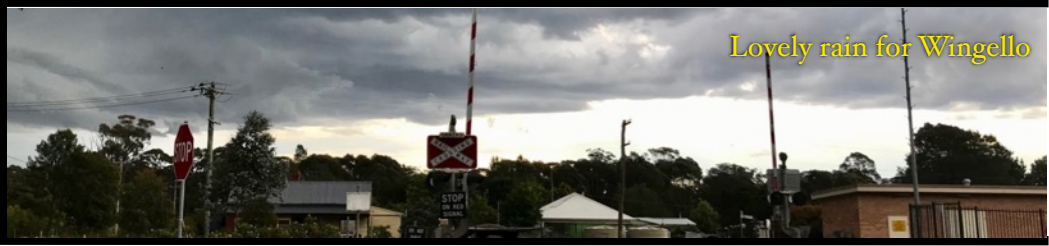


Why be  
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# Wingello Weather

*A generous new local has set up a weather station just for Wingello*

We all know that weather in Wingello is pretty special. It may be raining here and dry all around or perfectly sunny whilst Moss vale is getting drenched. Up until last month, all we had to go on in any of the weather forecasts was an estimate based on nearby weather stations such as Moss Vale and Goulburn. Even picking Wingello in the weather programs still only used estimates.



Long time locals may still be able to pop their hand out the kitchen window and with great accuracy

predict the day's weather, but most of us are not quite so attuned to local conditions.

A new local has done a great service to all residents by installing a special weather station linked in to the Internet and shared at the weather site Weather Underground. Unlike most other weather forecasting sites, the Weather Underground maintains graphs and history since the weather station was installed including all the interesting bits such as rainfall, temperatures, wind and so on - a treasure trove of weather data.

The web link is:

<https://www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=IWINGELL2>

This initiative is of great benefit to all locals not just for personal interest but also the fire brigade now has true local weather measurements too. Well done!

## Waratah Day for Indigenous Literacy Foundation

On September 30 John, Pam and Elspeth Menzies hosted the second **ILF Waratah Day** at Wombat Lane Farm, Wingello.

People came from Sydney, Canberra, Wollongong and the Southern Highlands to pick waratahs and all proceeds were donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to support its programs in remote communities. The next ILF Waratah Day will be held on Saturday 29 September, 2018.



It is always impressive how many amazing things are done by the people of Wingello.

## Are you ready for Christmas?

Christmas is always a busy time as everyone gets ready for not just the great day of Christmas, but also the associated holiday period from Christmas to New Year and then most of January for anyone with students in the family.

This Christmas also means LOTS and LOTS of Internet shopping and parcels delivered by couriers or Australia Post. We can already see the increase in the number of parcels coming through.

**Please Don't Delay** in picking up your parcels. The monthly parcels we received last Christmas has already been beaten by every month since July this year!

### Christmas Hours

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

### Bin Collection

Mondays	
December	
4	Green
11	Yellow
18	Green
25	Yellow

Fire season started

**1 October**

NO Fires without a permit until 1 April 2018.

### Library Bus

Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15  
*In front of the park*  
 Dec 12, Jan 9, 23

### 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

### Upcoming Events

**Saturday 9th December - Craft Afternoon.** Bring your spinning, knitting, embroidery, or whatever you're working on, and enjoy the music of Rhonda Langford at the piano. Sing along if you like, and enjoy a cuppa and biscuits - only \$5.00 per person

**Saturday 17th December, 10:30am - Weekend Meet & Greet.** As well as a general meeting in the hall.

**Sunday 24 December - The 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.

**Sunday 24 December 6pm - Christmas Carols in the Park**

Coinciding with the return of Santa, the Wingello Village Association is hosting Christmas Carols in Casburn Park. Come and enjoy the Christmas Spirit in Wingello. Bring your chairs, rugs and fine singing voices.



## Wingello Happenings

### SOON:

**Friday 26th January, 11am to 3pm - Australia Day at the Oval**

Bring your picnic, cricket bat or tennis racquet and join in the celebrations at our famous Bill O'Reilly oval.

**Saturday 27th January** - Celebrations for the Centenary of the Hall

### 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 Irish and Tap Dancing - see May King for information

[may.king@bigpond.com](mailto:may.king@bigpond.com)

**On a Sunday to be advised** - Book Club -

see Bronwyn Fitzgerald for information

[bronyfitz@gmail.com](mailto:bronyfitz@gmail.com)

## Wingello Fire Brigade News

It is that time again, Summer is now upon us and Christmas is just around the corner. Let's hope both are a safe and enjoyable time for all in Wingello. The Brigade this month has had just a few call outs and only minor incidents with trees alight, small fires and trees down all were dealt with quickly. Otherwise the month has been quiet.

The weather also has been kind to us and it is forecasted for a very wet December this will of course lessen the chance of fires within the Highlands but does not mean we will be fire free over the remaining summer months. February and March are on average our hottest months and grasslands dry out very quickly so watch the Fire Danger Rating signs as here in Wingello they are kept up to date on every change.

The Brigade has now two brigade members undergoing driver training (Lucy and Ben) and hopefully they will get their licences soon and become fully fledged tanker drivers and valuable assets to the brigade. The more drivers the brigade has makes it better for callout availability and relief drivers at

major incidents.

As Christmas will soon be here the Brigade will once again be hosting Santa around Wingello on Christmas Eve. Times will be confirmed after confirmation from Santa's staff on his estimated arrival time in Wingello. Times of the event will be posted on the notice board and in the shop window.

Once again Wingello will be having its annual door knock appeal/calendar drop some time in the next few weeks and many thanks to the sponsorship once again from the Wingello Store. As this will be the last news letter before Christmas day on behalf of the Brigade we wish all people in the village a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year and hope that 2018 brings peace and happiness to all.

Just a reminder about the Bush fire season, there is **no fires without permits allowed** so please request a permit from the brigade officers if you need to burn off anything at all. They are only too happy to check it out and issue a permit if all is well. Do not risk accidentally causing a major fire by not getting it okayed. Summer has still a long way to go.

As usual be prepared and stay safe