

Why be
anywhere
else?



On the 5th Day of Christmas in Wingello, 5 Chooks in a Pine Tree

Return to Earn

The NSW government earns a great return with a new tax.

The new "Return and Earn" scheme started officially on 1 December. How does it work?

1. Bottle suppliers must pay 10 cents plus a system charge on each bottle they supply. This works out to somewhere between 11 and 14.5 cents per bottle. This is then charged to whoever they sell to.
2. The distributor and retailer need to add their margins which means the retail price of most drink bottles goes up by about 17 to 20 cents.
3. Consumers can then take the bottles back to a collection point to receive 10 cents per container.

That all seems pretty straight forward, but what is involved in the good people of Wingello getting back 10 cents per container?

Nearest Collection Points:

Vinnies Mittagong - Over the counter (100 items)
(49km - 37 min)

Woolworths Mittagong - Reverse Vending (49 km 37 min)

Vinnies Moss Vale - Over the counter (100 items)
(34km - 28 min)

Woolworths Goulburn - Reverse Vending (49 km 39 min)

All containers must be:

1. Empty
2. Uncrushed
3. Unbroken
4. original label (barcode) attached

So, you pack up your car with bags full of uncrushed and undamaged bottles and cans. The nearest "Reverse Vending Machines" are 49km away. You find a car park, drag your sack or two of containers and put them in one at a time so the machine can read the barcode. The accuracy is about as good as the self serve (also known as the "No Service" lane) at the supermarket. When you have finally finished the depositing you have three choices to get your money.

1. Electronic transfer to your Pay Pal account via an app on your phone
2. Donate it to an approved charity, or
3. Get a voucher to cash inside



Woolworths.

Alternatively, you can work out the value of your time, petrol, wear and tear of the car, storage hassles and just crush the containers to put them in your yellow bin.

So who benefits from this brilliant scheme? Pretty much the NSW government will keep the 10 cents and the scheme fee which props up a whole new public service department. The Federal government gets an increase in GST of about 2 cents a bottle. And you get to pay more for every bottle you buy. For example, a 24 pack of 600ml bottle of water previously sold for around \$6 and is now \$9. To get \$2.40 of that back you need to keep the empty, uncrushed bottles somewhere, take them back to a collection point, scan them one at a time, take the docket back into Woolworths and get the cash. Easy! It's lucky your time, transport costs and effort are worth nothing.

More info is at: <http://www.returnandearn.org.au>

See our Cinema Ad!



<https://youtu.be/EidOCxhaI7U>

Our advertisement is now playing at Goulburn and Bowral cinemas. Shhh! It's a Secret.

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.

Bin Collection Mondays

January	
1	●● Both
8	●● Yellow
15	●● Both
22	●● Yellow
29	●● Green

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

Wingello Happenings

Upcoming Events

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.



Wingello Fire Brigade News

This year has been kind to Wingello in regards to fires, and a lot of thanks go to the residents of the village and surrounds. Well done. BUT we still have three months left in the fire season and the hottest months are historically the next three. So keep up the goods work, take notice of the FDR signs as they are kept up to date daily, brush up with your family on your Bush fire plan to make sure all the family know what has to be done in the event of fire in our area. So far we have had a couple of Very High days and so far so good. Just a reminder that all fire permits have been suspended until further notice that means no fires whatsoever. Please assist by adhering to this notice.

The Brigade this month had just one call out to a fire but was stooed down not soon after. This month I think has been the quietest all year, let's hope it continues into the winter months. Besides call outs the brigade still continues with their regular training nights including combined southern group exercises. Keeps the crew on their toes.

The Brigade escorted Santa to the Wingello primary school for their Christmas Santa visit and with the help of an Elf distributed presents to all the children - again a pleasant duty. Santa also came back for the Brigade's Lolly drop on Christmas eve around the Village and again with the help of two Elves all children received a bag of lollies and some times bigger children were



Wingello Hall Centenary

The Wingello Mechanics' Institute Hall is celebrating its one hundred years of existence on **Saturday 27th January**, with an afternoon of historical displays, photographic competition and launch of the book "**Glimpses of Wingello**".

2:00 pm. Afternoon tea with Historical display, Photo competition and book launch of "Glimpses of Wingello".

Books available at \$35.00 ea. (*Cash only*)

Photo Competition: Entry forms available at the shop or contact wingellohallcentenary@gmail.com

Great prizes - \$100 for children's section, \$200 for open section.

6:30 pm Dinner followed by an historical show by Paddy's River Band "If these walls could speak".

Tickets \$40 ea from trybooking.com/296010 or phone 02 4841 0400.

Booking is essential for catering purposes.

For enquiries please contact:

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recipients of these sweets. We did notice that there were a less number of children this year than last Christmas eve. Nice to see quite a lot of the mums and dads out to give Santa a wave.

This New Years day is the 20th Anniversary of the Gulp Road Fire when Wingello lost a truck a driver and seriously injured another five crew members. The Brigade held a memorial service at the site on New Year's Day followed by a get together at the station and memorial garden after the site visit. There were four of the remaining victims in attendance: Gayle and Frank Pritchard, Andrew Neal and John Luke Jnr. It will be sad memories for those who were involved and a reminder to all of the dangers of wildfires. There are some good things that came out from a disaster: the trucks are a lot more protected mechanically and also more protection for crew members. Also training programs were stepped up in regards to crew safety in the event of a fire over-run. We will always remember those who put their life on the line that day to protect one another and the Village as it could have been a lot worse.

So as this year comes to a close and the New Year begins we once again thank all in the village for their support and assistance during 2017 for without your support it would make things harder for us. The yearly calendar drop is a bit late this year but will be around early January. On behalf of the brigade we hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and hopefully a happy and healthy 2018.

And as always, be prepared and stay safe.

