



Wingello Community Living

Wingello is not just a group of houses - it is the people living here

In the busyness of our everyday lives and the challenges posed by randomly changing government restrictions, we often forget what makes village life so worthwhile.

When you go travelling about the country you sometimes discover an abandoned or almost desolate village or group of houses. It is eerie seeing what used to be homes and businesses boarded up and seemingly forgotten. The homes and businesses without the people that live and work in them become just buildings and eventually transform into piles of rubble.

We enjoy life in Wingello as we have a living village with a great diversity of people from all walks of life. Each contributes their own story to the history of life here, even though most stories are untold and are only spread through memories and word of mouth. Some may be here only a short time and others for many years. We often see visitors at the store sharing their memories of life in Wingello, telling us what life was like before the 1965 fires or any number of years ago when so-and-so owned the store or remembering their favourite school teacher or station master when the Wingello train station was manned.

The photos on the walls around the store are a small slice of Wingello history, mainly showing people who live and lived here over the years.

It is a very worthwhile exercise to take the time to sit down and have a chat with fellow villagers. We have found that everyone has a different story and all contribute to Wingello in their own way.

We have a number of different groups meeting at the shop just to make those all important human connections.

Starting on 5 March, the first Saturday of the month "Men's Breakfast" was organised for 9am at the store. No agenda, no cost, just a gathering of fellows to chat and get to know each other. As the organiser cleverly summarised, "This is so you know the fellow you just waved at as we pass by a little better."

There was a great turnout of fellows, many of whom met others for the first time. Over a coffee, milkshake and breakfast we all gained a little additional knowledge of each other and some life and history of Wingello too.



On Tuesday's at 10:30 there is another Men's group which has been gathering for a number of years now.

On every second Wednesday we have a group of Scrabble-ologists get together to play Scrabble.

A number of Motor Bike groups pop in to catch up, as well as bicycle groups too.

Basically, we have plenty of space at the store for people to gather. It has been designed to improve connections for all in our community. Many of us catch up when collecting mail or getting a coffee or food.

The best defence against a world that seems to encourage isolation is to build contacts with your fellow villagers. We are all what makes Wingello great.

Fire season started 1 October NO FIRES without a permit.	Library Bus Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15 In front of the park Mar 15, 29 Apr 12, 26
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Bin Collection Mondays March 7 ● Green 14 ● Yellow 21 ● Green 28 ● Yellow	Store Opening Hours Ph: 02 4884 4340 / 0492 966 558 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 Day.
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Wingello Happenings

Events are returning in Wingello with some regular events happening at the hall and store.

Yoga classes continue on Thursdays at 9:30am.

1 hour class. Looking forward to seeing this fun awesome group again! All levels welcome, come lengthen, strengthen, improve flexibility, mobility and your core in a fun friendly environment! Please provide your own mat.

Pointe Dynamic Arts are continuing dance classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Classes start from 3:30pm to 7:30pm for all sorts of dance styles and ages. Lots of locals are enjoying their dance lessons.

Go to <http://www.pointedynamicarts.net/> for more information

Men's Breakfast. 9am Saturday 2 April at the Wingello Village Store. All men welcome for a chat and getting to know fellow villagers.

What's with all this rain?

As at 4 March, we are at 477mm (18.5 inches) of rain so far. We have beaten the total rain for 2019. It is great that we have clouds rather than smoke, but some sun and clear sky would be lovely too.

Thankfully we are not having it as bad as Queensland and Northern NSW. Our hearts go out to them as they struggle with losing homes and businesses to rising floodwaters. They will be so much recovery once the rain stops and the floods recede. We are only now finally seeing the last of the burned trees being removed, over two years after the fires in Jan 2020.

The traditional Lake Wingello is now a memory since the council rectified the drainage, but all the roads are deteriorating quickly.

Please be especially careful along Murrimba Road. Many of the pot holes are growing quickly with all this rain and they are quite deep. It is amazing watching Paddys River expand past its banks and look much more like a river than a creek.



Wingello Fire Brigade News

Over February the brigade has attended multiple call outs. There have been many incidents involving cars, from drivers going off the road, another where a driver failed to negotiate a roundabout at speed and yet another where a car caught fire whilst towing a fully loaded 2 horse float. Thankfully in all cases the drivers (and horses) were all unharmed and the Brigade was able to manage the incident and keep the general community safe.

2022 has followed 2021 when it comes to the weather with another unusually wet fire danger season. High winds, rain, hail...certainly a far cry from the droughts of just a few years back. With the unpredictable weather, Wingello brigade has been busy on call outs for trees down over roads and power outages caused by falling trees. In all cases the brigade has assisted and liaised with other agencies to keep ourselves and the community out of danger.

We would also like to remind the community to be careful out there. It does not need to be

windy or raining in order for trees weakened by previous seasons to fall

As we write this in early March the weather is still unpredictable and other parts of the state have experienced severe flooding. All brigades (including Wingello) have been asked for availability to help and have gladly put their hands up. In times of disaster it is what Australians do, and a tradition we are proud to maintain.



Motor Vehicle accidents come in all shapes and sizes

Information provided by Wingello Rural Fire Brigade