



Lost and Found and Christmas

Matching people and their things is just part of the personal nature of Village life

The last few weeks have highlighted the great nature of Village life. Often people pop in to the shop and tell us they have found or lost their dog, cat, wallet, goat or almost anything. Not long later we get a phone call, email, Facebook message or visit asking if we have heard of the missing treasure.

Just this week we saw that one of the locals had found a cute little dog wandering about and cared for it. We saw the photo in the Wingello Facebook community page and shared it with everyone working at the shop. Next day another local popped in very concerned as the dog they were minding had gone missing. "This one?" we asked, showing the photo.

Another case solved by the community.

As long as the shop has been the central business in the village with it's Post Office and groceries and now also the cafe and restaurant, over 100 years of interactions and conversations have helped create a close network of information. We have clearly trained all who work at the shop that we are a centre of community information - not gossip. This has allowed us to match the message that someone has found this dog with another request that someone is missing the same dog.

Over the years we have matched up missing dogs, wallets, poorly addressed letters and parcels - and even goats - with the proper owners. So if you are trying to find something lost in Wingello, or have found something that someone is probably missing, let us know. Or just drop in and say G'day.

It's that time of year as everyone is getting ready for the joyous time of Christmas and New Year and for most of us it's also a break from our regular work and school schedules. For many villagers this year online shopping is providing a very convenient means of getting the right presents delivered to your door (courier) or the Wingello Post Office. Typically we see parcel volumes double in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

If you have a courier delivering your parcel we cannot take delivery unless you have made prior arrangements. All Australia Post parcels are tracked so we have records of when they are delivered and picked up, but we are not part of the courier system and cannot take responsibility for their inability to look for your house.

If you know a parcel has arrived, please arrange to have it picked up from the store as we have limited storage capacity and we would rather you have the treats than have them sitting here waiting for you.

We wish all of Wingello a Happy Christmas and Safe New Year.



Christmas Hours

Dec 24 (Sat): 8:00am - 2:30pm
 Christmas Day (Sun): Closed
 Dec 26 (Mon): 8:00am - 10:30am
 Dec 27 (Tue): 8:00am - 10:30am
 New Year Day: 8:00am - 10:30am
 Jan 2 (Mon): 8:00am - 10:30am
 Jan 2 onwards: Normal times



Christmas Carols in the Park

On Christmas eve, when Santa returns after his run through the village, all are invited to sing Christmas Carols in Casburn Park. *Remember, enthusiasm and volume are the best parts about Christmas Carols!*

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

December

- 5 ● Green
- 12 ● Yellow
- 19 ● Green
- 26 ● Yellow

Library Bus
 Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15
 In front of the park
 Dec 6, 20 Jan 17, 31

Fire season started on **1 October**
 No Fire Permits until 31 March 2017.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 6th December at 2.30pm

Christmas Meet and Greet – All Welcome! A \$2.00 donation and a small plate of goodies would be appreciated.

Saturday 17th December at 10.30am

Christmas Morning Tea and General Meeting

Christmas Eve (Sat 24 Dec) Santa Lolly Run

The Wingello Rural Fire Brigade will be driving Santa around the village again this year. Details will be on the shop window.



Saturday 24th December (time to be advised)

Christmas Carols in Casburn Park to coincide with the return of Santa and the RFS truck from the lolly run.

26th January 2017 11:00am

Australia Day Picnic at Bill O'Reilly Oval

Wingello Fire Brigade News

Well the fire season is well and truly upon us and has had an early start for the season. At present there are approximately 41 fires active around the state and mostly on the eastern coast area. They stretch from the Gold Coast area in the north to Wallaga lake in the south then out west as far as Coleambally in the Murrumbidgee area. So far all but three are under control.

Just recently I have had the opportunity to see some of the area out west and the grass lands there are thick with high and dry vegetation. Along with the recent spate of temperatures ranging into the mid to high thirties and hot dry westerly winds we have been lucky no to have had more severe grass fires in the western part of the state. Let's hope it stays that way.

The Brigade assisted in the recent Shoalhaven fires with two strike teams being deployed to help out. A good response and well done to both crews. Call outs were limited this month with only one serious MVA on Murrimba Rd. where the injured were taken to hospital with some non life threatening injuries. According to the reports they were lucky. Murrimba Rd as we know is notorious for MVAs and mostly caused by avoiding wild life. It pays to be vigilant at all times especially at dusk and dawn.

The Brigade assisted Wild Horizons with the marshalling and communications of the Highland Fling. We would like to give a big thanks to all who assisted in the event not only our

ALL FIRE PERMITS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

1st of December, 2016

As from today all fire permits are suspended and no new permits will be issued at least till the end of the Statutory Fire period (31 March, 2017).

This decision has been taken by the RFS based on prevailing conditions and expected weather conditions over the summer period.

Christmas 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 16th December**.

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: Cheesy, tasty garlic bread.

Main: Glazed Ham and Turkey (*The glazed turkey is pictured. Mmmmm.*)

Dessert: Home Made Christmas Pudding with custard Yum.

MUST book by Midday Thursday 15 December



crew members but the support people we had from the village as without their support from we would be hard pressed to fill the positions that were needed many thanks once again to all.

The Brigade will once again be assisting Santa in visiting the Village on Christmas Eve and along with a couple of Elves will be handing out lolly bags to the children. Times of the event will be posted as soon as we confirm with Santa re his availability. A notice will be posted in the shop notice board well be for the date. I believe he will also be visiting Wingello Primary school on the 15th of December so keep a watch out for times.

By all accounts this season could be a busy fire season so let's stay vigilant and as always prepare yourselves and your property as well as you can. If you need advice, please don't hesitate to contact one of the brigade Officers or members who are only too willing to help and advise.

Remember that the App. "Fires near me" is free via the RFS web site and is an important tool to have on your smart phone or computer. It gives all relevant information on any of the fires in and around our state.

So in the meantime stay safe be prepared and on behalf of the Brigade we hope you have a safe and happy Christmas period.