



# Rain and Sun are a great start to Spring

*Everything is blooming in Wingello*

Once more the weather cycle has returned to a wet time. This year looks like having the highest rainfall for the last 10 years. Driving around Wingello and the Southern Highlands we are all enjoying the lovely green landscapes and gardeners are seeing a profusion of healthy growth of all plants. It's amazing what a good balance of sun and rain will do!

**The rain** is not only filling up everyone's private water tanks and the communal dams and water reservoirs, it is also replenishing the water table aquifers under our village upon which so many of our bores rely.

**Cicadas** have burst out of their underground burrows to find a quite different landscape on the Eastern side of the village. When they last ventured forth there were a lot more trees. That hasn't stopped them as they climb up fences and poles



and anything to get a little height so they can shed the old outer skins, breed and go back in for the next 3 to 9 years depending on the breed.

**Magpies** have been defending their nests, especially near the school. It is wise to wear protective head coverings when walking near the school until they settle down. Apparently Magpies remember a number of

people so only swoop strangers. The Magpies near our home don't swoop us, but the ones near the school are particularly offensive to everyone!

**Work** has been progressing well in the post January fires cleanup. The majority of the dead, burned pine trees have been removed with more to go this month. The Wingello Fire Relief Fund has been very helpful in providing assistance in this important area. While little of those millions of dollars raised may have made it down to Wingello, our little fund has been very cost effective in helping us clear away the burned debris, and hopefully will soon assist with the more constructive replanting of appropriate trees.

Wingello Rain Chart											
Month	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
	Mth	Mth	Mth	Mth	Mth	Mth	Mth	Mth	Mth	Mth	Cum
Jan	45	64	87	27	205	142	34	61	52	25	25
Feb	129	304	320	112	73	40	96	142	22	424	449
Mar	70	160	27	192	34	52	227	45	103	60	509
Apr	63	62	68	44	166	19	44	36	12	55	564
May	84	15	47	32	52	36	21	18	12	54	617
Jun	84	80	310	56	58	337	50	37	69	17	634
Jul	39	25	18	9	51	60	20	6	12	92	726
Aug	67	13	2	290	196	57	30	29	23	226	952
Sep	53	23	65	31	39	61	-	28	59	30	982
Oct	81	26	25	78	56	36	61	75	18	132	1,114
Nov	75	60	84	46	48	47	98	109	16		1,114
Dec	47	32	37	263	33	63	43	101	2		1,114
<b>Total</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>1,087</b>	<b>1,178</b>	<b>1,008</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>1,114</b>	

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

**Library Bus**  
Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15  
In front of the park  
**Nov 10, 24 Dec 8, 22**

**Bin Collection Mondays**  
November  
2 ● Green  
9 ● Yellow  
16 ● Green  
23 ● Yellow  
30 ● Green

**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

We have returned for the final Term of the year to the sound of cicadas ringing in our ears.

Nature has also blessed(!) us with a swooping magpie along the path to school.

Parents walk under the protection of umbrellas, while the kids use their back packs for makeshift head protection. Hopefully nesting season will be over soon and the walk to school will be uneventful once more!

The kids are busy rehearsing for the end of year play, and we are hoping that restrictions will ease to allow the concert to go ahead as normal.

Work is progressing on the playground beautification plans, fingers crossed we will be able to hold a working bee soon.

*Information provided by Wingello School Parents*

## Concert 28 Nov!

A special **Wingello and District Community Concert** will be held on the grounds of the Wingello Public School on Saturday, 28 November, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

We have four bands -

- Camden Community Band
- Honey Sippers
- Stringline Folk Band
- Camden Brass Ensemble

There will be COVID safety measures in place including registration at the entrance, temperature checking, marshalls and seating is BYO.

All for just a gold coin donation with all proceeds going to the school.

More details will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead, but here is a great chance to kick back and enjoy a concert of fun music.

## Parcels, Parcels, Parcels!

Since April, we have been delivering over 1,200 parcels a month, which is about 25% up from the 2019 Christmas peak. It is expected that this volume will increase by another 40% in this year's Christmas peak!

At Wingello, we have made more room at the back and employing extra resources to handle the incoming tide of parcels. We're open 7 days a week and you can pick up your parcels every day.

Australia Post is hiring more delivery staff, but there are still impacts from COVID including reduced flights (air cargo space), labour and transport restrictions, especially in Victoria. Despite this, parcels are still processing through the system pretty well.



## Wingello Fire Brigade News

This month new special helmets were presented to the Brigade's Breathing Apparatus Qualified Members. In addition newly qualified members were presented with their Basic Firefighter Certificates.

Training continues on Wednesday evenings.



*Information provided by Wingello Rural Fire Brigade Facebook Page*

