



Christmas Tidings

Hopefully we should all be having a better Christmas

Family and Togetherness Time

With the prospect of easing of restrictions from 15 December in NSW we should be able to once more gather with all our family and friends from at least within the State and perhaps some other states.

Assuming things don't change (which is asking a lot nowadays), this will mean no more QR codes, dining in for everyone, masks required in only limited situations and more. Almost normal! At the Store we are getting everything ready to once more start serving breakfasts and more for everyone.

Parcels and Online Shopping

Parcel counts are increasing as we get closer to Christmas. Australia Post is up to date with their processing and we are seeing good delivery times from within Australia. Parcel delivery times from overseas are very sporadic with some arriving in a day or two and others taking weeks. The US Postal Service is NOT delivering to Australia among a list of over 30 countries that are excluded from their delivery list.

Weather and Fire Season Preparation

Rain is forecast a lot during December, but so far we have also had some great sunny days, so a typical variable weather forecast for Wingello! To the end of November we have had over 1,100mm or rain so tanks are full for which we are grateful. As the Fire Brigade has warned, it only takes 3 to 5 days of hot windy weather to dry out all that tall grass and make us vulnerable to fire. We have seen most of the village take advantage of the lovely days to get some mowing and clean up done. It makes the village look great and makes us all safer too!

Menu Updates

Over the last 12 months many different costs have increased - wages, meat, bread, coffee and supplies. So that means we have an updated menu with some increased prices.

Doing a comparison with the most popular food places, we still compare very favourably in a cost per 100gm. And we can guarantee that our food is top notch with all our fresh ingredients sourced locally and all tested for quality and taste.

We have taken this opportunity to also introduce a couple of new items.

Grilled Fish Dinner.

No batter, just tasty premium Hoki fillet grilled with a lemon and pepper seasoning. If served with our straight cut chips, everyone - even our gluten intolerant friends - can enjoy a tasty light fish and chip meal. Dine in or take-away.



Southern Style Fish Burger

A Barramundi fillet in a Southern (US) style coating on a fresh bun with our very own Belgian mayonnaise is very tasty.



Christmas Hours

Dec 21-24:	7:30am - 4:00pm
Dec 24 (Fri):	7:30am - 4:00pm
Christmas Day (Sat):	Closed
Dec 26 (Sun):	Closed
Dec 27 (Mon):	8:00am - 10:30am
Dec 28 (Tue):	8:00am - 10:30am
New Year Day:	8:00am - 10:30am
From 2 Jan:	Normal times

Fire season started 1 October NO FIRES without a permit.	Library Bus Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15 In front of the park Dec 7, 21 Jan 18
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Bin Collection Mondays December 6 ● Yellow 13 ● Green 20 ● Yellow 27 ● Both	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.
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Wingello School News

Parents, children and teachers were all happy to be able to go back to face to face learning this term. It has been a difficult year, but the school community has pulled together to make a trying time as easy as possible.

Behind the scenes, some more playground improvements have been made, with the pirate ship and a relocated cubby house being enjoyed by the students. Work is nearing completion on the kitchen space which is located in the former art room. The stu-

dents, staff and school community are looking forward to being able to use this space in the new year. School principal Ms Gillian Irvine has retired, and the school community wishes her all the best on her new adventures.

Finally, the school P&C will be holding a Christmas raffle, with tickets going on sale on Friday 3rd December. The shop has kindly agreed to have tickets available to purchase, and your support for our school fundraiser would be greatly appreciated!

Information provided by Wingello School Parents

Christmas Fun in Wingello

The Wingello Village Association is sponsoring a Christmas Lights Competition this festive season. We have prizes donated by Mitre 10 Moss Vale and the Wingello Village Store.



Judging by members of the WVA and a People's Choice will be on Sunday 19 December. If you want to be part as a Lighted House, let us know at the store. Voting sheets will be available later in the month.

On **Christmas Eve** (Friday 24 December) we have a number of great events happening.

Santa will be going around the village dropping off lolly bags to all waiting outside their homes. The route will be publicised soon.

Christmas Carols will be at 5pm to 6pm, with some oversized games such as Chess, Tic Tac Toe, Connect 4 and more from 4pm as well as snacks and drinks provided by the WVA and sponsored by the Wingecarribee Shire Council.

So come along and join in some Christmas cheer with your village.



Wingello Fire Brigade News

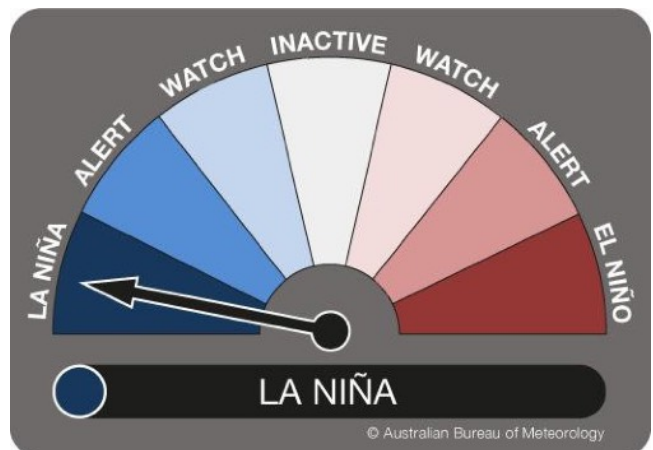
So by now you would all have heard about the state of the weather in Australia from now until sometime in February 2022. La-Nina is here and here to stay. Full water tanks, cooler temps, plenty of water for our gardens and crops and very little fire danger right?.....

Well, Yes...and...No. All this rain is great for our plants and for the low foliage in our bush as well as the long grass growing on our farms and roadside. How many days of hot weather does it take to "cure" grass into a fire hazard? Months? 1 Month? Weeks? 1 Week? It takes as little as 3-5 days of hot windy weather to cure grass and make grass fires a potential bushfire hazard. That's less than a week! Grass fires burn fast, burn hot and move really fast! With this expectation of the fire season, the Wingello brigade has been focussing our recent training on the techniques needed to battle crop and grass fires. Ready to defend and help residents in our area as well as other areas of NSW if required.

One of our members James and his wife Becky welcomed baby Michael into the world and we all con-

gratulate them on the new addition.....we'll hold his training off until he fits the uniform ☺

We've also had confirmation from the big man in the Red Suit that he will need to be escorted around the village Christmas eve as part of the Santa-Run 2021! Stay tuned for the route and more details later in the month.



Information provided by Wingello Rural Fire Brigade