

Why be
anywhere
else?



Peter playing the main role
in the 2021 Passion Play

Wingello Community

There is great comfort being part of a village

On Friday 26 March I popped in to the Bundanoon Medical Centre to have a look at why I was experiencing a shortness of breath. Explaining what was happening the Nurse called in the Doctor who quickly arranged for a CT Scan at Bowral. It is great having medical staff that listen and act.

We did the scan and the Radiologist told us he would get the results back to us soon, so Lana and I went home. Just after we returned home we got a call from the Doctor, "Go to the ED [Emergency Department] now! You have multiple blood clots on both lungs and need to be sorted out as soon as possible."



Surprise visit to the
Emergency Department

So began a weekend in hospital, starting in Bowral and ending in Campbelltown. The family all stepped up and took over my various duties while I was out of the daily routine and I posted my status so family and friends would know what was happening.

I have been very humbled by the level of support from so many. Fellow villagers have expressed genuine concern for my well being and that shows the connected nature of life in a small village. We're not just strangers who happen to live near each other.

Our lives interconnect in so many small ways. From a simple "G'day" as we pass in the street or while picking up mail at the store to the regular unplanned chats in or outside the store. All these shared experiences, from big like the 2020 fire and COVID, to the small shared experience of collecting mail and buying coffee, food and supplies, combine to form our village life.

When one of us experiences challenges in life, it is very gratifying to see that we are not alone. We have seen fellow villagers that had little connection, suddenly pop in a meal or a visit when their neighbour is unwell.

"You didn't have to do that," we say and they just shrug and say, "It's what we do."

As we have said for many years now, "Wingello - why be anywhere else?"

Thank you to everyone who has supported us. My health is on the mend and the breathing challenges are quickly responding to treatment. Now we just have to do a number of tests and investigations to work out why this all happened in the first place.

I can confidently say that breathing is highly recommended!

Fire season ended

1 April

Check if you can burn on
your property.

Library Bus

Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15

In front of the park

Apr 13, 27 May 11, 25

Bin Collection Mondays

April

5 ● Green
12 ● Yellow
19 ● Green
26 ● 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

As term one draws to a close, parents, teachers and community members have been busy working on the playground improvements.

A big thank you to all who came and helped with the digging, mulch spreading and planting on the weekend.

On Monday 29th March, the children participated in the Bong Bong Small Schools cross country at Robertson. A great day was had by all, with many of our students moving on to the Wingecarribee District carnival to be held in April. Well done to all who took part on the day!



Lots of new planting at the school

Information provided by Wingello School Parents

Wingello Games Day

To relieve the strain of our Covid woes, the Hall Committee and the WVA are co-hosting a board game afternoon in the Wingello hall on **Sunday, 11th April from 2pm to 6pm**. Open to all Wingello residents young or not, and family or not, various board games will be set up in the hall. Community events in the Hall have always brought residents together to share some time and stories, this time with a bit of old fashioned competition thrown in. Come and challenge each other in a friendly atmosphere and haggle the committees for a cuppa if you wish. Remember- community support keeps the community together.



Information provided by Wingello Hall Committee

Wingello Fire Brigade News

A lot of people have been asking, 'Whatever happened to those millions of dollars that had been donated to the RFS?' and, 'How does it affect our local Brigade?'

Some of you may have attended the 'FireAid2020' concert. This was a concert in Bowral hosted by Julia Zamiro. John Waters coordinated a long list of performers (including Daryl Brathwaite, JPY, Leo Sayer Justine Clarke, and many, many more) donated their valuable time to provide a community positive event whilst raising over \$300,000 for the Southern Highlands Foundation. The money then went back into the local community, this included every Brigade in the District receiving an Oxy-Resus Unit.

Since receiving the Oxy-Resus Unit, six of our members have updated their First Aid training, including the use of this unit. More members will be trained in the future.

Now what about the comedian, Celeste Barber's millions?

Each Brigade in the State received \$10,000 to spend on items that the Brigade felt they needed. In the case of Wingello Brigade, we purchased a new hose drying rack. This will make drying hoses not only easier, but safer. It also will fit in with future Station

modifications. We also purchased items to assist with structure firefighting.

Further to that, each region received \$400,000. As the Southern Highlands Team is part of the Greater Sydney Area Command, a proposal was submitted to combine funds to create a \$2.8million training centre at The Oaks. This will be an amazing training facility for Sydney residents, built right on our doorstep.



Wingello RFB's new Oxy-Resus unit

Information provided by Wingello Rural Fire Brigade Facebook Page