

Why be
anywhere
else?



When St Patrick's Day hats are too tall in Wingello

Council considers Wingello just another Suburb

Bushfire season is over, but most of the village still can't light fires

Bushfire season is over and most of us figured we could dispose of all that excess burnable materials in our backyards. Nope. Not true. Anyone on a property less than 4,000 square metres cannot do backyard burning. Remember back in July 2017 we reported that the council was having public "consultation" regarding new policy for backyard burning. It seems "consultation" comprised rejecting all protests and proceeding with the policy anyway.

As the Fire Brigade reported back in July 2017:

"After years of educating our residents about the correct way for pile burning and Wingello residents have listened to us and have had done the right thing, now they the council now want to deny us the right to burn off domestic garden cuttings"

So pretty much your only option is to chop the waste up and put it in your green bins or take it to the recycling centre which is **only** 1 hour drive (return) away.

Burning of backyard vegetation must meet all the conditions. The conditions are listed below.

- Burning is prohibited during Total Fire Bans or on No Burn Days.
- During the Bushfire Danger Period a fire permit must be obtained from the RFS or NSW Fire and Rescue depending on where your property is.
- Only dead and dry vegetation can be burnt, no other items.
- You must take into consideration alternative ways to dispose of the vegetation.

- You must take into consideration the impact of smoke on neighbours and traffic. This includes considering the wind, weather and length of burn.
- Make sure you provide 24 hours notice and only burn dead and dry vegetation.
- When you burn, follow the Rural Fire Services Standards for Pile Burning. These are simple things you can do to burn safely and reduce the impacts of smoke on others.
- Make sure you stay with the fire while it is lit and have resources on hand to put it out if needed.

More details at the WSC page: <http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/services/environment/environmental-information/pollution-information/backyard-burning>

Sometimes it's difficult being a country village ruled from towns that want to be suburbs of Sydney.



Glimpses of Wingello

This fascinating collection of historical and other bits of Wingello is available from the Wingello Village Store and WVA events.



Bin Collection Mondays

- April
- 2 Yellow
 - 9 Green
 - 16 Yellow
 - 23 Green
 - 30 Yellow

Fire season ended 1 April

Fires on properties 4000 SqM and over permitted.

Library Bus

Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15
In front of the park
Apr 3, 17 May 1, 15, 29

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

Good Friday: The Passion Play at Pauline Father's Monastery had around 5,000 people attending, supported by many Wingello people, including the Fire Brigade which assisted with parking.

Bush Dance - Saturday 12 May. More details soon

Back to Wingello Afternoon Tea - Saturday 26th May for past and present residents. More details to come.

Indoor Bowls: Why not join in with other villagers on the 3rd Thursday evening for some carpet bowls? All equipment is supplied and beginners of all ages are welcome.



Regular Events

1st Tuesday 2:30pm: Meet and Greet
(*\$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, 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 History Snippets

Following the publication of the Glimpses of Wingello book we thought it would be a good idea to capture history bits and pieces from locals and publish them here. If you have any local history tales, please drop us a line.

When Jack Selmes was a young man he was attending a big do put on by a councillor with plenty of food, drink and entertainment. All the locals had gathered and he was standing with his mates wondering what to do.

"The beer's a bit warm, mate," Jack said to his friend.

"There's a whisky bottle sitting lonely on the bench over there," his friend replied.

They both looked at the bottle longingly and Jack came up with a plan.

"Tell you what, Mate," said Jack, "What about you get near the bench and I go out there and turn off the generator which will turn off the lights. You grab the bottle. I'll turn the lights back on and Bob's your uncle."

A moment later Jack slipped out of the tent, turned off the generator for a moment, turned it back on and snuck back into the tent looking as innocent as a lamb.

"Well?" he asked his mate as they buddled in the corner.

"Nope," said his mate.

"What?" asked Jack.

"Some other bugger had the same idea and pinched it before I got it!"

Jack Selmes 2016

Wingello Fire Brigade News

Today the 31st of March is the end of the official fire season in the Southern Highlands. We have had a reasonably quiet fire season in Wingello. One exception being a structure fire in Sydney St, just recently. The crew were paged at 9:28am on 26 March. It took them just minutes to be on site and on arrival they found the house was burnt to the ground, no flames around, just small smoke. Apparently it had burned down through the night at some time. Hard to understand how it was not reported before the early 9am page. Still no injuries to anyone. Let's hope it was insured, the brigade has had two other call outs this month: a smoke sighting that proved it was from the Marulan fire and the latest a grass fire on Canyonleigh Rd. All well attended and dealt with.

During this month the Brigade has assisted in the Marshalling and communications for the Willo bike race and then the car parking for the Good Friday Passion Play at the Penrose monastery, which I believe was a great success.

Group training has continued and a number of our crew were successful in completing their BF course this month allowing them to now participate in all callouts and ride the big red trucks. During this month we have had three days of HIGH FDR rating, one VERY HIGH and one SEVERE, and the rest days of low to moderate - a good season for Wingello. As of this last day of the season there are eighteen fires in NSW, the nearest to Wingello is in Gunning to the South and

Kenthurst in the North. Well away from here and under control.

Even though we are now out of the official fire season we do have to take care when we burn off. Remember there are specific rules of what we can and cannot burn off in our back yards. Also the council have now changed the rules about who are permitted to burn in regards to our land size. It would pay all Wingello residents to check on the new rules by requesting information from the council and or MYRFS. Don't get caught doing the wrong thing. If you are not sure please check before lighting up. Next weekend, as most know, there will be the Brigadoon festival in Bundanoon and the Wingello Brigade along with other Brigades from the Highlands will be assisting in the set up on the Friday then numerous events and tasks on the day itself.

On behalf of the Brigade we wish and hope you have all had a Happy and enjoyable Easter.

And as usual be prepared and stay safe.