



Why be
anywhere
else?

Wingello Fire Brigade showing the way!

We have had our Fire Warning

Did you pass your preparedness test? Did you have a Fire Plan to activate?

On 23 September a warm, windy day turned into a day of action and concern with an out of control bushfire starting near the Hume Highway and Murrimba Road intersection. Fire Brigades from the area and further afield rushed to stop the fire which had jumped the highway and was making its way towards Penrose and Wingello.

Luckily the hard work of the local fire brigades with the help of Thor, the water bomber plane, stopped the fire making its way towards the villages and the edges of the fire near Hanging Rock Road, leaving the fires the tough work of stopping the fire in the difficult terrain.

The Hume Highway was closed for several hours with traffic stopped near the Marulan Service Centre for over 3 hours. Traffic was initially diverted through the villages with thousands of cars following the leader through Wingello and Penrose. We stayed open for several additional hours to provide assistance to many travellers who weren't sure where they could go.

The Wingello RFB provided the store with information and we updated our Facebook pages frequently and assisted with local information. Some concerned locals figured that rather than waiting around home they would gather their Getaway Bag and settled in at the store for company and group safety.

The standard answer from the official fire channels was "Activate your Fire Plan". A common reply was a surprised answer to the effect of "I don't have one." The Fire Brigade has provided a very informative pack containing a Fire Plan and useful information about fire and what you should do about it. How to prepare your homes and options for you and your family.



The Wingello RFB telling Thor the Water Bomber where to go.



If you have missed all the opportunities previously to get your Fire Plan pack, now is the time to get one and read it with your family. Discuss your situation and prepare. We have had our warning.

Let's be ready next time.



Peak Hour in Wingello with thousands of cars diverted through the Highland Way



Get your Fire Plan at the Wingello Village Store. They're FREE

Bin Collection	
Mondays	
October	
2	Yellow
9	Green
16	Yellow
23	Green
30	Yellow

Fire season start
1 October
NO Fires without a permit until 1 April 2018.

Library Bus
Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15
In front of the park
Oct 3, 17, 31 Nov 14, 28

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, Christmas & Boxing Day.	

Wingello Happenings

Wingello Public School Spring Fling

Sunday, October 29th 9am - 2pm

Upcoming Events

Sunday 29 October 9am to 2pm

Wingello Public School Spring Fling.

Market Stalls, Delicious food, Jumping castle, Competitions, Games, Entertainment, Show bags, Raffles and more. This is a huge local event and fun for the whole family.

SOON:

Tuesday 7th November – Melbourne Cup Luncheon. More information to be circulated and put on the Notice Board outside the Hall.

Saturday 25th November – Wingello Village Association General Meeting 2pm in the Hall

Saturday 27th January – Celebrations for the Centenary of the Hall

Mail2Day now at Wingello

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We'll send you an email invite. Follow the link to activate your MyPost Digital Mailbox. Already got one? Just log in.

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Get the MyPost Digital Mailbox App on your Apple or Android device* and set up your mobile alerts.

We now have the ability to automatically send you an email when you receive mail in your PO Box. Considering PO Boxes for locals are all at a discounted rate as we have no street delivery in Wingello, this is a great deal.

Also, if you get a MyPost account, you can link parcels being delivered by Australia Post on to your account and get an email when your parcels arrive, even if you don't have a PO Box! Just ask at the Wingello Store for more information.

Regular Events in Wingello

1st Tuesday 2:30pm: Meet and Greet with Guest Speaker (\$2 donation, bring a small plate of afternoon tea)

2nd Saturday 2-4pm: Craft/Music Afternoon (\$5, tea and biscuits included)

3rd Thursday 7-9pm: Indoor Bowls (\$5, tea and biscuits included)

Last Saturday 12:00pm: Ladies Dance

Wingello Fire Brigade News

All together this has been a very busy month for the Brigade. So let's start off with the most important and the close shave that Wingello has had for a long long time. I am talking about the Paddys River fire that started once again in the same area as the 1939 fire that nearly decimated Penrose and Wingello. Along with a strong north westerly wind, hot temperatures and extremely dry grass lands it was bound to happen again.

It could have been another disaster but thankfully with the help from multiple units from around the area including Wingello, Penrose, Bundanoon, Exeter and others from within the Highlands along with brigades from way out of this area. With the help of THOR the Hercules water bomber it was eventually controlled and contained. Wingello was lucky along with Hanging Rock houses. This only goes to show that these conditions this summer have already shown us what we may expect. So always be vigilant and careful. Watch the FDR indicator and observe the **No Fires without Permit** signs.

Also this month the Wingello carried out their Get ready weekend but the weather was very unfavourable. Strong winds and cold conditions certainly



did not help the day. The Jumping Castle that was to be could not be erected due to the strong winds. But the hardy ones that came along to mix with the crew members enjoyed the day.

Call outs and helping out with hazard reductions meant the Brigade was called out seven times including the Paddys river fire, three Motor Vehicle Accidents (MVAs), three fire calls and a pile burn. The boys and girls certainly made us proud. Well done to all the crew members who assisted.

At the time this was printed there were 69 fires current within the state, from Kyogle in the North to Bega in the South and to Wentworth in the far West. We have also had many High, Very High and one Severe day in the last few weeks along with our first (TOBAN) Total Fire Ban day.

As usual people, be prepared and stay safe.

