



Wingello Fire Recovery

There is still plenty of support for bush fire relief - but you need to apply now.

The fires that attacked Wingello on 4 January are still having an impact on our village, especially as the full force of the rebuilding and reconstruction begin after many COVID-19 delays.

There are still funds available from a number of charities, but you have to act quickly. These charities have helped so many of the people in Wingello and we are very grateful for their support.

If you had fire related damage to your property - including fences, gardens, sheds and so on - you can apply.

St Vincent de Paul Society - There are still funds available but all applications now need to be made on-line at:

https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/NSW/Disaster_Recovery/Bushfire_Assistance_Online_Application/ or call 131812 and a member of the Bushfire Team will contact you to complete the application.

Lions Club - Funds are limited, but applications can still be made using the application form available at the Wingello Store. **This closes when funds dry up**

Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment. A payment of \$1,000 per adult and \$800 per child. Call 180 22 66. *(That phone number is correct)*

Everyone in Wingello and Penrose and Tallong will most likely have suffered smoke damage to all your soft furnishings - curtains, bedding, carpets and rugs. We are used to it but when someone from out of town visits they will probably tell you that the house smells like smoke. Tell the friendly people on the phone you have tried washing the affected soft furnishings but they still smell and will have to be replaced. Then just prove who you are and the payment is made. Easy.

This closes on 4 August

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/nsw-bushfires-september-2019-australian-government-disaster-recovery-payment>

Red Cross - There are a number of different grants to help us depending on the extent of the damage suffered. Apply online at: <https://www.redcross.org.au/grants>

This closes on 31 August

Wingello Helping Wingello Villagers

Over the next few weekends from 8:00am to 10:00am Graham Beard and David Bruggeman will be available to assist anyone that is looking for help in applying for these grants and discussing other support that is available.

Wingello Fire Relief Fund

We established the Wingello Bush Fire Relief Fund back in January with the objective of assisting villagers suffering financial hardship as a result of the fires on 4th January. We now have around \$25,000 in funds and Visa debit cards to assist villagers affected by the fires.

Grants of \$2,000 or Visa Cards of \$200 are available for villagers who are still suffering financial hardship after they have applied for the other financial support and insurance.

Application for relief can be made using the application form available from the Wingello Village Store.



Burning Tree from 4th January

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	
August	
3	Yellow
10	Green
17	Yellow
24	Green
31	Yellow

Store Opening Hours	
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

Term 3 has gotten off to a great start, with two new students being welcomed into our lovely school. This brings our number of students up to 24, with just 2 more enrolments to go to bring us to the magic 26, which means we will be eligible for a dedicated teacher for each classroom.

As the COVID-19 restrictions have eased slightly this term, we are excited to have music and scripture lessons resume. The kids are also participating in a 5 week athletics class, bringing some much needed outdoor activity for this time of year.

Fundraising and playground projects planned for this year are still on hold, watch this space for exciting changes ahead, once we are free to implement the plans we have fundraised so hard for!

Information provided by Wingello School Parents

Wingello Village Association

Due to the current government restrictions on the holding of public meetings it has been necessary to cancel the WVA Annual General Meeting that was scheduled for July. The current committee will continue on until an AGM can be held. Villagers wishing to assist are always welcome.

The regular **Craft, Cuppa and Chat** afternoon will be on **Saturday 8th August** in the library of Wingello Public School 2pm to 4 pm. Bring whatever craft you are working on and enjoy the company of other crafty people or just come for the catch up. Cost \$5.00 (includes afternoon tea)

Wingello Book Club meets about monthly. The current read is the *Woman in the Window* by A Finn and meeting date is **Saturday 15th August**. For further information contact Bronwyn on bronyfritz@gmail.com or secretary.wva@gmail.com

The Stonemason's Trail

On 18 July we opened The Stonemason's Trail and unveiled the fantastic "Kenneth the Cockatoo" in front of the Wingello Village Store.

The trail includes all the statues that local master craftsman Ken McDonald has created since 2004 in Bundanoon, Penrose and now Wingello. The 2 metre tall statue of a Yellow Tailed Black Cockatoo gnawing into a Banksia Nut is in a perfect position to examine the amazing work up close. I am always impressed at sculptors that can see an image of something inside a solid block of stone and bring life to that image. Looking at the cockatoo, you can almost hear him munching away at his lunch.

Brochures with details can be obtained from the Wingello Village Store or the Southern Highlands Information Centre in Mittagong.



Wingello Fire Brigade News

I know that we are all sick and tired of the term "COVID-19", but unfortunately it is a reality and it affects us all. For us as an essential service we don't stop. It also means that it affects the workload on our firefighters due to restricted crew numbers per vehicle. However, due to fewer tourists travelling on the roads, it appears that we have had to attend less Motor Vehicle Accidents than we would have this time of the year.

This current era of restrictions has also made it harder for new recruits to be trained. Yet, to their credit, although long and arduous, we will have another half a dozen potential members by the beginning of the fire season.

On that note, congratulations is in order for Tom and James as they are both now BF (*Basic Firefighter*) qualified and can therefore attend callouts as

required. They both did the bulk of their training prior to last fire season, but unfortunately missed out on being assessed in time. We are very pleased to have both of them on board.



Lots of new volunteers learning about being a fire fighter.

Information provided by Wingello Rural Fire Brigade