



Small Business supports the Community

Small Businesses are the backbone of Australia, employing much more people than the mega corporations

In these times of government mandated restrictions, it is very important to remember the small and medium businesses that are heavily impacted. The Southern Highlands is very dependent on tourist traffic from Sydney, Canberra and surrounding areas, with many of the Shire business's employees, tradies and services coming from outside the Wingecarribee Shire.

While the large corporate enterprises are enjoying record profits, the smaller businesses have less reserves and typically lower profits. Yet small and medium businesses still provide the majority of employment within Australia, especially in regional and rural areas.

Our small business employs ten people. As you drive along the roads in the Shire and pass all the various little businesses, consider that they all employ typically between 2 and 10 people, with the mid sized businesses from 50 to 100 people.

Whilst the large corporates may employ local people for lower management and base positions, the local small and medium business typically draw all their staff from the local area. Of our total expense, over 85% goes to staff and businesses within 50 km of us - basically the majority of what we receive in sales goes back into the local area between Mittagong and Goulburn.

Also, when we do any upgrades or major work, it is local tradesmen that are employed. Can the same be said of the larger corporates?

That \$10 you spend in Wingello, Tallong, Penrose, Bundanoon or any of the smaller businesses typically goes back into the local economy very quickly. A thriving local economy lifts the wellbeing of all locals.

Your support of both us and all the other small businesses makes a huge difference.

Wingello Business College

Rose and Sebastian have completed their Level III Certificates in Retail Administration. This TAFE level course was mentored by the great Registered Training Organisation we have used for the last 13 years.

Rose has also completed her Australia Post management qualifications.

Wingello Village Store is more than just the place to get mail, great food and coffee. It also is a place of education!

We're ready to accept your vouchers

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150 issues of Wingello Village News!

This is the 150th issue of the Wingello Village News. That is a lot of local Wingello history recorded in these little newsletters over the last twelve and a half years.

Fire, food, drought, plague as well as the more important normal joys and pleasantries of village life are captured in a small way in those snapshots of the newsletter.

You can look at any of the past issues of the newsletter at <https://wingello.com.au>.

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)

Bin Collection Mondays

August

- 2 Yellow
- 9 Green
- 16 Yellow
- 23 Green
- 30 Yellow

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

Aug 17, 31 Sep 14, 28

Store Opening Hours

Ph: 02 4884 4340 / 0492 966 558

Mon - Fri:	7:00am - 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.

A New Village BBQ in the Park

Lions Club is building us a BBQ

After the 2020 bushfire ripped through Wingello, the local branch of the Lions Club stepped in and provided many of our villagers with grants of up to \$1,500 to replace destroyed tools, equipment, etc. It was a great benefit to many of us.

They also wanted to provide something for the whole community and have put in quite a bit of funding to build a fantastic BBQ and picnic area in Casburn Park. After a lot of work with the Wingecarribee



Shire Council people, the Lions Club have been able to get the plans finalised.

The tables, benches and the BBQ are all wheelchair accessible and are designed and manufactured in Australia. This whole project is fully funded by Lions International and Australian Lions (that is a lot of sausage sizzles) and will be built by local businesses.

The Wingello Hall Committee and Wingello Village Association have also been involved in the consultation and planning process.



Wingello Fire Brigade News

With Covid lockdowns stretching on throughout the month of July and still continuing, Brigade life has been very different. Many people have asked why Wingello and the other Southern Highlands brigades have been restricted when we're not in the Greater Sydney Lockdown LGAs. The reason is that Wingello (and Bundanoon, and Penrose) are all part of the Southern Highlands Zone which spans both the Wingecarribee and Wollondilly Local Government Areas. Because we are an emergency organisation focussed on helping people and keeping them safe, we follow the guidelines set out from the NSW RFS to keep our members safe and operationally ready when needed.

July has seen the Brigade attend a number of Motor Vehicle Accidents (MVA's), a structure fire where two cars in a carport caught alight, as well as a grass fire where a number of our newer members received even more experience. Most of these calls were attended by our fellow village brigades where, despite the restrictions on training, the professionalism, competence and camaraderie were all displayed in the fulfilment of our roles.

The next fire season is just around the corner, with some of the northern NSW Brigades already having entered their fire danger period. Your brigade is starting to get briefings and predictions on the coming season to help us prepare.

Have you started to think and prepare?

Have you started cleaning the undergrowth from around your properties?

Have you dusted off your fire plans and made sure they are still relevant and workable for your family?

It's never too early to plan and prepare for your safety.



Wingello Rural Fire Brigade on the ground.

Information provided by Wingello Rural Fire Brigade