

Why be
anywhere
else?



Rain, storms, sunshine:
Summer in Wingello

Wingello Serving Wingello

100 years on and Wingello is still a great village.

In February 2009 we took over the Wingello Village Store. You can see how the family has grown since then both in height and an additional member too.

Wingello has also developed and grown in that time. In Australia people, on average, change home every seven years. Another way of looking at it is that typically half the population of an area will change every seven years. This is true of Wingello with families

moving on and others moving in to existing homes and building new ones too. New villagers have taken to village life and enjoy the quiet and space that come with being a little way off the main roads.

Wingello really is a great place to live, not just a place to end up after a hard day working. This is true not just of present day Wingello, but the past too.

The recent 100th Anniversary of the construction of the Wingello Mechanics Institute Hall was a great success with hundreds of past villagers returning to join in the festivities and share many amazing stories of their time growing up here, especially around the times of the 60's bush fire. A great thanks go the organisers of the anniversary from the Hall Committee and Wingello Village Association. A lot of preparation and work went into gathering so much history of the village, getting the word out to past residents, arranging the dinner and lots more unseen but essential tasks.



It is this community spirit combined with concern for our neighbours and a respect for each other's privacy that makes a powerful mix of great village life. Basically you can lead the life you wish to live in peace and quiet considerate of neighbours and promptly stepping in when needed in times of danger and uncertainty. The Wingello Rural Fire Brigade is a centre of activity dedicated to helping others when

needed, and community groups such as Wingello Village Association and the Hall Committee, the Wingello Public School parents and community, and many more groups all add to the flavour and benefit of Wingello as a whole.

We all serve each other in many ways, even if it just means joining in events when they happen. There isn't much benefit in a public event if no public turn up. Often the best part is just participating by joining in on the day - even for the organisers that have put in so much work beforehand (and afterwards). Last week's 100th anniversary was a great example with current and past Wingello villagers mingling, chatting and reminiscing over past times. The organisers should gain great satisfaction by seeing the enjoyment of so many people that participated.

It has been great serving Wingello for the last nine years and we have many more to come! As we always say, **Wingello - Why be anywhere else?**



Bin Collection Mondays

- February
- 5 ● Yellow
 - 12 ● Green
 - 19 ● Yellow
 - 26 ● 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
Feb 6, 20 mar 6, 20

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

Sunday 11 February The O'Reilly Shield Cricket Match at the Bill O'Reilly Oval.



The Wingello Mechanics Hall Centenary Celebrations included the book launch of **Glimpses of Wingello**, copies of which will be available for sale at the WVA stand during the cricket match. Alternatively you can email secretary.wva@gmail.com to secure your copy! Books are \$35.00 each.

See our Cinema Ad!



<https://youtu.be/EidOCxhaI7U>

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

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 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

(\$5, tea and biscuits included)

3rd Thursday 7-9pm: Indoor Bowls - All Ages Welcome

(\$5, tea and biscuits included)

On a Sunday to be advised - Book Club - see Bronwyn Fitzgerald for information bronyfitz@gmail.com

Wingello Fire Brigade News

A belated happy New Year to all and hope 2018 is a safe year for you. Wingello Brigade has been a little busier this past month. The extremely hot days we have had certainly did not help the fire situation within the Highlands and surrounds. The Brigade attended eight call outs since the 5th January including two MVA's and four smoke sightings and grass fires including two on Australia Day.

Hope you all enjoyed the 26th. A gentle reminder to all there is at present **NO FIRES WITHOUT PERMITS AND AT PRESENT NO PERMITS ARE BEING ISSUED**. Illegal burning can cause you problems. Two other calls were on the 29th: a grass fire on Inverary road caused by a branch on a High Voltage line and a supposed structure fire in Penrose but the crew were not required. Well done to all.

The Brigade was also a part of a strike team that assisted in the Long Gully Rd fire in the Upper Lachlan area on the 20th January. During this fire we had two crew rotations from Wingello Brigade along with our Captain Arron Deegan as the strike team leader, then on the 31st a strike team of four from Wingello will be assisting in the fires around the Upper Hunter area. Well done to all and hope the team on the 31st stay safe. Congrats to all for jobs well done.

The crews spend a lot of time away from their families during the fire season and at all times through the days and nights. This does make a strain on the families when they are left

behind, albeit for a few hours or a few days. At present there are 76 fires in NSW being attended to by the RFS Volunteers. For those that do not know, in NSW the RFS volunteers amount to over 74,000 members, both men and women. It holds the record for the biggest volunteer service in Australia and I believe also in the world. We do thank the wives and mothers that are left to look after the families while crew members are away. They also deserve our heart felt thanks.

On the days of the Long Gully fire around Taralga the Southern Highland Community Engagement teams along with police, National Parks and Wildlife and the local Emergency people, had a combined meeting in Mittagong FCC to do some pre-planning in case the fire went pear shaped and impacted on Wombeyan Caves residents or towards Canyonleigh village. A number of plans were put in place in case of an evacuation as the communication down in the caves area is pretty much non-existent. It was also decided to have a Community Engagement group stationed at the Canyonleigh store to assist the locals in information about the direction and state of the fire in regards to their properties. It was very well attended with 150 - 200 people dropping in for the up to date correct information about the fire.

At any time in the event of fires near you please go to Fires Near Me phone app or the RFS site for the CORRECT info as some times misinformation creates panic. But in all cases remain calm.

As per usual Wingello people, be prepared and stay safe.