

Why be  
anywhere  
else?



Wingello's Casburn Park  
starts a journey to a new life!

## 15 Years Serving Wingello

*Time flies when you're having fun!*

In 2009 we took over as the owners of the Wingello Village Store and Licensed Post Office. Quite a lot has happened in those 15 years serving Wingello.

Wingello is now on the Wingecarribee Information Centre's map of the Shire and most people know about Wingello. Fifteen years ago, many would question where Wingello was, asking questions such as "Is that in the Southern Highlands?"

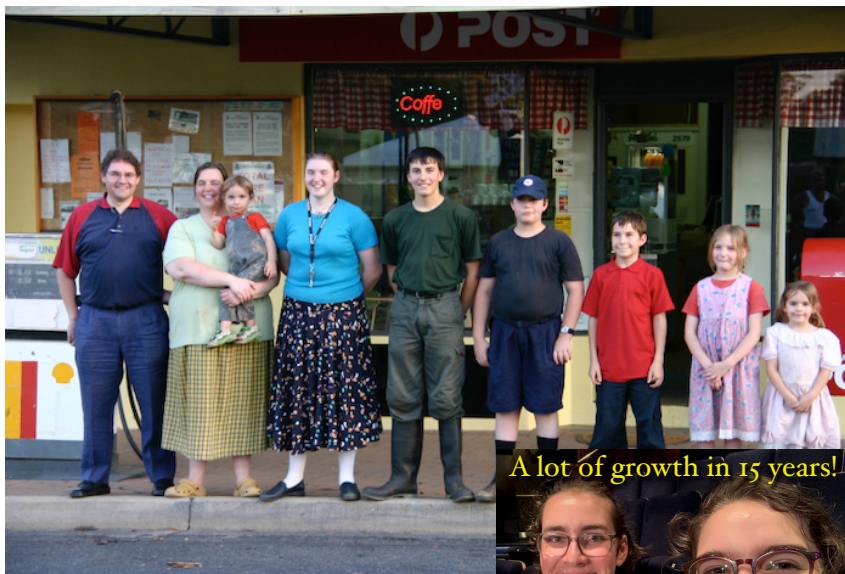
As with the Australian average trends, there has been much movement in and out of Wingello, everyone making their mark on what makes Wingello home for us all. There has always been high turnover within the first five years of moving to Wingello, as the reality of country life kicks in. The thought that "Commuting will be OK" and the reality that driving a lot is really a cost to handle makes a big difference. Also as villagers age, the desire to be closer to family and hospitals means movement as well.

That is the reality of country life, especially that of small villages and towns. The key is to enjoy life where you are and understand the great benefits of life here - such as clean water and air, quiet lifestyle, wildlife and nature within an arm's reach, a more laid back lifestyle, a slower pace. The costs can be managed.

The catch phrase "Why Be Anywhere Else" has certainly taken root with villagers really enjoying the lifestyle that our little village offers.

The connections between villagers developed quickly after the village's response to the January 2020 fires. They grew strongly, suffered a strong assault from the Government clamp down on all community life during the Covid restrictions, but has picked up with a great effort from the Wingello Village Association, Council and villagers. So many of us are enjoying an excellent Village community life with connections occurring at events both regular and sporadic as well as casually meeting at the Store or while enjoying a country stroll.

Lots of new Wingello babies have been born over the years, bringing hope for the next generation of villagers.



A lot of growth in 15 years!



The support for the store has assisted many local organisations, individuals and businesses. Over 85% of all money spent by the

store goes to locals within 50km of Wingello. We have employed over 40 locals over the years and provided many traineeships resulting in Certificate III and IV qualifications for Wingello young people.

Thank you to everyone that has supported us over the years and we are looking forward to many more years to come.

Fire season started

**1 October**

NO FIRES  
without a permit.

**Library Bus**

Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15

In front of the park

**Feb 13, 27 Mar 12, 26**

### Bin Collection Mondays

#### February

- 5 ● Green
- 12 ● Yellow
- 19 ● Green
- 26 ● 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.

## 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.

### Resilient Towns Initiative: Wingello Phase 2

Saturday 10 Feb Wingello Hall, 12:30 to 3:30pm.

Remember that really amazing aerial photo map of Wingello? At the meeting we held back in October there was proposed a follow up meeting to get some traction on the main areas that were raised.

Yummy Food provided!

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1167365?>



## Casburn Upgrade going well!

The Casburn Park upgrade is on track and as you can see all the landscaping work is moving along rapidly. The old playground and seating and bins are gone.

Four of the old pine trees have been removed to make space for the Village Plaza (circular area near the hall), but as you can see from the plans many more trees will be planted to increase shade and tree cover.

The last stage will be the parking and Railway Parade upgrades.

The planned finish date is well on track to being completed by 31 May 2024.

As we have mentioned before, the funds for this upgrade are from NSW State Government Resilience funding and will provide a long term benefit to Wingello and surrounding areas. The work and funding for this project have no impact on other council duties such as road maintenance and hazard clearing.

The contractors for this work are the same team that created the amazing upgrades at Bong Bong Common - the area between Moss Vale and Bowral.

Larger size versions of the plans are on display at the Wingello Village Store.

