



# NBN is here!

*So what do we have to do now?*

Last week the button to activate NBN in Wingello was turned on. Now what?

### Background

[www.nbnco.com.au](http://www.nbnco.com.au) is the place where most of this information is derived.

nbn™ Fixed Wireless is a form of connection where data is sent from a transmission tower and travels wirelessly to an antenna that has been fitted by an nbn™ approved installer to your roof.

A fixed wireless connection is typically used in circumstances where the distance between premises can be many kilometres. In this circumstance data travels from a transmission tower located as much as 14km from a premises to a rooftop antenna that has been fitted by an approved nbn™ Installer.

Fixed wireless connections also require an nbn™ network device to be installed at the point where the cable from the roof antenna enters your home. This device requires power to operate, and can only be installed by an approved nbn™ Installer or service provider.

### What does it mean for Wingello?

As the NBN here is Fixed Wireless it means we do NOT have to replace our fixed phone lines to get Internet. Will ADSL still work? For the short term everything will be the same but over time we don't know.

We plan on getting the NBN for the Internet access, but leaving our fixed phone line in place. This way when we lose power the phones will still work.

To get NBN you need to choose a plan - and there are tons of plans available to suit and confuse any budget or requirements.

Consider your usage. If it is email and web surfing then a simpler plan should be fine. If you are working from home, are a Netflix user or large downloader, the larger plans would be a better option.

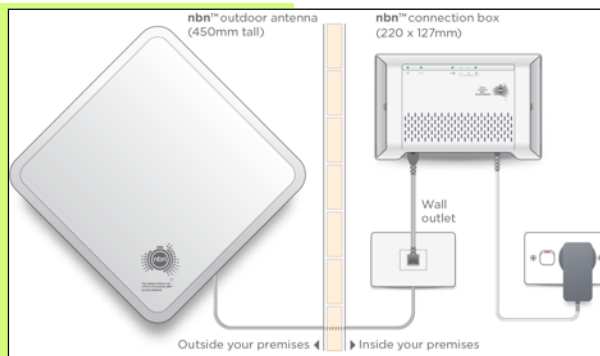
There is about a six week wait after you apply with one of the providers. All the providers are buying the same service from NBN Co so the services should be comparable. Theoretically the higher priced plans would

have larger access but whichever plan you choose should be much better than the current ADSL service.

Line of sight to the NBN tower ignores trees and so on, but will be affected by land or hills between you and the tower. The installer will check to make sure you can access the tower.

The Wingello tower gets its signal from the Bundanoon tower. We do not yet know

how that impacts our service. The best part is that a tower can handle many houses. The houses in range of the Wingello tower are less than half the capacity so it is unlikely we will experience capacity slowdowns like we do with the current ADSL.



### Bin Collection Mondays

- March
- 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

### Library Bus

Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15  
In front of the park  
Mar 7, 21 Apr 4, 18

### Fire season started on 1 October

No Fire Permits until 31 March 2017.

We are open **Every Day** except Good Friday and Christmas.

## Wingello Happenings

### Cows on the loose

We keep seeing cows loose on Murrimba Road and Kareela Road. This is extremely dangerous. When you see a cow on the road, if you are able to take a photo of any identifying markers, you can then call the



Wingecarribee Shire Ranger on (02) 4868 0542 or email the photos to [brendon.o'connor@wsc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:brendon.o'connor@wsc.nsw.gov.au)

### DVD Rentals are no more

With the coming of the NBN, Netflix and customer wishes, we will no longer be offering DVD movie rentals. Over the last 8 years we have provided a modest selection of movies for locals to save the travel time to nearby movie rental places. So we are selling off all of our ex-rental DVDs. Have a look at the DVD sale tray to pick up some movies for home. *Back in 2010 Zach was showing off the DVDs we had available.*



## Autumn Dinner at the shop

Celebrate the arrival of Autumn on **Friday 17th March** with a Roast as the main meal and a special entree and dessert for a fixed price of \$29.

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:** Tasty Cheesy Herb and Cheesy Garlic bread.

**Main:** Slow cooked tender locally sourced Roast Beef served with butter and chives potatoes and vegetables.

**Dessert:** Triple layer chocolate Mousse.

**MUST book by Midday Thursday 16 March**



## Wingello Fire Brigade News

An interesting month this February to say the least. Fire wise we have had numerous days with the Fire Danger Rating (FDR) being Very High, Severe, Extreme and one Catastrophic day in the upper Hunter region with a number of Total fire ban days thrown in amongst it. In regards to call-outs the Brigade handled a couple during this month and again, nothing too serious which was a good thing for all.

During this month NSW was inundated with fires and as at the end of February we still have a total of 68 fires ongoing throughout the state from Byron Bay 736 km North to Hegartys Bay 278 km South and Koraleigh 616 km out West. Widespread to say the least. February and March are generally our hottest months and so far it has proven that February has been the hottest for a lot of years. Let's hope March does not get as bad.

Wingello Brigade had five members who were part of the five day Strike team from the Southern Highlands sent to Coonabarabran area for the Sir Ivan fire where over 55,372 hectares of farm land there was burnt out, 35 houses destroyed and another 11 damaged, along with 131 other buildings. Livestock lost was over 5,056 and over



Wingello Strike Team

5,700 km of fencing destroyed. This fire had over 200km of active fire edge most of the time. Approx. 15 strike teams from all over the state participated; Wingello along with Buxton, Thirlmere, Bargo and Tahmoor Brigades responded well and were kept busy during our deployment. These farmers, well we can't say enough about how resilient they are, year after year they go through floods, droughts and fires and get back on their feet and sometimes start again from scratch. THEY are the backbone our country. The SHT was based in Gulgong and we can't say enough about the wonderful way the locals treated us, wonderful people. Each morning we were fed at a lovely café in Gulgong called Delumptions, great breakfasts and great people. .

The Wingello brigade also had two crew members who were part of the strike team for the Queanbeyan fire that struck quickly on the Friday; they also were kept busy during their 12 hour stint on the fire line. Well done guys and gals who participated in both deployments.

So a busy month let's hope March is a little quieter. In the meantime be prepared and stay safe.



The Southern Highland strike team on route