

Why be
anywhere
else?



Time for warm fires
in Wingello

The Most Important Tree in the Highlands

Wingello tree is critical to Council's "Canopy Strategy"

This tree, planted at the edge of Casburn park between the Hall and the new Community Garden is the most important tree in the whole of the Wingecarribee Shire.

Wingello is proud to be home to the most critical piece in the whole Shire's "Canopy Strategy"

In 2020-2021 the council embarked on a long and detailed process to develop the "Casburn Park Master Plan". According to the plan, "The purpose of the master plan is to provide a framework for the development of Casburn Park over the next 10 years".

"The objective of the master plan is to provide clear direction for Council to develop a concept plan, founded on community and stakeholder input, to ensure the Park meets current and future needs of its users."

Stages 1 to 3 were realised in the creation of the marvellous Casburn Park upgrade, completed in June 2024. Many hours of community consultation with the council were expended, combined with funding and support from Federal and State governments and a very generous donation of the BBQ and picnic areas by The Lions Club.

Compliance of the Master Plan reduced the size and scope of the Community Garden to ensure there was an access way along the side of the park between the Hall and shop. It is designed to provide important vehicular access to the Hall's septic and water tank areas.

But Council has decided the Master Plan only applies to everyone else and NOT the council.

A tree has been planted right in the middle of this planned access way. Trees that would be useful nearer to the hall to provide shade to community events such as the annual Christmas Carols would have been great, but we instead have a tree in the Stage 4 access way.

We asked for the tree to be re-

moved, in line with the Master Plan. We were informed:

"Removing and replanting this tree in a nearby location purely to align with a conceptual layout from Stage 4 would be counter-productive to that objective and inconsistent with our broader canopy strategy"

"While we acknowledge that the current tree position does not align precisely with the indicative Stage 4 layout, there is presently no funded or costed construction program for that stage."



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COORDINATOR OPEN SPACES AND
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"As a conceptual document, the Masterplan identifies the area in which the tree has been planted as a Village Green arbour with seating."

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DIRECTOR SERVICE AND PROJECT DELIVERY

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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
Jun 2, 16, 30 - Jul 14, 28

Bin Collection
Mondays
June
1 Yellow
8 Green
15 Yellow
22 Green
29 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. 9:00am on the 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: 6 June, 4 July, 2 August)

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.

Bush Babies Play Group

The Wingello Village Association has started a Wingello Play Group for Mums and babies.



It is every Tuesday during school term from 10am to 12 Middy at the Wingello Village Hall. Lots of children at every meeting. Great signs for the future of Wingello!

Trivia Night

The WVA will be hosting a Trivia Night at 7:00pm on **Saturday 20 June** at the Wingello Hall.

BYO nibbles and drinks. only \$10 per person with children under 12 free. A great night of interactive entertainment!

Book tickets at TryBooking:
<https://www.trybooking.com/DMQTH>

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As you can see from the extract from the "Master Plan", the tree placement does NOT allow a vehicle to pass between it and the fence, making the access way futile. Any service vehicles now have no choice but to drive on to the open space behind the hall, potentially damaging the surface.

We note that the destruction of the large, established trees in front of the old Nutrien/Elders store in Moss Vale are not important to the overall "canopy strategy". The many, many trees in Wingello and especially Casburn park are not sufficient to offset tree losses in the rest of the Shire.

This one tree, placed in the incorrect position, providing no shade to any park visitors, is a critical piece of the Shire's "canopy strategy".

The "Master Plan", developed over many hours by the community and council employees and many consultants' expenses are wiped away with a calm waving away of the reasons behind the plan.

"Should Stage 4 proceed in the future, the detailed design process will consider both the Master Plan intent and Council's urban canopy commitments to determine the most appropriate outcome"

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A tree the community doesn't need or want and in direct contravention of the Master Plan? That's OK.

The Council's own "Canopy Strategy"? - Over-rides ALL community and prior planning.

Bundanoon residents should take note. They are currently being asked to devote many hours of effort in developing their master plan. Bundanoon residents should realise that this plan will be binding on any development they wish to take but be merely "advisory" for the Council, and subservient to any other plans Council may have.

What can you do?

The only way the council will change it's mind is community response. Appeals to logic, community requirements or prior agreements matter little.

This is not the council arborist's decision or any of the employees that do such an excellent job maintaining the park.

Snap Send Solve. We need as many people as possible to make their views known to council. Snap Send Solve creates a record to prove the broad community interest in this matter.

