



The Bushfire Cleanup continues

Most of the burned houses are cleared and now the burned dead pine trees are going.

Even with the Corona Virus on everyone's minds of late, the impact of the Bush Fires on Wingello has not been forgotten.

Lang and Rourke have been in Wingello for many weeks cleaning up most of the destroyed houses. We understand there are a few to go, but most have now been cleared.

This week the council received State government funding to allow a cleanup of all the dead, burned pine trees. While native gum trees love and encourage fire and happily regrow afterwards, pine trees that are burned die. Forestry NSW have greatly increased the number of logging trucks to clear out as much as they can from the burned sections of the forest. In a few months they will stop and we won't see them for about 20 years after they bulldoze the remaining trees, clear and allow to lie fallow and eventually replant the replacement trees.

Over the next four weeks we expect up to 200 dead pine trees to be removed. These trees were already nearing the end of their normal life span and in around 10 to 20 years would have become a major hazard. While we may be getting a new treescape, this gives us the opportunity to look into more appropriate trees in a Bushfire prone area.

A great thank you to all those that have not forgotten Wingello during these Corona Virus times. A number of locals have been very active in keeping us in the eye of State and Local authorities and these officials have responded well to our requests for assistance.

More Parcels than Christmas!

Australia Post had their biggest parcel month ever in April. Larger than Christmas or any time of Australia Post's very long history.

In one week, Wingello had on average a parcel for every man, woman and child - and their dog! That is a lot of online shopping.

We have re-arranged the back of the Store so we can better store the larger volume of parcels. Australia Post has done a massive restructuring to handle the increased volume and at the same time maintain worker safety amidst the Corona Virus concerns.

Expanded times at the Wingello Village Store: Open Fridays to 7:00 pm

When the Corona Virus restrictions hit everyone in Australia, we dropped our hours to match the reduced business. As the economy began opening up we have expanded and we want to thank everyone for their fantastic support of us during this time. So many locals and loyal supporters from further afield have helped us to weather the storm quite well.

We are now going to open on Fridays until 7:00pm.

Come in and enjoy a meal from our extensive menu, or arrange for take-away.

The store has plenty of space and under the 4m2 guidelines we can seat 20 people inside and another 20 outside. All the tables are suitably spaced to allow well over 1.5m between dining groups. We continue to wipe down

tables and sanitise menus between diners.

And don't forget to check out the shiny new floors we finished a week or so ago!



Clearing trees is much quicker with a huge crane!

Fire season ended
1 April
Fires on all Wingello properties permitted.

Library Bus
Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15
In front of the park
CANCELLED

| Bin Collection Mondays | |
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| June | |
| 1 | Green |
| 8 | Yellow |
| 15 | Green |
| 22 | Yellow |
| 29 | Green |

| Store Opening Hours | |
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| Phone: 02 4884 4340 | |
| Mon - Thu: | 7:30am - 4:00pm |
| Friday: | 7:30am - 7:00pm |
| Weekends: | 8:00am - 3:00pm |
| Public holidays: | 8:00am - 10:30am |
| We are open Every Day except Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas & Boxing Day. | |

School News

With the easing of some restrictions around Covid-19, the children have happily returned to full time classroom teaching this week.

Thank you to the teaching staff for navigating the many challenges they have had to face and ensuring that not only the pupils best interests were maintained but also parents' sanity 🤔 during the period of homeschooling. During this period many of the school's buildings inside and out, have had a new coat of paint and are looking fresh and rejuvenated.

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to the newest family to join our small school's community this term. We hope that you will enjoy living in this beautiful part of the Southern Highlands.

Over the next couple of weeks we hope to kick start our school's P&C functions again, with the first priority of holding our annual general meeting.

The P&C is open to all parents and community members interested in supporting our village's school. If there is anyone within the community interested in joining the P&C for this next period, or would like to ask questions about the P&C, please do not hesitate to contact the schools office for further information.

To end this month's entry on a positive note, we are excited to share that a second grant application to the value of \$10,000 has been successful to further support our plans to develop and enhance the school's playground. We are all very eager to have the opportunity to recommence this fantastic project as soon as is possible to do so.

Information provided by Wingello School Parents

A PO Box and free Meal for Two

We understand that some of our villagers are unable to get to the store before 4pm on Monday to Thursday for their mail.

As our way of assisting, if you get a small PO Box in June (\$40 + \$20 establishment fee) we will give you a **free Meal For Two voucher** (worth \$50).

So you get access to your letters 24/7, you get an email if mail arrives via the free Mail2Day service and have something nice to eat on Friday night or the weekend.

A bit of a win-win.



Wingello Fire Brigade News

Recently our members took the opportunity to inspect and repair our local fire trails. This gave us the ability to visit and maintain the memorial to David Quinlivan and his crew. Amazingly, even though this is where our recent fire came from, the memorial remains intact with only minimal damage. Even an old bouquet remained in situ.



The NSW Police Rural Crime Prevention Team have done a terrific job in looking after our community in the removal of a very large crop of marijuana. This was such a haul that NSW Police requested our assistance in the destruction of the product. In all over 1,830 plants

were destroyed. This is believed to have had a potential street value of over \$3.75million. Great to see organised crime does not have a place in our little village.

It has been wonderful to see so many new faces become familiar faces at training every Wednesday evening. It is fantastic to see their commitment on a regular basis. Please feel free to pay us a visit at the Wingello RFS Station. We commence training at 7:30pm



Information provided by Wingello Rural Fire Brigade