

Why be  
anywhere  
else?



A very local fall of hail  
in Wingello

## What's up with the new park Upgrades?

*Construction on the Casburn Park upgrade should start mid to late October*

The original start date for construction was September 2023 - about now. This has been delayed to Mid/Late October 2023, with a finish time probably January 2024.

The reason why there is a delay?

Because the Council who is project managing the process has really taken their community consultation stage seriously. There was the public display of the draft plans and a meeting at the hall plus on line responses.

Then we have the three Wingello representatives taking an active interest in every monthly meeting.

The result of these consultations and ongoing discussions are a number of improvements:

- The parking on Railway Parade has been re-planned so that it is basically a resurfacing of the existing parking area, with a footpath, rather than the original "structured" parking area. This meant we retained 20 car spaces, but it also meant a re-evaluation by the Traffic and Safety authority which were all signed off last week.
- The toilets at the rear of the hall were to be demolished in the plans, but they are now retained. The public toilets are very well maintained by the Council Parks team, and now they will stay with the addition of three new toilets in a modern toilet block. Once again, an excellent result.
- The original firetruck play equipment was to come from China with a long lead time and cost. We tracked down a better value fire truck from a company based in Wollongong which we feel is a better option, local and 2/3 the cost.
- Updates following the feedback from the public

meeting and online feedback meant the addition of a sand pit (with digging tools!) and a bit of restructuring of the play area. This meant time to do the new designs and plans.

The end result is on display at the shop. The bicycle "pump" track design will be part of the tender from the construction company. Their tenders are due next week, so things are moving along well.

Funding is via a grant from the NSW government which is set aside for this project only. At every monthly meeting, representatives from them and all other involved parties are present so there is no risk of the funds being lost or "re-allocated".

It is great being able to work with the project management team and making a valid input which impacts on the end result.

Once complete, we should have the best park and playground in the Southern Highlands.



Can't wait for the  
children to play on  
this!

### PO Boxes Available

We have Post Office Boxes available at the Wingello Village Store. These provide 24/7 access to your mail and you can pick up your parcels at any time we are open. Signing up to Mail2Day gives you an email if you have mail in your box.

And we also do banking and all other Postal services.

A small PO Box is only \$72 with yearly renewal of \$52

This is a special concessional rate as Wingello, Penrose and parts of Tallong don't have street delivery.



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

**Sep 12, 26 Oct 10, 24**

### Bin Collection Mondays

#### September

4 ● Green

11 ● Yellow

18 ● Green

25 ● 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 **Every Day** except  
Good Friday, Easter Sunday,  
Christmas, Boxing & New Year's Days.

## Wingello Events

**The Men's Breakfast** continues being a great time to gather and chat with no particular agenda. First Saturday of every month at the Wingello Village Store is when we meet to have a general chat and solve the problems of the world - then do it all again next month.

This is a very enjoyable, laid back event, catching up with local news and events. Being regular, we are getting to look forward to meeting up with "the guys" each month.

## Shire and Council Updates



**Residents of Wingecaribbee Shire get FREE DAY ENTRY to Tulip Time.**

From Tuesday 19 September to Monday 2 October, 9:30am to 4:30pm.

Enter via the Merrigang Street Gate with proof of residency and you will get to admire the amazing flower displays at Corvette Gardens in Bowral. No need to book tickets.

## Craft Afternoons

The Wingello Village Association sponsored informal craft afternoons and catch ups continue. Held on the first Saturday of the month in the meeting room of Wingello Hall 2 pm to 4 pm. Bring along whatever craft you are working on and enjoy the company of other crafters or just come for the catch up. Cost is \$5 to help with cost of hiring the hall and afternoon tea.

## Offload your electronic waste for free at the Resource Recovery Centre.

These electronic items are accepted:

- Computers, laptops, desktops and tablets
- Monitors and projectors e.g. hard drives, CD drives
- Cables, chargers and cords
- Computer accessories e.g. mice, keyboards, web camera, USBs
- Printers, fax machines and scanners
- TVs (flat screen only)

More Info: <https://media.wsc.nsw.gov.au/offload-your-electronic-waste-for-free-at-rrc/>



## Get Ready for the Fire Season

### Get Ready Weekend - Wingello

**Saturday 16 September**

**10am to 2pm**

**Be there!**

We have had a lovely wet last three years. But we can all see the slow down in the rain and how fast the grasses have dried. Fire is part and parcel of the Australian country and always has been. The forecast is not as bad as 2019/2020 as we haven't had a preceding drought, but the nature of Summer is dry conditions.

If you are living in Wingello (or any country area) you need to understand the risks of fire in your area. We can minimise the risk but can never eliminate it.

Fire risk is very fresh in the memories of Wingello after what we experienced in January 2020. You can see a collection of photos on the "Fire Wall" at the Wingello Village Store for a bit of a refresher.

The best plan is always to "Be Prepared". This means preparing your home and property, you, your family and your neighbourhood.

The "Get Ready Weekend" is an excel-

lent opportunity to meet your local fire brigade and learn what the situation is in Wingello.

This year the brigade is doing something new. At 11:00am and 1:00pm there will be three vital talks:

- A Brief Fire History of Wingello
- Preparing Your Property, Village and Rural
- When to Leave and What to Take.

As a result of the January 2020 fires we have a lot of very recent experience. Many attending will have helped save homes and property in Wingello and a great way to learn is to listen to those who have experienced what we are preparing for.

Working with your neighbours and other villagers is the best way for us all to have a better Summer.

