

Why be
anywhere
else?



Loving the rain
in Wingello

Will Council Let Wingello Burn Again?

The Fiery Fingers of Death caused by unmaintained verges risk returning this season.

With Winter coming to an end and Spring ready to start, we are all now thinking of the coming bush fire season. Considering the events of last Summer and the impact of fires upon Wingello, Penrose, Tallong and so many other homes and land, there is no excuse for complacency.

We are seeing a lot of preparation work going on in line with the excellent RFS guidelines.

There are free RFS Bush Fire Plan packs at the store and lots of very informative articles online.

However, as we found during the fires, although most villagers had prepared their homes, the one glaring danger came from the unmaintained roadside and Council and Crown controlled areas. Have a good look at the drone footage we took over the village in late January. You can see the burnt cover reaching into the village like fiery fingers of death.

We have been told that “squeaky wheels” get attention. There has been an enormous amount of work done over the last 8 months, much of it out of the public eye, to get the burned trees and debris cleared from the village. Now, as a village, we need to be very noisy and get Council to do their job and maintain the roadside verges and trees that they have missed.

There is an app for all phones called **Snap Send Solve**.

Using the app take a photo of the problem trees or fallen debris that need to be cleared and lodge a report.

This goes to the relevant authority (in this case the Council) and a record is made. From this we get accountability and a record which can be traced including information such as when the call came in, who made the call, location of the problem, what the result was and so on.

You know the problem trees and over growth near your homes and the roads in and out. It doesn't matter if the same issue is recorded by multiple people - that makes it even better.

Consider the burned trees which have very little support just waiting for a strong wind to crash down on roads and houses. Look at fallen trees and branches pushed to the side of the road which will lead the fire



Will Council continue to
neglect roadside maintenance?
What could go wrong?

straight to the village. Look at the out of control small bushes between large trees along Murrimba Road and Highland Way creating what is dubbed a “**Wildlife Death Row**”. A single line of trees with lots of bushes is not a “Wildlife Corridor”. All it does is hide the wombat, kangaroo or echidna until it steps on to the road. Remove those bushes and drivers will have a chance to spot the wildlife, slowing down and saving lives - both human and animal.

So Go! Download the app. Stop - safely - at all the neglected areas in Wingello or Penrose that Council is trying to avoid. Snap! Send! Solve!

While we clean up our homes and get ready for the upcoming fire season, push the council to do the same.

I think burning once should be enough, don't you?



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	
September	
7	Green
14	Yellow
21	Green
28	Yellow

Store Opening Hours	
Phone: 02 4884 4340	
Mon - Thu:	7:30am - 4:00pm
Friday:	7:30am - 4:00pm
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

August has unfortunately seen further restrictions put in place at the school, meaning the children can no longer have choir practice and onsite meetings of the P & C have been put on hold.

Thankfully, music lessons, athletics and scripture are able to continue as normal.

The Playground improvement sub-committee is working hard behind the scenes, with work continuing on the Pirate Ship, and plans confirmed for the formation of the Aboriginal bush tucker garden, as

well as a sensory garden, walkway and further native plantings.

We look forward to welcoming two new students to our school in the near future, which will bring our total to the magic 26, enabling a dedicated teacher for each classroom.

With spring around the corner, we are looking forward to warmer weather and watching the playground come back to life.

Information provided by Wingello School Parents

Wingello Village Store Hours

Following the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been monitoring our store hours and access.

We reduced our closing hours to 3pm and then extended them to the current 4pm.

For the last three months we experimented with a 7pm closing on Fridays but demand was not sufficient for those extra three hours to cover staff wages.

So we are now back to the times of:

7:30am to 4:00pm week days,

8:00am to 3:00pm on Weekends.

8:00am to 10:30am on Public Holidays.

Post Office Boxes are available for any villagers that need mail 24/7 and with the free Mail2Day system you get an email if there is any mail in your box. The cost is a special reduced rate cost of \$40 plus a one off \$20 establishment/keys charge.

Wingello Fire Brigade News

Are you Ready to Get Ready?

In lieu of a face to face get ready weekend and the risks this imposes to our members and the public, Wingello Rural Fire Brigade has decided to use this whole month to advise village residents on how best they can get ready for the upcoming fire season.

Please join us on Facebook for suggestions and hints as to what you can do to prepare your house, family and pets as we ask all Wingello residents to make the 19th and 20th of September the weekend to get their properties ready.

Remember the 5 simple steps you can do to best prepare your house:

1. Trim overhanging branches and shrubs from around your home.
2. Mow grass and remove cuttings.
3. Remove Materials that can burn from around your house like doormats and mulch.
4. Clear and remove the debris from gutters.
5. Prepare a sturdy hose that will reach all the way around your home.



Another very important object to remember in the event of a bush fire is to either disconnect or leave a shifter close to LPG bottles so that emergency services can correctly and safely move them away from your home.

Some key information for residents is to use the **Fires Near Me** app, keep emergency numbers near a telephone and understand the Bush Fire Alert Levels and most importantly know what your plan is should a bush fire approach.

The Wingello Village Store has copies of the RFS Bush Fire Plan information and if you need any further assistance please contact your local Rural Fire Brigade via our Facebook page as we can't always monitor the phone.

	<p>ADVICE A fire has started. There is no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes.</p>		<p>WATCH AND ACT There is a heightened level of threat. Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action to protect you and your family.</p>		<p>EMERGENCY WARNING An Emergency Warning is the highest level of Bush Fire Alert. You may be in danger and need to take action immediately. Any delay now puts your life at risk.</p>
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