



Great Community Events in Wingello

Getting to know your fellow villagers is a win-win for everyone.

We have had a number of excellent community events in October and happening in November.

The High Tea on 11 October filled the hall with happy people enjoying the amazing tea and cakes and company.

On 31 October we had the **Hallowed Eve Lolly Walk**. Despite a sudden downpour of rain and wind for about 10 minutes and 10mm of rain, everyone shrugged it off and walked around the block. There was no trick or treating. The children just had fun in costume and collecting lollies from lots of stops along the route with a please and thank you. Great fun for children and adults.

On **Saturday 22 November** the Wingello Tigers Cricket Club will be holding their Trivia Night at the Wingello Hall. And on **Thursday 20 November** the WVA is organising a FREE Seniors Bus trip to Retford House and Gardens and visit to Bowral Bees. Register your name at the shop.

These type of events are so important and this month's extract from the Canberra Times covering the 1965 fires shows.

"Wingello ... may never recover."

As with 2020, with a strong community spirit, we did.

Extracts from the Canberra Times covering the devastating 1965 Wingello fires.

The township that perished

Canberra Times 8 March 1965

By Richard L'Estrange

Wingello, the township almost completely destroyed by the huge fire raging east of Goulburn, may never recover.

One of the township's two storekeepers said yesterday, "There is nothing left of Wingello - there is nothing for people to come back to."

The fire, which swept into Wingello on Saturday, destroyed 36 homes - eight unoccupied - two sawmills and the Upper Primary School.

And the townspeople are angry. Many believe there was no reason for the destruction of their town.

Mrs. A. Rieve, one of the storekeepers and treasurer of the local branch of the C.W.A., said yesterday, "I'm going to put my head on the block by saying this, but it's only the truth. Wingello was evacuated without even a fight. The firefighters dashed off with tankers to fight a fire to the south which it was obvious they couldn't hold."

"They didn't even spray the houses and buildings before they left. When the fire swept into the southern part of Wingello we were all told by the firefighters to evacuate immediately."

"One person who stayed, Mrs. G. Payne, was able to save her home. The men of Wingello were unable to come back once they had left the township because police closed the roads."

Relies on tanks

Mrs. Rieve was bitter about the fact that Wingello relies on tanks for its water supply. She said, "They spend millions of pounds on rockets and arms and we haven't even got a



Mr. S. Tornabene, who lost two homes, is helped with food, water and clothing by Mrs. S. Turner and Mrs. A. Rieve (right)

water system which would allow to fight this fire.

"If we had, Wingello would still be here. All that is left of the township is 12 homes, two stores, and the railway station."

One of the firemen said, "The whole trouble was that we were disorganised. When we got leadership it was not definite enough."

The fire which swept through Wingello and destroyed most of the village of Tallong, four miles south of Wingello, began at Chatsbury, 17 miles north-east of Goulburn, on Friday.

By Saturday afternoon, it was burning towards Wingello, but firefighters and local people did not think it was a serious threat to the town. But they took the precaution of packing their clothes and valuables into their cars.

By about 3.30 p.m., there was a tremendous movement of superheated air over the township. Said one householder, "It literally took the breath right out of our lungs. I'm surprised no one died then."

The people of Wingello fled the township with the fire raging close behind them.

Fire season started
1 October
NO FIRES
without a permit.

Library Bus

Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15
In front of the park
Oct 7, 21 - Nov 4, 16

Bin Collection Mondays

November

3 Yellow
10 Green
17 Yellow
24 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.

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.

(Next: 1 November, 6 December, 3 January)

Craft Afternoon

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 1 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. Book the date.

Wingello Tigers Trivia Night

Saturday, 22 November at 7:00pm.

The Wingello Tigers Cricket Club will be holding their annual Trivia Night on home ground this year.



TRIVIA NIGHT

\$15 Per Person Get your team together (8-10 per table)

Saturday 22 November Doors Open At 07:00pm

Wingello Hall
65 Railway Pde, Wingello

Tickets from our online store

BYO Food and Drink

WINGELLO TIGERS CRICKET CLUB



Free Seniors Bus Trip

Thursday 20 November.

Pickup from Casburn Park at 9:30am, Return at 3:30pm

Tour of **Retford House** and Gardens (a National Trust property and former home of James Fairfax), visit to **Bowral Bees** (free talk and honey tasting), **Free lunch**

Community High Tea

This year's High Tea was a huge success with a full hall with great food and conversations.

Thanks to the Wingello Village Association for another great community event.



Lighting of the Park

Friday 5 December

Join the Wingello Village Association for lighting up the park. We have lots of Christmas lights to put up in the park, making Casburn Park a bright place!



Wingello Fire Brigade News

November has arrived and the season is starting to get busy for brigades around the state including in the southern Highlands. October saw Your Brigade involved in a Car fire on the Hume Highway which set some of the bush alight, A structure fire in neighbouring Tallong and not 1 but 2 missing persons calls where Wingello RFB assisted Police and other agencies to locate people missing in the bush (Both safely found and returned). It just goes to show that when he pager goes off, your brigade is ready for almost anything.



All part of the service!

Part of that readiness is training, and this month the brigade has gotten back to basics again. Practicing bowling our hoses and rolling them up again so that when we get to an incident, getting set up is just a part of muscle memory and we can do it quickly. We also trained with Fire extinguishers, teaching the PASS method of Extinguisher usage:

Pull the Pin

Aim at the base of the fire

Squeeze the trigger

Sweep back and forth across the flame base until the fire is out.

If you wish to learn with us, come on down on any Wednesday night from 7:30pm.

Remember also that in order to burn during this time of year you need to apply for a permit and notify the RFS and your neighbours before you burn. Thanks to all who have done this so far, the QR code below will take you to the Online application.

Online Fire permit

If you intend to do any pile burns you need to obtain a permit. Here is the QR code leading to the online fire permit form.

