

Why be
anywhere
else?



A Perfect time for a Walk

Wingello is home to many great walks and riding tracks - go and enjoy them!

One of the great things about living in Wingello is the ability to walk or ride right amongst the great Australian bush. There are plenty of walking tracks through the native bush or the State Forest on both sides of the railway line.

There is evidence of recent hazard reductions performed by our Fire Brigade which is a great relief as we are into the annual bushfire season. If you go on regular walks or rides you will quickly see the blackened bush regenerate amazingly quickly. Conducting a hazard reduction burn is much kinder on the bush and all those that live in it than avoiding it and letting an out of control bushfire race through it.



The photo of James walking along one of the bush tracks on the Wollongong side of the railway line show the comparison of the burnt versus no burnt bush. You will see that the trees are OK but all the underlying fire fuel is gone. In short order, the various native seeds will

start to germinate now they have been exposed to fire and the bush will get on with doing what it does best.

If you plan on walking or riding in the State Forest please check online:

(<http://www.forestrycorporation.com.au/visit/closures>) to make sure the forest is not closed for an event such as the Highland Fling or Horse Endurance Ride or any of the other great events we have on a regular basis.

If you are camping in the Forest, please take note that we are in the annual Fire Season, so only cooking fires can be lit without a permit.

The other great thing about walking in Wingello? We have so many villagers that take great efforts to create fantastic gardens. Wander around the village and you will see so many well designed and cared for gardens, overflowing with colour and imagination. If you see the gardeners sharing their love of nature with us all, do the Wingello thing and say "Gedday".



Look! Look! The NBN tower is up and ready. It shouldn't be long now!

Oooh. Pretty.



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

October

7 Green
14 Yellow
21 Green
28 Yellow

Library Bus

Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15
In front of the park
Nov 8, 22 Dec 6, 20

November Events



Sunday, 13 November, sees the return of the annual Highland Fling. The Wingello Fire Brigade will be handling marshalling and helping control traffic especially on Sunday Morning as the riders cross the railway line and enter the Wingello Forest.

The Highland Fling is one of Australia's longest running, most iconic, and well loved mountain bike marathon races; enticing countless thousands of riders since 2005 to take on the challenge, often year after year.

Why? Because it's more than just a MTB race ... more than just a Fling... it's a journey.

A journey along narrow country lanes, and through lush private farmlands. A journey fording rivers, and plunging

Wingello Fire Brigade News

This month has certainly been a mixed bag as far as the weather goes, hopefully it will improve somewhat and be a little kinder to us all. The brigade has had a rather busy month, being called out on twelve occasions for numerous incidents including motor vehicle accidents and illegal pile burns. The crews handled these jobs under sometimes adverse weather conditions and during the late and early hours of the mornings. Well done to all who assisted.

The brigade has recently managed to do some hazard reduction burns within the Wingello area. Weather conditions in the past have prevented many of our scheduled HR's from being done. The recent one was carried out in the area between Forest Road and Wombat Lane area and around 80 hectares in size. The burn was done over a day for the first part and then a night time period to complete the last section. The Burn was better than expected but not quite as good as we wanted, still it turned out all in all a good job and one that needed to be done. Wingello Brigade was assisted by Penrose, Buxton, Bundanoon and even teams of Remote Area Firefighting Teams (RAFT) crews from the Katoomba area. Their assistance was greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to Helen Brearley and Tess for the great BBQ they had ready when the Brigades finished late on the day burn. Top hamburgers and greatly appreciated. Thanks Helen.

As all would know the **Highland Fling is being held on the 13th November** and the brigade as usual will be assisting with the setup, the marshalling and communications during the course of the event. The brigade has been asked to supply

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 18th November**.

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: Marinated Chicken Caesar Salad.

Main: Slow Roasted Beef, served with Potatoes and Vegies.

Dessert: Real Chocolate Mousse. Yum.

MUST book by Midday Thursday 17 November

into stunning fern gullies. A journey that snakes through some of Australia's most renowned flowing singletrack, and winds across rocky, technical terrain. A journey that rewards riders for conquering climbs with scenic views, and leaves riders with a euphoric sense of achievement.

With four event distances to choose from: Some Fling (approx. 23km), Half Fling (approx. 60km), Full Fling (approx. 110km) or 100Mile Fling there's a journey for everyone.

To assist the Brigade in the event of the reporting of fires and such like we would remind all residents that these must go through **Triple Zero (000)** and not directly to any member of the brigade. These calls need to go through the correct channels so they can be recorded and in turn the RFS calls out the appropriate service which makes it easier for our crews to respond. The brigade would appreciate your assistance in regard to this matter.

more people than usual this year so we would appreciate anyone with the time available who could assist us with marshalling on the day of the race please contact David Stimson on 0427 788 801.

The brigade along with other members of the Southern Highlands Team carried out Fire Awareness sessions at the Schools Environmental Day held at Lake Alexandra in Mittagong. During the course of the day we had the pleasure of four different schools attending our sessions. We found that they were well informed and had a good knowledge of fire safety.

Wingello Brigade along with the Principal, Gillian Irvine, was the first school in the Southern Highlands to have a miniature Fire Danger Rating meter installed in the playground. This will be operated during the course of the Fire Season by one of the year six students and under the watchful eye of the teachers. This term the job fell to Zac Thomson and I am sure he will do a good job. The Brigade also visited the school and held a Fire Awareness session with the students and Teachers and once again they were well informed. After the session the children had great fun going through the smoke house doing their get down low and Go-Go-Go routine.

So until next month stay safe and be prepared.