



# Wingello Fire Cleanup Recommences

*Finally clearing burned trees from January 2020.*

Remember the fires that ravaged Wingello back in January 2020? Villagers in Wingello certainly do. After much “encouragement” of officials at the Council, EPA, State authorities and others, and a number of promised starts and no-shows, clean up of dangerous burned trees has restarted!

In Camden street a large stretch of burned pine trees that have been threatening a number of homes have been removed. We were getting concerned with the regular delays as the rain has not helped the stability of the trees, as they seemed to lean a little more towards the homes each day. But now we see light!

This should lead to tree removal work over the next few months throughout Wingello - rain permitting of course.

Speaking of rainfall, you can see our lovely rainfall chart below. The rain has hit over 850mm to the end of April, beating quite a few annual totals for the last twenty years after only four months.

### Federal Election is on Saturday 21 May.

You can vote on the day at the Wingello Hall from 8am to 6pm. I am sure you'll be getting plenty of promotional material over the next few weeks.

If you want to vote in person before the day, you can do so at the Bowral Senior Citizens Hall.

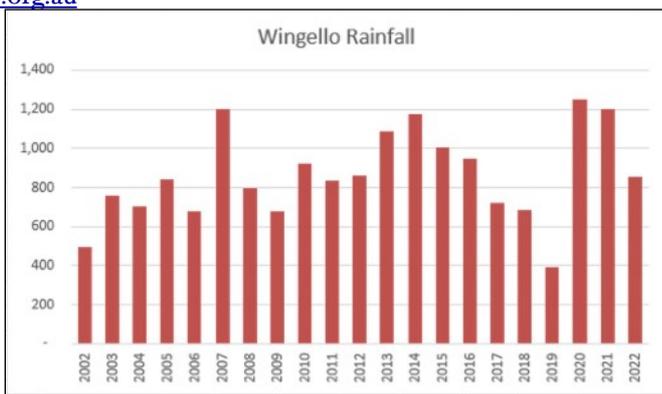
More details are at:

<https://aec.gov.au/election/voting.htm#start>

### Reading Friends

The group "Reading Friends" has updated their "Blue Box" in our free lending library. This contains a variety of children's books for children to take for free.

More information is at <https://www.readingfriends.org.au>



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  
**May 10, 24 Jun 7, 21**

**Bin Collection Mondays**

May

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

**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.

## School News

A big thank you to all who purchased tickets in our Easter Raffle. We raised a little over \$500 which will be put to good use by the P&C.

Congratulations to the winners, Daisy Caldwell, Debbie Muchie and Louise Brooks. We hope you and your families enjoyed the Easter treats!

The school was a hive of activity over the holidays, with the administration building and the Wattles classroom being given a lovely coat of fresh paint.

Last term saw the P&C hold their AGM, and we welcome the following committee members:

President: Karen Eason

Vice President: Bridget Hooper

Treasurer: Kylie Bisby

We thank the outgoing committee for all of their hard work over the past 18 months.

The position of Secretary remains open and anyone interested in finding out more about this position are welcome to contact Karen for more information.

*Information provided by Wingello School Parents*

## Wingello Forest Endurance Ride

**28th & 29th May 2022**

Visitors and spectators are warmly welcome to come and join us on the 4th weekend in May!

Bring your family or friends and spend a day out in the open air enjoying the constant stream of beautiful horses moving around the ride base. Enjoy a coffee as you stroll amongst the bustle. See riders prepare their horses for competition. Browse the equestrian market stalls. Munch through a pizza or burger or tuck into special Indonesian fare as you watch the vets check each horse in the vetting arena - every horse must be passed by a vet before and after the competition to be awarded a 'completion'. First across the line means nothing if you don't then pass the vet check!

We'll be lighting a bonfire on Saturday afternoon with live music by Dave Newman from 5:30pm until 9:00pm.



There will be ride distances of 5km through to 80km. You can register online up until 23rd May 2022 at <http://www.trybooking.com/BXIRI>. Late fees apply to entries received on the event weekend.

If you are interested in becoming a Cherished Volunteer, contact Bec Hogan on 0412 600 173.

For more information, visit the website [www.highlandsendurance.com](http://www.highlandsendurance.com), or find us on Facebook/Instagram #wingelloforestenduranceride.

Wingello State Forest is still closed to the public due to the risk of catastrophic collapse of dead pines in areas that remain too wet for machinery access. The Forestry Corporation are very kindly allowing us to run this event on approved trails.

Please note that this is a special concession granted for the event and that no access to the forest trails is permitted outside of the official event participants.

*Information provided by Wingello Forest Entrance Ride*

## Wingello Fire Brigade News

April was a quiet month for our brigade, with some motor vehicle related call outs and some storm damage work earlier in the month. We would like to offer a big thank you to all villagers who have registered their pile burns and conducted them safely and carefully. You are a big part of why we have not had any fire related calls this month.

In April we hosted a navigation training exercise for neighbouring brigades, helping and teach the skills needed to both find simulated incidents called in, as well as advise locations of incidents to Firecom and other brigades using the RFS map grid system.

As the chilly weather sets in we are all starting to light our home fireplaces. This time of year, RFS Brigades get called to multiple chimney fires, when fireplaces which have sat idle since last winter finished get lit and creosote and other material that has built up in the flue get hot enough to burn. Remember, getting your flue cleaned out or checked before



lighting the home fire will help stop potentially dangerous fires from breaking in your home.

The **7th of May** is the Wingello Brigade Annual General meeting. This year it is being held in the Wingello Mechanics Institute Hall; all members of the community are warmly invited to attend the AGM at 5pm.



*Information provided by Wingello Rural Fire Brigade*