for them all.

We have also received a good fall of rain along with an indifferent weather pattern this last month and it seems as if it is not over yet. Our crews of men and women have attended a couple of call outs this month but none serious, a relatively quiet month. A pile burn in the village and then a gas leak at the twin Shells - which turned out to be a false alarm - was attended by Exeter and Wingello Brigades along with the Fire and Rescue team from Bundanoon.

The Brigade also was to hold a Children's Fire awareness and safety programme along with two other programs under the umbrella of the WVA but unfortunately the two others were dropped because of the non-availability of the associated personnel. That left the RFS to still participate but unfortunately as we had to wait on answers from the others it left us little time to advertise the morning and not many people knew about it. We apologise for that, BUT we will be running that program in September next.

We know that we have had heaps of rain in Wingello over this last month but we still have two months of expected high temperatures and hot days that can dry out the properties very quick still to come so let's not get too complacent. Most of you I am sure have prepared your properties in some way or another and that is good to see. Let's hope we have a good summer without any fires but still be aware at all times and keep a watch on the Fire Danger Rating either opposite the station or on our web site and MYRFS.

At the end of this month the Brigade will once again be assisting in the Enduro Mountain Bike classic that is held in the Wingello State Forest. The Brigade assists in the marshalling and the communications during the race. Let's hope the weather stays fine. In the meantime, stay safe and prepare.