



Fire Season Starts 1 September

The very dry Winter has meant an early start to the Bushfire Danger Period



Get Ready Weekend on Saturday 22 September

The best way to learn how to live in a bushfire prone area is to know your local Rural Fire Brigade, especially one as well trained as we have in Wingello. The Get Ready Weekend has lots of very useful information available for you and even better you can get to know your local Firies who live in, and know, Wingello well.

The key is to understand how bushfires work in Wingello and thereby have a healthy respect for fire and not just an uneducated fear. Being prepared with knowledge and followed up with plans and appropriate training, practice and gear means we can all get the most out of living in a bush village.

Fire Awareness Meeting on Sunday 30 September at 2pm.

Just after a lovely lunch at the store you can wander over to the Wingello Village Hall and get a great understanding of the history of fire in Wingello, what is in place to defend the village, how the Wingello Fire Brigade works, what YOU should do before a fire has even happened and also when you know we have a fire nearby. These Awareness Meetings are excellent sources of information. If you live in Wingello, this is a **VERY NECESSARY** meeting to attend. It is too late to wonder what to do when you smell smoke in the air.

The official Bushfire Danger period has been brought forward this year to **1 September**. This means you **MUST** have a permit in order to light a fire from the 1st of September. As always check the Fire Danger Rating before lighting up.

The huge number of fires throughout NSW a few weeks ago were a graphic reminder of how dry everything is after a low rainfall Winter. As you can see in our rainfall chart covering the last eight years, we normally get plenty of rainfall between June and August. However, this year's cumulative rainfall is only 373mm. The driest period in our chart to end of August was 2017 and that was 520mm. Locals are conserving water even more than normal.

So, how can you get ready for the this year's Bushfire Danger Period?

Month	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017		2018	
	Mth	Mth	Mth	Mth	Mth	Mth	Mth	Cum	Mth	Cum
Jan	45	64	87	27	205	142	34	34	61	61
Feb	129	304	320	112	73	40	96	129	142	203
Mar	70	160	27	192	34	52	227	356	45	248
Apr	63	62	68	44	166	19	44	400	36	283
May	84	15	47	32	52	36	21	421	18	301
Jun	84	80	310	56	58	337	50	471	37	338
Jul	39	25	18	9	51	60	20	490	6	344
Aug	67	13	2	290	196	57	30	520	29	373
Sep	53	23	65	31	39	61	-	520		373
Oct	81	26	25	78	56	36	61	580		373
Nov	75	60	84	46	48	47	98	678		373
Dec	47	32	37	263	33	63	43	720		373
Total	836	862	1,087	1,178	1,008	949	720		373	

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 September

- 3 ● Yellow
- 10 ● Green
- 17 ● Yellow
- 24 ● Green

Fire season started **1 September**
NO FIRES without a permit.

Library Bus

Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15
In front of the park
 Sep 4, 18 Oct 2, 16, 30

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.

Did you see what's on TV?



We have a new screen up at the store next to our lovely food menus. It is dedicated to the local Wingello Rural Fire Brigade information channel and shows lots of fire brigade related information all year round. As situations arise, this can be updated automatically to ensure everyone is informed.

For example, if we are threatened by fires, you will be able to get up to date accurate information from the TV screen in the store. We will be open serving the community and staying put and defending ourselves in case of a bushfire. In the recent bushfire that threatened Wingello, a number of outlying residents worked out that escaping by road would be too difficult due to congestion and road closures, so they gathered their "bug out" bags and came to the store until the danger had passed. You need to consider that a fire with a

good wind will take less than 10 minutes to travel from the highway to Wingello!

In future, this will be even more useful with the Wingello Rural Fire Brigade's Community Noticeboard providing the latest news about the fires relevant to us.

We have been very glad to work with the fire brigade to get this initiative going.

Wingello Happenings

Regular Events

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)

Wingello Fire Brigade News

What a month his has been! All have seen how early the fire season has started with over a 150 fires going on around NSW eastern coast line and others way out west. During the Shoalhaven fires we had a crew from Wingello in the strike team helping out with many other Brigades from the Southern Highlands. Well done to all who assisted in that fire. We also had from Wingello Brigade one of our deputies, Anthony Duffy, along with another 150 fire fighters and specialists deployed to California to assist with the horrendous fires over there - they are on a six deployment. Stay safe all.

Wingello has been blessed so far as far as fires go BUT do not get complacent: the worst is to come according to the Weather Bureau as this is the driest winter we have had for decades. So please be aware that this fire season could turn nasty so be vigilant and take note of the Fire Danger Ratings and weather conditions. Keep your property well prepared and have your Bush fire survival plan updated and ready.

The Brigade this month so far has had seven call outs. Some fire calls and some MVA's that have kept the crews busy at all times. We have now our first female driver in our Brigade. Congrats Lucy Brearley on obtaining your MR licence well done. Other members are undergoing their VF (Village Fire fighter) course

and others their crew leaders course. Keep up the good work people.

A big reminder that our **Get Ready Weekend** will be held at the station on **Saturday 22 September** and once again we will have the giant slide for the children, sausage sizzle, displays, demonstrations, fun stuff and information on how to be prepared, The sausage sizzle this year will be a gold coin donation to assist the Farmers fund. All welcome and make yourself known to the crew members who are there to assist you in any way we can.

We are also holding a Fire awareness meeting in the Village Hall on **30 September** commencing at 2pm. This is important to all Village residents as this season could be bad. So please make sure you make yourself available and be there to hear what you need to know about protecting your home and your family. We all know how dry it has been over the winter months not only in Wingello but all over NSW and parts of Queensland. Let's hope we all get through this period safe.

Keep an eye on the screen in Wingello Village Store for all Fire Brigade news. Many thanks to David for allowing this to happen. Technology is great when used for the benefit of the people.

As usual only with more emphases be prepared and stay safe