

Why be
anywhere
else?



Wingello Village Association

What is the benefit of a community organisation for Wingello?

The Wingello Village Association (WVA) was established a number of years ago to provide a communal method of interaction with the Council.

Being a local government bureaucracy, the Wingecarbee Shire Council is not good at dealing with issues presented by individuals. It is easier for them to adopt the normal ARID response method of dealing with annoying requests from the individual Shire Residents:

Avoid - Refuse - Ignore - Defer

However, when we present our concerns from a representative body such as the WVA we have been able to get a better response.

It still takes persistence and diplomacy and determination to push through to a satisfactory conclusion as it seems the main aim of local councils is to avoid working for the residents.

Over the years, the WVA has been involved in representing Wingello on behalf of village amenities and safety issues. Since the fires they have been quite busy interacting with the council regarding the cleanup and support and especially the maintenance of the council

unmaintained roadways such as Murrimba Road and Railway Parade.

The WVA works best in conjunction with other community groups such as the Wingello Rural Fire Brigade, The Wingello Village Store, the Hall Committee and other groups effectively getting a larger representative pool to lobby the council to do their job.

Over the last 12 months the WVA has assisted with the Wingello Bush Fire Relief Fund, providing over \$24,000 in assistance in the form of grants of between \$1,000 and \$2,000 for those affected by the fires. This direct funding has assisted in the clearance of almost as many dead, burnt trees as the Council cleared with their much higher budget.

The Fire Relief fund is a good example of locals helping locals as there was no administrative overheads or funds going to non locals.

So who runs the Wingello Village Association?

There is a President, Secretary, Treasurer and committee members.

Look in the mirror to see if you want to help.

This is a volunteer association of Wingello Residents (Full or Part time).

There is a membership fee of \$5 a year for those wishing to support the activities of the WVA and pays for public liability insurance to cover any WVA sponsored events, plus some minor stationery and other costs. Members can vote at the AGM for committee members.

That's pretty cheap for an organisation that can make a difference to all of us in Wingello.



A black and white welcome in January 2020.

Fire season started 1 October NO FIRES without a permit.	Library Bus Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15 In front of the park Mar 16,30 Apr 13,27
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Bin Collection
Mondays

February

1	● Yellow
8	● Green
15	● Yellow
22	● Green
29	● Yellow

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.

Order coffee and food 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)

School News

Term 1 is off to a great start with the new kindergarten children settling in well and both classes loving their new rooms.

After a cancellation due to weather conditions the Bong Bong Small Schools swimming carnival was held at Bowral pool on Tuesday 23rd. Despite the cool conditions the kids had a great day.

Before and After School Care will be opening hopefully in early March, giving a much needed option for working parents.

With restrictions easing, the P&C are brainstorming ways to fundraise during the coming year. Keep an eye out for what they come up with, and help to support our wonderful school.

Information provided by Wingello School Parents

Roleplaying in Wingello

Once a month we are holding a roleplaying morning at the Wingello Village Store. Next one is **Sunday 14 March from 9am to Midday**.

Roleplaying was made famous back in the 1980's with Dungeons and Dragons (D&D) and in 1987 the All Australian Roleplaying game "Hunter Planet" was released upon the world. D&D is now in the 5th Edition and quite popular. Peter and Becky will be running games and David will be running Hunter Planet as it is ready for the 3rd edition.

Roleplaying is where all the players and the main game master participate in an interactive story. In D&D it is a classic fantasy type setting (think Lord of the Rings with more magic and fighting) and in Hunter Planet it is inexperienced alien hunters going down to Earth (Dirt) for a little hunt.

The players' decisions as the story is unveiled determine the direction and flow of the game.

How does one win a Roleplaying game? If everyone enjoyed their part in the very customised story, then we have winners.

Consider it like being in a movie where the script is reworked in every scene based on the interaction of the actors (players), director (game master) and extras (controlled by the game master). And the only budget limitation for effects is everyone's imagination.

You can play or just stand back and watch. It is enjoyable for everyone.



Wingello Fire Brigade News

Wingello Rural Fire Brigade would like to advise you that should you have a pile to burn this month, you still need to obtain a permit. This is a requirement until we enter the new month of April. Don't forget to give your neighbours twenty-four hours notice of your intent to burn. Fortunately everyone appears to be consistent with fulfilling these prerequisites. This is evident by the lack of unnecessary callouts. Thank you one and all.

As the days get cooler and the chance of sparking up that slow combustion heater increases, it might be

worthwhile to check that the flue is clean, as a chimney fire can result in total structure loss.

Our members are busily gaining more and more qualifications. This will not only benefit the local community, but also the greater area.

Please feel free to drop in on a Wednesday night. We tend to meet up at 7pm and start training at 7:30

Information provided by Wingello Rural Fire Brigade Facebook Page