

Why be  
anywhere  
else?



Winners representing Wingello at the Robertson Show.

# Wingello - The secret of the Highlands

*Info Radio: Welcome to the Southern Highlands - from Mittagong to Bundanoon!*

If you were relying on Information Radio (87.6FM) to learn about the Southern Highlands you would hear: "... the Southern Highlands - from Mittagong to Bundanoon..."

You could be confused because you know that there is a sign just South of Wingello welcoming visitors to the Southern Highlands.

Let's say you stop in at the beautifully refurbished information centre in Mittagong. The old map which was cut off at Penrose has been replaced with a map on the window which finally does show Wingello and proclaims all it has of interest is:

*"Orchards, Fruit in season roadside stalls"*



Anyone that has actually visited Wingello and Penrose only knows of one roadside stall, Arcadia, which has a seasonal variety of fruit, vegies and some excellent craft.

Let us now reveal the secrets of Wingello for those that rely on our local tourism information.

### Wingello State Forest:

**World Class Mountain Bike Trails.** There are three levels of well maintained single tracks from 10km to 25km to test mountain bike riders. Great scenery and challenging hills available all year round. The sandy soil means the effects of rain are only short and riders can enjoy the forest very soon afterwards.

**Many Public Events** attracting anywhere from 200 to 2,000 entrants including:

- James Williamson Classic Endurance bike ride (February)
- Highland Fling (November)
- Wingello Horse Endurance Ride (May)
- Husky Sled Races (throughout Winter)
- Southern Highlands Challenge foot race (August)
- A number of scouting and other groups use the forest for camping and orienteering during the year.
- Free camping for many people at all times of the year. You can get the full story at:



<http://www.forestrycorporation.com.au/visit/forests/wingello>

### Pinehaven Stud and Chestnut Farm

From **25 March to 29 April** you can visit and pick your own top quality fresh chestnuts. See <http://www.chestnutfarm.com.au> for more details.



### The Christmas Tree Man

They have been supplying Christmas trees to Sydney and Canberra for over 25 years. <http://christmastreeman.com.au>

### Great Childrens' Playground

One of the few playgrounds where the seating and benches are nearby and in shade of beautiful pine trees. Play equipment for children of all ages.

### Wingello Train Station

The historical Wingello Train station is a favourite with train enthusiasts. Sitting inside the shop and watching the trains while enjoying a drink and some great food is a very popular pastime.

### Historic Wingello Village Store

Great Coffee, Simply Good Food, Petrol and lots more in a pleasant and relaxing environment. Browse the photos surrounding the inner walls showing people and events showing life in Wingello.

Overall I think we have a lot more to see and do than the Southern Highlands Tourism's small footnote.

**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**

March

7	● Yellow	Yellow
14	● Green	Green
21	● Yellow	Yellow
28	● Green	Green

**Library Bus**

Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15  
In front of the park  
Mar 1, 15, 29 Apr 12, 26

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

## News Snippets

### Loosely Woven "For King and Country" Concert - 13 March, 1:00pm

Loosely Woven are returning for an enjoyable afternoon of music and singing. They will be returning to Sydney from a concert in Canberra and love performing in our hall. A concert of this quality plus afternoon tea is unbeatable value for only \$5 admission (\$10 for families) for 2 to 3 hours of entertainment followed by afternoon tea. This is a joint project by the Penrose and Wingello communities so please come along and have a great time. Just ask anyone who came the last two years!



## 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 18th March**.

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:** Special Surprise.

**Main:** Slow Roast Lamb with Garlic and Rosemary.

**Dessert:** Freshly made milk chocolate mousse.

**MUST book by Midday Thursday 17 March**

### Fridges and Freezers for a good home

We have upgraded most of our fridges and freezers at the shop. The old ones are still in good working condition and available for free to anyone that wishes to pick them up. Just ask at the store and we can show you the selection currently in our shed.

## Wingello Fire Brigade News

One more month before the end of the official fire season and so far we have been very fortunate with having no fires within Wingello and its surrounds. Let's hope the remainder of the season is the same. We have had some recent rain but not enough I'm sure to suit us as much of the country side along with our gardens are in dire need of some good soaking rain.

The Brigade once again has had a number of call outs this last month the first being quite a large grass fire way out on Tugalong road Canyonleigh. This fire in steep countryside involved numerous brigades Wingello, Canyonleigh and Moss Vale. It also involved having a number of helicopter water bombers on site to contain the fire in the deep gorges around the area. The brigades worked well and soon, along with the choppers, had it well under control. A good effort by all.

Since then the crew attended two other call outs both in Murrimba Road, one being a tree down, the other an electrical fault on a line transmission pole on Murrimba Rd. Other than this it has been a reasonably quiet month.

The Brigade also held a Joint exercise in Wingello that involved Brigades from the southern end of the shire,

the others along with Wingello were Penrose and Bundanoon. This exercise involved the tankers pumping from a water source and sending it via a relay system through the three tankers to the fire front. Which has to be done at times when the water source is some distance away. A good exercise and well carried out.

The Brigade assisted once again in the Willo Enduro classic mountain bike race held in the Wingello State Forest. This is a well-organized race, and a credit to those that run it.

The Brigade has three new members interested in joining. We do hope they continue to attend, enjoy the training nights, the company of the Brigade and become full members. We can always do with new members

So, as this season comes to end, it does not mean that we will have no fires. Therefore, we must remain careful and always prepared as, like Tassie, WA and Victoria, it could happen to us.

Don't forget if you need advice or assistance in fire related matters please don't hesitate to contact the Brigade or one of the crew members.

Until next month, stay safe.