

Why be
anywhere
else?



Glorious splash of colours
in the gardens of Wingello

A near fatal driving experience

James narrowly avoided death last week.

James was returning from visiting friends in Wagga Wagga last week. With cruise control on 100 (he is on Green P's), the car steadily climbed a hill, around a blind corner and after a brief glance at the radio suddenly noticed a B Double truck slowly climbing the road in front of him. Slamming on the brakes he was able to move a fraction to one side when the car plowed into the rear of the truck. Air bags engaged and seconds later he was in a totalled car.

Undoing his seat belt he stepped out and approached the truck driver to see if he was all right. The truck driver was approaching James and was surprised at the question when he looked past James and saw the remains of the car.



What's left of Ariel's car

James returned to the car, put it in neutral and moved it to the side of the road so it wouldn't be a road hazard. Shortly afterwards the SES, police, ambulance and tow truck arrived. All asked who was the driver and found it hard to believe that the seemingly fit and healthy fellow standing in front of them had just been the driver of the

The SES guys said drivers rarely walk away from this type of crash. In fact within 30 minutes a very similar accident happened a short way along and the driver in that car died.

So we give thanks for James survival, and the 5 star safety rating of the Hyundai i30. Ariel now gets a new car - it was her car James had been driving.



James the Centurion

On Saturday was the dress rehearsal for the **Good Friday Passion Play** that will be held from 11:00am at the Pauline Father Monastery on Hanging Rock Road. James is playing the Roman Centurion, with David and Ariel being the organisers this year.

Typically the play will have between 5,000 and 10,000 people attending from anywhere between Canberra and Sydney. There are around 60 plus actors and crew with the play starting at the entrance and moving through the grounds to each scene of the Passion of Christ until the crucifixion about a 1.3km walk later taking around 2 hours.

As you can see, James fits into the Centurion costume pretty well and on Good Friday will have the rest of the costume with helmet, sandals and more.

If you want to experience something quite different on Good Friday, make sure you get there between 9:30am and 10:00am to avoid the rush.

newly twisted metal wreck.

Easter Opening Times:

Good Friday	Closed
<i>(Come and be part of the Passion Play at the Pauline Fathers Monastery, Hanging Rock Road. Starting 11:00am)</i>	
Easter Saturday	8:00am to 10:30am
Easter Sunday	8:00am to 10:30am
<i>(This is to allow all our customers to get their necessary news, milk and essentials, perhaps an easy breakfast or coffee, then on with the day's events - family and Easter Eggs!)</i>	
Easter Monday	8:00am to 10:30am

Bin Collection

Mondays

April		
3	Yellow	Yellow
10	Green	Green
17	Yellow	Yellow
24	Green	Green

Fire season is over from

1 April

Fire Season starts again
1 October 2017.

Library Bus

Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15
In front of the park
Apr 4, 18 May 2,16,30

Store Opening Hours

Phone: 02 4884 4340

Mon - Thu:	7:30 am - 6:00 pm
Fridays:	7:30 am - 6:00 pm
Weekends:	8:00am - 2:30pm
Public holidays:	8:00am - 10:30am

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

Wingello Happenings

Indoor Carpet Bowls

Thursday, 20th April, from 7pm – 9.30pm

An Indoor carpet bowls night is held the 3rd Thursday every month in the Wingello Hall. Only \$5.00 per person which includes tea and biscuits. Everyone welcome – all ages!



Graham, Rudy and Louise watch Doug deliver a carpet bowl towards the jack.

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

Regular Events in Wingello

1st Tuesday 2:30pm: Meet and Greet

3rd Thursday 7-9pm: Indoor Bowls

Last Wednesday 6-8pm: Ladies Dance Evening

Upcoming Events - more info as the date approaches

Saturday **13 May** - Bush Dance with Paddy's River Band

Saturday **17 June** - Craft Afternoon: World Wide Knit in Public day

Saturday **29 July** - Trivia Night

Wingello Forest Horse Endurance Ride

The weekend of **27 and 28 May** will see a horde of horse people descend upon the forest for this increasingly popular event.

The **MAXXIS Wingello Forest Endurance Ride 2017** offers a range of opportunities, with 5km, 10km, and 20km rides on Saturday 27th May starting from 12noon, and 20km, 41/61km and 80km rides on Sunday 28th May starting from 7am.

Ride one day or both days, or perhaps take a look behind the scenes and join the merry volunteers for a day.

The ride uses the wonderful trail system of the Wingello State Forest. Come and meander (or hoon) through tall dark pines, silver-white gums, fern-filled gullies, and green rolling farmland. Short sections of the 41km and 80km rides are on dirt Council roads.

Wingello's own **Village Store** and **Snax on Trax** will be providing great food and coffee over the weekend and Saturday evening.



Wingello Fire Brigade News

Well! What a month. Rain, rain and more rain. I do not think that Wingello will have a bush fire this month but the growth in the coming months will be horrendous. The thing we all must watch and prepare for is the winter months.

Daylight Savings is over so that is our reminder to check your smoke alarms. Please make sure as it will soon be back to normal time and that is when you must check or change batteries. Do not hesitate changing the batteries, twelve months is enough, and a new one only costs a few dollars but better than paying out excess on your insurance policies and most importantly can save the life of you and your family.

Solid fuel fires are great as we know, but we must make sure they are serviced and ready for the cold season. I am sure all who have fuel/combustion stoves/heaters would have had the flues checked out and cleaned. If you need advice at all please do not hesitate to talk to one of our brigade members. They can assist.

March was a quiet month for call-outs with only one incident call out: an MVA but no fatalities just a blown tyre and into the median strip. All good. A quiet time for our members. A few of the crew members are undergoing training and

accreditation in various aspects of fire fighting, making them more capable to handle the many situations that arise in the RFS. Well done to all.

The Brigade once again will be assisting in the organisation and set up for Brigadoon which of course will be on Saturday the 1st April. This will be a big event as it is Brigadoon's fortieth year and Jimmy Barnes will be the Clan chieftain. Should be a good turnout.

A very quiet month all round but now is the time to make sure we are all prepared for the winter months ahead.

Until next month be prepared and stay safe.



The Crew in action at Sir Ivan Fire Coonabarabran