



# Wingello - Why be anywhere else?

*Wingello may be just a dot on a map to some, but it is home to us.*

When we first arrived in Wingello over 20 years ago, we knew it was a lovely little rural village. It is not a suburb or a larger town and so has different strengths, weaknesses and charms.

To many in the wider world Wingello is largely unknown or just another dot on a map. But for us it is home and has many delights. The primary thing that makes a place great in the minds of its residents are those that call the place home. The “flavour” of Wingello is determined not by buildings or landmarks or facilities, but the impact by those that live and have lived here. Basically Wingello is great because those that live here make Wingello their home. Some are here for a short time, others for longer and some families are multi generational residents. All have their impact and all contribute to the satisfaction we experience living here.

Some of the common questions we see raised are mail services and roads.

### Mail Services

Like many other smaller locations across Australia, Wingello is served by the Licensed Post Office (LPO) as part of the Wingello Village Store. This has been in operation in Wingello for over 100 years, although we are much more modernised now with computerised links that allow for banking, telephone credits, bill payments and all sorts of postage and parcel delivery.

There is not, and is very unlikely to be, mail delivery within Wingello. Letter volumes have dropped by over 75% in the last 10 years while parcel volumes have increased greatly, especially since the lockdowns of 2020. Under Australia Post rules, Wingello is not large enough and housing density is not sufficient to justify the cost of mail delivery. However, instead of the normal 40 hours Monday to Friday availability, the Wingello LPO allows postal services at any time they are open - that is 59 hours, 7 days a week.

### Roads and drainage

The roads and drainage are the primary responsibility of the Wingecarribee Shire Council, although there is overlap with NSW State Roads and NSW State Rail for the rail crossing. Considering the large number of roads in the Shire and the terrible impact of the heavy rains and flooding, the Council is flat out filling - and re-filling - pot holes and collapsing roads. It is unlikely that we will have kerbs and guttering or many footpaths.



Once more this is a simple matter of funding and cost effectiveness. Also, much of the basic nature of our roadsides is part of the charm of a rural village. We moved here knowing it was rural.

Major issues do get fixed. We used to have a “disappearing Lake Wingello” along Murrimba Road near the school. After improved drainage and occasional cleaning of blocked gutters by anonymous locals, we no longer have the road covered in water. Garret Street is also finally fixed with better drainage.

### Why be anywhere else?

We moved to Wingello knowing it is a rural village. If we wanted the services provided by a suburb or small town we would have moved there. So many villagers are doing their bit to put their mark on Wingello without changing its rural nature.

We love Wingello.

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 2, 16, 30 Sep 13, 27**

Bin Collection Mondays	
<b>August</b>	
1	Yellow
8	Green
15	Yellow
22	Green
29	Yellow

Store Opening Hours	
Ph: 02 4884 4340 / 0493 521 856	
Mon - Fri:	7:00am - 4:00pm
Weekends:	8:00am - 3:00pm
Public holidays:	8:00am - 10:30am
We are open <b>Every Day</b> except Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas & Boxing Day.	

## School News

Over the half way mark for the school year already! Term two ended with a fantastic day at Bundanoon Public School celebrating NAIDOC week with other local small schools, where the students participated in a range of fun and educational activities.

The P&C held a very successful cake stall at this years Winterfest; a big thank you to all of the parents who donated baked goods, supplies and time! A special thanks to Linda Sherrard for her generous donation of 3 dozen amazing cupcakes!

Term three will be busy and exciting for the children, with excursions planned for both classes. K-2 are off to Canberra zoo, whilst the 3-6 class head off to Sydney for a visit to Cockatoo Island. Week 5 the whole school will head to Tallong Public School to enjoy a concert performed by the Northern Beaches Secondary College Band (NBSC) from the Cromer Campus.

Students will continue to enjoy music lessons thanks to Hume Conservatory, and soccer lessons thanks to Highlands Soccer Association. With the Premiers Sporting Challenge and Jump Rope for heart, the kids will be kept busy and active for the term!

Students will also continue to participate in the Challenge for Choice project, in conjunction with

Moss Vale and Tallong Public Schools, improving dialogue between students whilst working on set tasks.

The P&C are postponing the drawing of their Firewood Raffle until 8th August due to unforeseen circumstances. So it's not too late to purchase your tickets, available at the post office counter at the shop. Finally, a big thank you to Wingello Village Store for their continued support for our small school, with both selling tickets for the P&C and providing reasonably priced special meals to enable the children to have canteen options every Friday.

*Information provided by Wingello School Parents*

### Have you seen the wombat in the shelter?

The Mural was completed as part of a project of the Wingello Village Association.



## Wingello Events



### Monthly Men's Breakfast

**First Saturday every month at 9am:**

The Men's Breakfast is on at 9am at the Wingello Store. There is no agenda, just a time for men of the village to catch up and connect. Buy your own coffee/breakfast/brunch but there is no obligation to buy anything. Just turn up and enjoy the company of fellow villagers. It is a very enjoyable laid back session where we solve all the world's problems with the clever Wingello men.

## I think it's been wet

With 5 months to go for 2022 we are only 12mm below the highest rainfall in last 20 years. Chatting with long term locals they remember it "always raining" both 30 and 60 years ago. Perhaps this really wet stage is part of a 30 year cycle? Drought or wet? I think we would just like something in between, which is historically more common.

