



Wingello Connections

So many ways to connect with your fellow villagers

Following the January 2020 fires, and then the Covid fuelled government restrictions, there has been a broad based concentration on improving community connections. The grand social experiment of society wide restrictions on travel and personal connections provided a real life test to see what happens if our social fabric is ripped away for a time.

The unsurprising answer is we need connections to our family, friends and community. So how does one get that when we have been trained for so long that community connections were nice, but not essential?

Online is a distant substitute for real world interactions. In the real world you have much more opportunity to understand the other person when they are right in front of you. Online is so often fake or filtered, where you only see the limited "good bits version" which is often unreal anyway. Pressing a button is not the same as actually doing something real - such as some craft, activity or just eating a meal with friends.

With a lot of very nice support from the local Council and other government funded organisations, the Wingello Village Association has been able to provide many free events. We have also started a number of great regular activities such as the Men's Breakfast and Craft afternoon on the first Saturday each month.

Groups such as the Wingello Tigers Cricket Club, Wingello Rural Fire Brigade, Wingello Public School and the Wingello Village Store all provide many opportunities to do useful activities with your fellow villagers.

As you can see overleaf, there are lots of events this month, leading up to Christmas.

Why not come along and join in the fun?

What's happening with the park?

Constructions starts mid January. Completion date is May/June 2024.

Wingello Creative Youth Drop-in

The River Road Creative Academy is starting a great initiative for young people aged between 12 and 18 years old.

Thursday 14 and 21 December from 4:30pm to 5:30pm you can drop in and try some creative and musical activities.

This initiative has been organised in partnership with the Wingecarribee Shire Council.

WINGELLO CREATIVE YOUTH DROP-IN

A FREE program in Wingello designed for youth aged 12-18 years to explore music and creative arts in a welcoming and inclusive space

FREE!
No need to book - just turn up!

- Play and learn multiple instruments
- Urban and visual arts
- All skill and experience levels welcome!
- Thursday 14th December 4:30pm-5:30 & Thursday 21st December 2pm-4pm

Wingello Hall - 65 Railway Parade, Wingello
patrick@riverroad.edu.au | 0408 617 143

In partnership with:
Wingecarribee
SHIRE COUNCIL

New Cinema Advertisement

Our latest Wingello Village Store advertisement is now in Bowral Cinema. You can see it on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kFSJapIksOo>

The worst kept secret in the Southern Highlands



Fire season started

1 October

NO FIRES
without a permit.

Library Bus

Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15

In front of the park

Dec 5, 19 Jan 16

Bin Collection Mondays

December

- 4 Yellow
- 11 Green
- 18 Yellow
- 25 Both

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.

Lots of 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.

Saturday 9 December, 2:30pm to 4:00pm - Christmas Craft Afternoon

This is a fun afternoon for children making Christmas themed crafts, similar to what went so well for Easter. Please book at <https://www.trybooking.com/CMKMK> so we have enough materials.

Sunday 24 December - Furies Santa Run

The Wingello Rural Fire Brigade will be escorting Santa Claus on his annual Lolly run on Christmas Eve from 3:30pm or so, ending at the park. Gather at the front of your homes when you hear the fire truck and say hello to Santa. His elves pass out lollies to all the children. The route will be on display at the store before hand.



Sunday 24 December - Christmas Carols

The annual Christmas Carols on Christmas eve. Bring yourselves, some picnic food and have fun joining in with Christmas Carols and some games for all the family.



Monday 25 December - Christmas Lunch 11:30am to 2:00pm

The Wingello Village Association is holding a Free Community Christmas Lunch. If you are on your own this Christmas, join with other villagers.

To aid with catering we need to know numbers for the Christmas Lunch by **15th December**. You can indicate that you are coming by booking through Try Bookings (<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1131959>) or through the sign-up sheet at the shop. Just ask the lovely person serving you for the sign-up sheet. Looking forward to this special time in our community.

Get Ready for the Fire Season

Do you have Hazards Near Me on your phone?



An important means of knowing if a fire is happening nearby is through the app "Hazards Near Me". It is free and all emergency services update incidents through this program. You can set up a watch area centred on your home. We set ours to at

least 10km which means we will be notified of any incident in this local area. You can also look into any incident in NSW.

Have you started cleaning up your home?

With this lovely weather, you have the perfect opportunity to clean up your home to make fire embers unwelcome. We have seen lots of mowing this weekend which is great! It makes fire unwelcome, but holiday guest more welcome. Win - win.

We are moving our firewood piles to locations further way from the house. Clearing the gutters is next and ensuring that the area under the house is still protected. It's amazing how holes appear in your protection over the years. (Thanks wombats!)

Water pumps and generators are getting checked and the recent lovely rain has topped up the water tanks!