

Why be
anywhere
else?



Faster Internet by Christmas

The NBN is planned to be rolled out to Wingello this quarter!



This is the start of the new tower which will be bringing NBN to Wingello, Marulan and Tallong. What does this mean for us?

Currently we

get speeds around 1 to 3 mbps upload and under 1 mbps download. Also, when lots of people get on the service slows down even more.

The service being implemented is known as “Fixed Wireless”. I have been told by those that know these things that this will mean around 20 mbps downloads with full bandwidth. This means that we should all be able to get on without making the whole local internet access grind to a halt like it does now.

Other than being really nice to browse the internet at “City” speeds it makes Wingello an even more attractive place to live, especially if your work involves Internet access.

Fixed Wireless is a practical solution to the problem of country distances. Imagine the time and effort it would take to install fixed wires to every home, spread out as we are across many kilometres. This way we get a much improved Internet now without excessive capital costs. We won't have the speeds of the larger cities, but isn't that why we live in the country? I think this is a great compromise.

STOP at the Railway crossing

The new large STOP signs and rumble strips have been installed at the dangerous intersection in front of the Wingello Village Store. This has reduced the number of cars driving through but many cars still seem to pay no attention to the road conditions.



The rumble strips provide a very obvious physical reminder that there is a change, but apparently some drivers must think, “Oh, this road is bumpy,”



and drive straight through. The lines on the other side of the railway have also been repainted which helps in understanding which way the road priorities lie.

Our experiences reinforce the knowledge that many drivers lose focus and do not pay attention, especially when road conditions change. We have all watched in surprise when someone races past us on the freeway in torrential rain and fog.

Overall, these changes are welcome and will make some difference. Thanks to all that have been involved in getting this upgrade pushed through council.

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

October

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

Library Bus

Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15
In front of the park
Oct 11, 25 Nov 8, 22

Wingello School Spring Fling

The boys had fun in September visiting the Wingello Primary School and giving a demonstration of how Medieval armour and weapons worked. This involved some "show and tell" and the children were given the opportunity to hold and test the helmet, armour and shields. It was great fun, with many mums telling us the children had very excited stories to tell that night at home!

The school is running their **Spring Fling on Sunday 16 October from 9am to 3pm.**

There are lots of things to see and do including a collection of Medieval Fighters fighting. This is not pretend fighting. They will set up a "list" - which is a rectangular area in which the fighting occurs - and then go at each other



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 21st October.**

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: Chicken Kiev Balls.

Main: Slow Roasted Lamb made extra tasty with Rosemary and Garlic, served with Potatoes and Vegies.

Dessert: Individual Caramel Tarts.

MUST book by Midday Thursday 20 October

with full force. Combined with everything else going on, it is an event everyone should attend.



Wingello Fire Brigade News

All through September we have experienced wild weather and lots of rain and in between some great spring days. As far as rain goes I think we can do without it for a while.

The Brigade has had a fairly quiet month with only a few motor vehicle accidents.

The FireFlies Dinner Dance last month was a great success with a great crowd that filled the hall. The floor and kitchen crew deserve a big hand as they all did a top job. A big thank you to Helen Brearley and her team of cooks and kitchen staff. Well done Helen. Due to the success of the Dinner Dance the Brigade was able to donate to the Coffee for Kids program a cheque for \$2,000. The biggest so far from our proceeds from the Dinner Dances and a wonderful achievement.

The week following the Dinner Dance kept the brigade members busy with preparation for the Get Ready Weekend and Open Day which was held at the station the following Saturday. We had many visitors on the day including a group of children who enjoyed the giant slide immensely while the adults indulged themselves in coffee or tea and our top sausage sangers. Because of the wind being a little strong there was no fire drills and demonstrations, to keep things safe, but we gave the young ones some lessons on how to put

out spot fires by using the fire hose (under supervision of course) knocking down a make believe timber fire board. All thought it was a lot of fun.

We also had a tug of war with two teams of children, and after the best of three, the teams that came first and second were given ice creams as a prize, after seeing the photos I think a lot of mums and dads enjoyed one as well as the children a lot of fun was had by all.

The Station was well attended by around forty people and a multitude of children. All in all it was an enjoyable day. Many thanks to the Brigade members who were in attendance and helped out the visitors with the many questions pertaining to fire safety and their bush fire survival plans. As the start of the fire season is now upon us it is imperative that all remain prepared and vigilant.

During this month we have had our two BF course members now assessed as Fire Fighters. Congratulations again to Kevin Fitzgerald and Ben Grosskreutz, well done guys. The brigade has also had a number of new people sign up for Brigade membership. We hope they enjoy the companionship of the members and may they continue to attend to the point of becoming a fully qualified fire fighter.

So as the fire season is now upon us and even though we have had all this rain in the last few months things can change very quickly after a few hot weeks of summer. So as always be prepared and stay safe.