



Why be anywhere else?

Wingello Village Store & Business College

It's amazing how supporting local business can improve the present and the future

Eight years ago we started running the Wingello Village Store and LPO for a number of reasons, but one of the most important was to provide a business education for young people. We had often read about young people around 15 years old being lieutenants in the army and navy back in the age of sail and starting productive lives with responsibilities and rewards at much younger ages than today.

This task of providing a basis for a life in the business world meant a proper structured approach which we have developed over the years. Every young person that works for us goes through an initial training period whereby they learn how to correctly and consistently make barista quality coffee and consistently good food as well as serve customers cheerfully and helpfully and also learn the many details of the Australia Post side of the business. Other than just learning from the other employees and management, we supplement with official training in Food Safety, Occupational Health and Safety and for those working permanent shifts we offer a Level III certificate in Retail Administration.



This system works. More businesses should look into this method of training new staff in their business and providing opportunities that don't involve two years of studying in Years 11 and 12 as this is a less than optimum choice for young people who

would be better off being productive in the world from age 15 or 16.

Many of us older people remember the opportunities we had when we were 15 or 16 and have tales to tell of our first jobs and how we learned so much from working at a younger age.

Your support of the Wingello Village Store and others that employ and train young people helps make society a richer and better place. These young people are contributing to society and maturing at a younger age and getting a great start to life.

One very important contribution to this personal growth and development is the interaction with so many good customers whose support has made this endeavour so worthwhile. Your support of the shop supports the present and future of our community.



In 2013, James and Tim finished their Level III certificates and Ariel her Diploma.

Over the last eight years we have successfully seen eight young people qualified using Certificate III qualifications and this year Clare and Matthias will complete theirs. A Certificate III is a TAFE level qualification and is considered a post HSC qualification and helps qualify for a university place. This means that those of our staff who had only completed year 10 are now able to study at university using the qualifications earned at the shop, as well as having multiple years of work experience in the bargain. Peter starts university this year.

Bin Collection Mondays

February	
6	Yellow
13	Green
20	Yellow
27	Green

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.

Library Bus

Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15
In front of the park
Feb 7, 21 Mar 7, 21

Fire season started on

1 October
No Fire Permits until
31 March 2017.

Wingello Happenings

Indoor Carpet Bowls

Thursday, 16th February, from 7pm – 9.30pm

An Indoor carpet bowls night will be held in the Wingello Hall. Only \$5.00 per person which includes tea and biscuits. Everyone welcome – all ages!

Rudy will assist with showing everyone how to play and proper indoor bowling mat is being used. Flat soled shoes or bare feet will be required to protect the bowling green.

This promises to be great fun. We look forward to seeing you there.

Tuesday 7th February at 2.30pm

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

Wingello NBN is closer

The electrical bits and radar thingies are attached to the tower (*That's the technical terms*) which means we are closer to NBN here! Forecast start date is still March to May (ish).



From Wingello Memorial Hall minutes 1910

I could have said “from young fry to old buffers”. Each Boxing day and Easter Monday, the village put on a sports day followed by a ball at night!!

(Population was then 600.)



Welcome to Wingello on a typical Summer's day

Welcome to Wingello

The Wingello Village Association have arranged for a “Welcome To” bit to be added to our Wingello Signs. Looking good.

Wingello Fire Brigade News

January has been a good month for Wingello in regard to fires, but yes the hot weather has been the worst for some years. These extreme temperatures that we have had just heighten the chance of fires but as I have just said we have been lucky and let's hope it stays that way through the rest of the summer. You, the village people of Wingello, need to be congratulated for the work you do around your homes and property. It shows that the messages we put out in one form or another have paid dividends. Well done people and keep up the good work.

The Brigade in this month only had a couple of call outs and none of great consequence. As much as we like to fight fires we would prefer not to have to do so. Regular training went on as usual through this month. A group training night was scheduled but called off because of the extreme FDR (Fire Danger Rating) conditions. This made sure that the trucks and crews would be available if needed.

During this month the Brigade had a number of members that assisted in the NSW Scouts Cuboree held at the Cataract Scout Camp where just on two and a half thousand cubs participated in a camp. Wingello brigade along with other brigades from the Southern Highlands covered the Cuboree for fire protection for five days and 24 hours a day. The Wingello crew covered a 24 hour stint and enjoyed the time there and helped in some of the events with the cubs, those who assisted enjoyed their time there with the children. There were no incidents that needed our assistance only to top up the water supply for their fun stuff.

This month, as we all know, has been very hot with over 65 fires and sometimes more in and around NSW. The Southern Highlands had a strike force sent to Mudgee for the fire there and also in a search and rescue down on the coast. Well done. We also had our first Severe FDR for this season and it will possibly not be the last, so as always keep vigilant and be prepared and keep up the good work.

By the way, the Brigade hopes that the Village had a wonderful and Happy New Year's day and wish all the residents a happy and safe 2017.

As usual stay safe and be prepared.

