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## Second Accident encourages Crossing Action

*Another serious collision at the intersection has pushed the council to action*

You may wonder why this issue has been a little later than it should have. On Sunday the Wingello Village Store Facebook page was subjected to an orchestrated attack by a person known to us. The person arranged for friends to post as many false negative nasty reviews as they could to damage the store's reputation and our staff. We took down our page once we saw what was happening and so they started leaving similar fake terrible reviews on our Google Maps page.

Before we took legal or police action we attempted to solve this the Wingello Way: we contacted the perpetrator's family who were stunned their child had logged in using their accounts as well their parents and would do such a cowardly, vindictive and bullying act. They stopped the attacks so we were able to resolve this privately. The perpetrator does not live locally.

The problem is we now have to deal with the legacy of 1 star reviews reducing our "score". The majority of our customers who enjoy the services we provide show their appreciation by returning and telling and bringing friends and family. In the online world the only way we can counteract the fake 1 star reviews is with honest real reviews. The outpouring of support from locals when we revealed our plight was overwhelming and we greatly appreciate everyone's assistance.

There has been a lot of action in the village since the recent accident we reported last month. There was a protest meeting held at which many Wingello residents attended which attracted a good bit of media attention. The meeting which followed was attended by many who raised excellent points and was very well directed by the Wingello



A motorcyclist paying the price

Not only did the Traffic Management committee approve of stop signs and rumble strips to help improve awareness of the intersection dangers, the Council also came out and trimmed the bushes along the edge of the railway line near the crossing.

As I mentioned last time, this type of event shows how well the Wingello

Village Association. The councillors present were able to take to Council some great input. Councillor Ian Scandrett's report (via his Facebook page) is included here.

Just before the Traffic Management meeting we had another serious accident whereby a motorbike rider went straight through the give way sign and hit a car. Luckily she escaped with serious bruising and not the broken leg that was feared.

community comes together in times of adversity. During the motorbike accident, Adam of Comfort Cleaning took charge before the fire brigade and ambulance arrived to help organise the scene. Others arranged the meetings and protests and liaised with the media. The team effort worked. Well done Wingello.

Let's see how long the changes take to eventuate.

**Councillor Ian Scandrett:**  
*Yes folks, the other works will proceed after Council approves the Traffic Committee recommendations on Aug 10. This includes my amendment that Council investigate possible kerb extensions, pedestrian crossing and a centre refuge along with other roadworks to strongly change the look of the intersection from a through road to a village precinct. As I said on site, road and pedestrian safety must be an absolute priority. Thank you to all that turned up for the community consultation and particularly to Michael Brearley for his engineering suggestions and he and Colin Reed for their attendance at Traffic Committee. And to the community, inc Simona Angeli and Carol who communicated this so firmly. I understand Pru Goward has now achieved the previously impossible i.e. to get ARTC to look at a better i.e. separate pedestrian rail crossing as well. Thank you and look forward to that Pru!*

**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**

August

1	Green
8	Yellow
15	Green
22	Yellow
29	Green

**Library Bus**  
 Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15  
 In front of the park  
 Aug 2, 16, 30 Sep 13, 27

## Serious Dog Attacks

Two dog attacks took place at Pacofino's farm on Murrimba Road on Thursday 30th June and Friday 1st July. The first incident involved 3 dogs attacking a group of pregnant female alpacas. Our manager was alerted to the attack as the alpacas were alarming and the dogs were barking. He discovered the three dogs viciously attacking one particular female. Another female had a bite taken out of the back of her leg. (See photo). He shot one of the dogs, contacted the Ranger who came and identified the dog and advised the owner to come and collect it. Our vet was also called out to medicate and patch up the two females. Thankfully they survived but needed their wounds flushed out daily and were on antibiotics every 3 days for two weeks and anti-inflammatory injections.

The next day, the other two dogs returned and started to attack our stud males, one of which was badly bitten in the rear end. Again, one of the dogs was shot, the Ranger again contacted, the dog's owner contacted and the vet again visited to medicate and patch up the male who needed similar treatment as the females.



The two dogs that were shot were family dogs that had unfortunately got out of their yards and teamed up. They lived at opposite ends of the village and their owners were horrified at what they had

done. If they had not been shot and had returned home, the owners would have been totally unaware of what their dogs had been up to in the two days they had been missing, but these dogs had tasted blood and would have been a danger to any children who may start running around and having fun, as for the dogs this would be just another game.

The third dog got away and has not been seen since on our property. However, this dog was seen by me at 7am the

## Monthly Dinner at the shop

Our regular once a month dinner is 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 August**.

When you book you can 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 Tasty.

**Main:** Slow Roasted Lamb with garlic and rosemary, served with Potatoes and Vegies.

**Dessert:** Something yummy as always.

**MUST book by Midday Thursday 18 August**

previous weekend when our own dogs alerted us to it when it was running down our main laneway. We searched for it but it had disappeared. On this occasion the dog had done no damage. Dogs on their own normally do not attack livestock, but a lone dog teaming up into a pack with other dogs is highly dangerous and attacking livestock is just a game to them. They are not attacking for food - just for fun!! So, if anyone reading this has a large black dog that goes missing regularly it could be yours that was involved in these two attacks.

We have had alpacas on our farm for 16 years and have now had 5 dog attacks culminating in alpaca and sheep deaths. Alpacas had to be euthanased and multiple injuries - all have been local dogs, some of them family pets and the owners cannot understand how their dogs have behaved this way - and the attacks have ranged from small to large dogs.

There are many other livestock owners in Wingello who have also lost stock through local dog attacks, so PLEASE TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR DOGS AND MAKE SURE THEY ARE CONTROLLED AT ALL TIMES.

## Wingello Fire Brigade News

The brigade has had a very busy month with over eleven incidents with many trees down due to the high winds. A number of motor vehicle accidents and car fires were also attended. Quite a number of these jobs were attended in adverse weather conditions.

Our **'FireFlies' Dinner Dance** is very quickly approaching with steady bookings coming in. The Dinner Dance will be held in the Wingello Mechanics Hall on **Saturday 3rd September**. If you are going to attend please book soon to avoid disappointment. If you are new to the village please consider coming as it is a very special event. Bookings should be made by calling 0427 788 801.

During the Dinner Dance our big raffle will be drawn. The first prize is a return seaplane flight for 2 from Sydney Harbour to the Hawkesbury River with a 3 course lunch at the Cottage Point Inn plus overnight accommodation at the Inter-Continental Hotel at Double Bay. The second prize is a

Skyworth 55 inch LED Television donated by Harvey Norman Moss Vale and the third prize is a 470 mm square top Brazier donated by Home Hardware Mittagong. So make sure you have a chance to win one of these great prizes. There will be other raffles during the course of the night but for these you will have to be present, so make sure you book your table.

Part of the proceeds from this raffle will be donated to the children's hospital at Westmead through the Rural Fire Service "Coffee4Kids" programme and part will go towards improvements in equipment and resources for the Wingello Rural Fire Brigade. Your flight awaits you so make sure you have a chance and grab some tickets. (*Seaplane flight operated by Sydney Seaplanes*)

Be part of the **'Bushfire 6 Week Get Ready Challenge'** which commences on the **25th August**. Register and you will receive an email every week for 6 weeks which will give you a 'Challenge' which will inform and prepare you for the Bush Fire Danger Period ahead. Registering is easy just go to [www.yoursayingecarribee.com.au/bushfire](http://www.yoursayingecarribee.com.au/bushfire) and click on the registration button. Until next month, Stay Safe.