

Why be  
anywhere  
else?



## Working to make Wingello more Resilient

*What are the critical things to make Wingello safer for all of us?*

On Saturday 28 October there was a meeting in the Wingello Hall between Wingello villagers and the Resilient Towns Initiative - a combination of very experienced people from the Wingecarribee Shire Council, Red Cross, Disaster Recovery Australia and more.

The gathering was to allow us to work out priorities to make Wingello safer and from there work out what needs to be done to get there.

A fantastic tool was provided to the village in the form of a very recent (5 Sep 23) aerial photo of Wingello and surrounding areas, printed on material to allow a close up look at where we all are. We *know* we live in the middle of trees - both natural bush and State Forest - but seeing the aerial view at this scale lets you SEE us in the middle of the bush.

We were able to tell the visitors about the fires on 4 January 2020 by pointing to and walking over the areas affected.

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Our meeting went very well and unsurprisingly there were common concerns by all the villagers attending.

The pretty consistent top three items that we want to address are:

1. **Fuel Reduction** - the poor maintenance of Crown Land and Council "maintained" land which creates dangerous "fingers of fire" racing straight into the village. Unfortunately this is a very expensive issue where small villages (*read: low rates areas*) require high cost maintenance. The Crown Lands people have zero funding. So we need to look at our options.
2. **Village Water Reserve.** Suggestion for a large Water tank and bore at Bill O'Reilly Oval. It could be used by RFS trucks to fill up (allowing refilling on both sides of the railway line) as well as the revitalised community garden and locals in time of need. There are issues of funding and technical issues regarding power to the bore to be solved, but the result would be excellent.

3. **Communications** regarding natural disaster events - not all residents have online access or modern phones, so we need to work on multiple redundant methods of communication. We currently use Facebook, email lists, the Hazards Near Me app, Wingello Village News, Community and WVA notice boards, RFS information screen at the store and one on one communication when villagers visit the store for their mail. What other options do we have to let all villagers know about current threats?

Overall, this is the first stage.

With additional consultations within the village, then accessing the resources on offer, we hope to make an improvement in all these areas.



Fire season started

**1 October**

NO FIRES  
without a permit.

**Library Bus**

Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15

In front of the park

**Nov 7, 21 Dec 5, 19**

### Bin Collection Mondays

#### November

6 Yellow

13 Green

20 Yellow

37 Green

### 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.

### 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.

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## Do you have a will?

### So many of us do not have a will.

Too often we put it off. "It's just for when I get older," many of us say. Even if you have a will, is it adequate for your current situation?

You can create a will by using a standard Will kit such as is available at the store, but having a qualified solicitor able to review it and help you along can make it much more effective. You don't want to "Rule from the Grave" as has been said, but you do want to make the whole situation much smoother for your loved ones.

A local villager, a very experienced and qualified solicitor, wishes to donate her time to help solve this issue.

All Wingello Village Association members (only \$5 a year) will be able to get their will prepared for just \$20 donation.

There is an information meeting on Sunday 5 November at 2:00pm. Pop in and understand the importance of having a will and issues that happen if one is not in place.

We have so many skills amongst our villagers, each of us adding to village life in our own way.

Wingello Village Association offers

## Wills IN WINGELLO



have your will prepared by a solicitor for a \$20 donation\* to the WVA if you're a member\*

Free info session Nov 5 at 2pm in the hall

Come along, learn why you need a will and book in to have your will prepared for you by a solicitor who is donating their time to the WVA

AVAILABLE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE WVA

\* BECOME A MEMBER FOR \$5 ON THE DAY  
\* Enduring POAs, guardianship also available for \$10 each

## Get Ready for the Fire Season

### Fires are raging across areas around Kempsey and North West NSW.

These areas suffered in the Black Summer fires in 2019, and now fires are back. Did you see the Total Fire Ban and Extreme fire warning on 30 October?

What did you do?

Is your home ready? Gutters cleared? All that burnable stuff around your home needs to be cleared - branches, rubbish, leaves and more. Fire will burn where it can. The less you make available, the harder it will be for fire to take a hold.

Do you have a "Fire Box" containing what you need in case of fire - masks, glasses, gloves, etc? **Go!**

THERE IS A TOTAL FIRE BAN  
TOMORROW IN SOUTHERN  
HIGHLANDS



Fire Warning for  
30 & 31 October 2022



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