



## Wingello Hall Ransacked!

*A Call for Wingello community to track down the stupid man leaching from the village.*

Just after Midnight on Thursday 26-27 September, a stupid man broke a window in the hall and ransacked it presumably looking for valuables. Broken windows, damaged sound system, smashed cupboards all for a little "loot" that is of little resale value. Really, how dumb do you have to be to expect to find anything worthwhile in a community hall to steal? We heard the loud smashing and crashing in the hall and called 000. The police arrived in good time but the idiot had already done his worst and left on foot.

He had already been prowling around another nearby house and was scared off when the homeowner called out to him. Other locals have also reported some minor thefts.

One trick apparently being used is to turn the power off. If it remains off the next night, they know the house is unoccupied and they start looking at doing some thieving.

### What is the solution?

The police are currently investigating and if you have any information you can contact Senior Constable Kylie PHILLIPS, Officer In

Charge of Bundanoon with the contact details of 02 4869 7899. This is the Southern Highlands Police Station 24 hour number.

They are investigating and remind people to secure their homes and vehicles and not leave valuables in vehicles etc on display.

We are calling for Wingello to step up and talk to your neighbours. Wingello is a small community and we generally know our neighbours and others nearby. With this loser lurking around, it is a good time to:

1. Talk to your neighbours. Know who they are and what they do. *(This is worth doing anyway)*. Get a contact number so if you see something odd you can give them a call if they are away.
2. Be observant. If a car is loitering outside a house or is otherwise suspicious, take a quick photo on your phone.
3. If the power is out at a neighbour's place, give them a call to see if they are OK.
4. If you have had anything stolen or broken into, contact Senior Constable Phillips so they can get a fuller picture of what is happening here.

This is how a community responds. If someone is stupid enough to break into a community hall looking for treasure, they are not too bright.

**Bin Collection**  
**Mondays**  
**October**

7	● Green
14	● Yellow
21	● Green
28	● Yellow

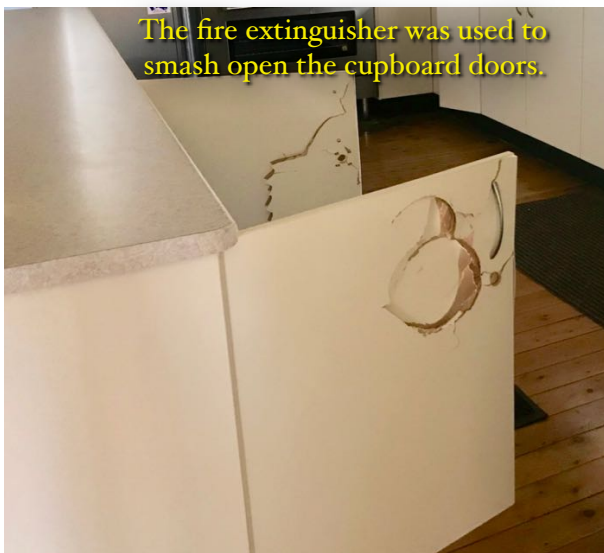
Fire season Started  
**1 September**  
 No open fires without a permit.

**Library Bus**  
 Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15  
 In front of the park  
 Oct 1, 15, 29 Nov 12, 26

**Store Opening Hours**  
 Phone: 02 4884 4340

Mon - Fri:	7:30 am - 6:00 pm
Weekends:	8:00am - 3:00pm
Public holidays:	8:00am - 10:30am

We are open **Every Day** except Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas & Boxing Day.



## Wingello Spring Fling - Sunday 20 October

Wingello Spring Fling fever is spreading throughout the Southern Highlands.

A fun filled day is in store for all ages. We have a plethora of market stalls lined up and a wide variety of food stalls to satisfy your hunger.

Be sure to wear your dancing shoes and enjoy live musical performances by The Camden Community Band, Bundanoon Ukester's, solo performer Joyce Dingjan and our schools choir

For the little ones, we have White Waratah face painting, Patterson's Funland Amusements and a games area to keep them entertained.

Along side our fantastic main raffle, we will have a chocolate wheel spinning with other great prizes to be won. BUT WAIT....there is more.....Have you heard about our lucky gate prize?? On offer is a 2 night stay at South Coast retreat for up to 2 adults 2 children and 2 dogs....Which could be yours by just walking through the gates.

For more information on the day just hop on to our [Wingello Spring Fling FaceBook page](#).

So save the date and come on down to support our school and community.



*Information provided by Wingello School Parents*

## Wingello Fire Brigade News

The fire season is well and truly under way as Northern NSW has unfortunately learnt first-hand. We have been kept busy providing crews for out of area deployment to Northern NSW, Queensland, and local area response. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of our volunteers who have made themselves available to contribute to the firefighting efforts – whether it be on the front line, on strike teams, or assisting with operations at home. If the fires in September were just a taste of things to come then we have a long fire season ahead of us. We would also like to acknowledge any businesses who support the RFS by allowing their employees to attend fires throughout the working week.

Members from Wingello were deployed to the Long Gully Fire in Drake, NSW, as part of the Southern Highlands Strike Team. The weather conditions were extremely challenging with strong winds and low humidity often playing part in fire behaviour. The fire started on the 5th of September and at the time of writing, the fire has burnt approximately 66,376 hectares and is still burning, albeit under control, with a total 36 houses destroyed.

Nonetheless, training is still going strong, with Matthias all set to start his Basic Firefighting (BF), Ben completing the rigorous Breathing

Apparatus (BA) course, Lucy completing Aviation Basic Knowledge (ABK) and all our members maintaining their skills through weekly brigade training.

As we continue our commitment to keeping our communities safer (even responding to incidents in the snow while our strike team fight fires up North), we would like to remind you to review your Bush fire Survival Plan to ensure you are equipped should a bushfire impact our local area.

Enjoy the sunshine and remember – Prepare. Act.Survive.



*Information provided by Wingello Rural Fire Brigade*