



Why be
anywhere
else?

Dads competing for the Father's Day Biscuits in Wingello

How did you handle the winds?

Power loss, trees down and bad hair days are part of Spring!

As is normal for this time of year, the competition between Winter and Spring is felt in the heavy winds. Gusts of around 110kph (68 mph) were recorded throughout the Shire. Unsurprisingly, power went down in many parts of NSW. Fortunately only about half of Wingello was without power.

Do you have a plan for WHEN the power goes? We live in a lovely part of the world with lots of trees. Trees grow and age and can fall or drop branches, especially in heavy winds. Going for a walk during these winds is definitely not recommended!

Going without power in Wingello means not only no electricity, but also no water, as we need pumps to get the water from our storage tanks.

Seasoned locals have generators on standby. Of course it is a good idea to periodically check your generator or they will certainly fail when you need them!

Some homes have generators built in to the power either automatically or via a switch. Those that are able to generate enough solar power to make a battery worthwhile can utilise the battery power for a while.

Endeavour Energy did an amazing job with crews working non stop to bring power back up across the Shire and other areas of NSW.

Meanwhile reports of trees across roads came in and within a short time either locals or the Fire Brigade were able to clear the way.



Mini Sand Storm in Casburn Park

The wind gusts were so strong and continuous that the sand from the marvellous sand pit/fort at the park was blown across the path into the gardens. Now there's a nice little dip in the sand under the fort, perfect for children to play in.

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 Sep 10, 24 Oct 8, 22
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Family Fun Day
Saturday 21 September 2024
 The Wingello Village Association is hosting a Family Fun Day at Casburn Park, the same day as the Get Ready day at the Wingello Fire Brigade.
 Lots of activities and events for the day

Bin Collection
Mondays
September

2	● Green
9	● Yellow
16	● Green
23	● Yellow
30	● Green

Store Opening Hours
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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.

2024 Council Elections

After a few years under Administration, we once more are required to vote for a new selection of 9 councillors.

There are 60 candidates grouped into 9 groups A through I.

Voting will be at the

Wingello Mechanics Institute Hall on Saturday 14 September from 8am to 6pm.

You can also vote at other places - full details including pre-polling are at:

<https://elections.nsw.gov.au/elections/find-my-electorate/councils/wingecarribee#map-wrap>

It is important you take the short time required to cast your vote. Do some research into each candidate's positions and ask your fellow villagers if they know anything about the candidates. Then decide who would work best to represent you, your village and the Shire's interests the best.

The Council is a large business with many staff, a large financial budget and many competing responsibilities. The councillors will be there for at least four years so consider who would do best working with the other councillors and could represent you and the Shire the best.

Wingello Fire Brigade News

...and just like that, winter seems to be over and spring is here. The weather has started warming up, flowers are in bloom, and we are excitedly starting our approach to warm summer nights, barbecues and the Fire season of 2024.

Just like every year, the Brigade will be hosting it's **"Get Ready Weekend"** to inform our community members on the Fire season to come and how to be best prepared for it. This year however, the get ready weekend will coincide with the Wingello Village Association open day in the park. Get ready weekend will start at **10 am on Saturday, September 21st** so come

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 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.

HOW DO I VOTE?

Above the Line (by group)

This means you enter at least a 1 in one of the group boxes. Your votes go to those candidates in the order on the ballot form.

You can also add more preferences for the other groups if you wish.

Below the Line (by individual)

As there are 9 candidates, so you need to select at least 5 candidates, entering 1 through 5 as needed.

<https://elections.nsw.gov.au/elections/how-voting-works/voting-in-new-south-wales/how-to-cast-your-vote-in-a-local-government-election#ballotpaper-withgroupvotingsquares>

How do votes get counted?

There is a quota worked out based on the number of votes cast divided by the number of positions available. Any candidate getting that quota gets in. Any leftover votes are allocated based on each ballot's 2nd choice.

Details are here:

<https://elections.nsw.gov.au/elections/how-counting-works/how-votes-are-counted-in-a-local-government-election>

down and learn what the upcoming season holds and how you can best prepare your property.

This year the Brigade has lots of new members, and old members in new and exciting positions. Come on down and meet the new crew... Maybe even look at joining our Brigade yourself.

