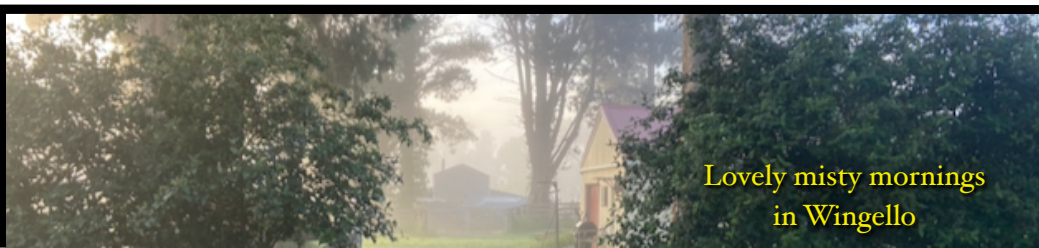


Why be  
anywhere  
else?



Lovely misty mornings  
in Wingello

## Wingello Store Updates

*Lots of incremental improvements over 12 years*

In February we will have been running the Wingello Village Store for 12 years. To put this in some context, Rose was 4 years old when we started. Here she is now doing a history lesson learning about telephone books:



We have Telephone Books  
for any locals

During these last 12 years we have done a lot of experimenting to make the store serve the needs of Wingello villagers as well as many tourists, truckies and tradies and continue trying different things.

When we began in 2009 we used to sort two trays of letters and some parcels every day. Now we only get about half a tray of letters and 50 to 80 parcels per day.

We have served:

- Almost 150,000 meals
- Over 34,000 patties
- Over 4 tonnes of bacon
- Over 78,000 Buns and sandwiches
- Over 153,000 Coffee, Tea and Milkshakes

Phew! Not bad for the "Secret" entrance to the Southern Highlands.

### Order by Text

You can place your order by text to our store mobile:

**0492 966 558**

Tell us your desired food or coffee and when you'll be in.  
Let us know what customisations you want. (Extras, etc)

### Open at 6:30am

Many of our villagers are working hard, waking up early to get to work. We are now opening the store from 6:30am for food and coffee as well as mail and parcels.

We will be trialling this for the next few months to determine the actual need.

### Price Changes:

Our last price change was almost two years ago. Since that time there have been two pay increases and many product and other cost increases. We have done a comparison of our food prices with chain style burger and fast food outlets and compared our food on a per 100g basis. We are less expensive for everything. And, as one customer explained to his friend, "Yes, one of these burgers costs more, but you won't leave hungry!"

Item	Wingello		Other Place		Discount
	Weight	Per 100g	Weight	Per 100g	
Chips (Small vs Large)	198	\$ 1.52	128	\$ 3.05	50%
HB Lot	430	\$ 3.26	197	\$ 3.38	4%
Chicken Schnitzel	366	\$ 3.28	154	\$ 4.25	23%
Cheeseburger	242	\$ 3.31	109	\$ 3.44	4%
Barramundi Burger	248	\$ 4.03	125	\$ 4.64	13%

### Short Hours on 10 February

On Wednesday 10 February we will be open from 6:30am to 10:30am. Why a short day when this isn't a public holiday? We have a wedding.

James and Becky are getting married and we will all be there.



Fire season started

**1 October**

NO FIRES  
without a permit.

**Library Bus**

Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15

In front of the park

**Feb 2, 16 Mar 2, 16**

### Bin Collection Mondays

February

- 1 Yellow
- 8 Green
- 15 Yellow
- 22 Green

### Store Opening Hours

Ph: 02 4884 4340 / 0492 966 558

Mon - Fri:	6:30am - 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

Term 1 2021 is here already! We hope everyone has had a relaxing and enjoyable break and are ready for a great new school year.

A big Wingello Public School welcome to our 8 new kindergarten children and their families!

Kindies will start on Monday 1st Feb, and we are happy to welcome them to our wonderful school community.

The teachers have been busy over the holidays, setting up the class rooms ready for a year of learning and fun. The junior and senior classes have switched rooms this year!

The former art room is being updated and fitted out for use by BASC, meanwhile the library will be used until work is completed.

This program is a great resource for families, and offers lots of fun and activities for the children in a safe, caring environment.

The Before and After School Care (BASC) service will be available at the school early this term. This



service is being provided by Country Children's Early Learning.

To find out more or to enrol, contact the provider (CCEL) at [enrolments@ccel.com.au](mailto:enrolments@ccel.com.au) or visit their website <https://ccel.com.au/services/before-and-after-school-care/>

We are looking forward to a great start to the school year, and excited to see what 2021 brings for our fabulous little school.

*Information provided by Wingello School Parents*

## Wingello Fire Relief Fund

Just after the fires hit Wingello on 4 January 2020, we set up a special Wingello Fire Relief Fund. We correctly foresaw that all those millions of dollars donated by so many generous Australians would not make it down to Wingello. Many of our local villagers have been hit hard by the fires. Funding from the Wingello Fire Relief Fund, administered by the Wingello Village Association, have been able to harness local resources and clear a great many dead and dangerous trees and allow locals to move forward in their recovery.

Just this last month of January we have had 5 applications for relief to help cover the shortfall from insurance. Typically insurance will cover 12 months rent after a house is destroyed and clearing of

damage within a short perimeter around the house. The council will - maybe - clear dead trees that are only on the roadside verge with continual nagging, but if the tree is imm on the private boundary they won't assist.

The funds are now coming to an end. If you wish to assist locals, you can give a donation at the shop, or you can EFT funds to:

BDCU,

BSB: 802-101, Acc: 100077285,

Name: Wingello Fire Relief Fund



## Wingello Fire Brigade News

It seems like things have been rather quiet for Wingello Rural Fire Brigade. There's hasn't been much to report in terms of response. This doesn't mean that our members have been doing nothing. James and Stephanie will be advancing their abilities with a new skillset - They are off to secure the 'Village Firefighter' (VF) qualification. This will help them to understand how to act/react in urban situations. This is also a prerequisite qualification for further training.

Kevin & Charles are on track to complete the 'BA Operators' course. This will give us more members capable of offensive firefighting, inside structures

wearing 'Breathing Apparatus' This is similar equipment to what a SCUBA diver might wear. They'll receive life giving air whilst working.

Thankfully, the COVID restrictions are lifting for training. This means that we will be getting together more regularly. This also means that if you are interested in coming around to see what we do on a Wednesday night, you are more than welcome.

Unfortunately the recent heat wave has forced us to suspend Pile Burn Permits. If you have a permit, it is a requirement that you call the Fire Control Centre to ensure that it is active.

*Information provided by Wingello Rural Fire Brigade Facebook Page*