



Why be  
anywhere  
else?

Black Cockatoo  
at home in Wingello

# Wingello Celebrates Christmas

*Lots of events on this month*

The Wingello Village Store is co-ordinating the Wingello Christmas Lights Fest this year. We have seen lights starting to pop up around on homes, making the village a brighter place as we approach Christmas. Share the joy and let us know if you want to be part of the voting, or just enjoy taking part of the community lighting!

In line with past years we have a sign up sheet at the store on which you can add your home address. On the night of 13th December we will be creating voting slips on which residents can record their choice of their preferred Christmas Light Display, with the votes compiled on the night of 23rd December to be announced at the Christmas Carols on Christmas Eve.

## Parcel Avalanche

We have had a record number of parcels in November and Australia Post has warned us that December is also promising to be huge. This means we will be using all our parcel storage options. Thanks to everyone for the prompt collection of your mail and parcels. As always, we are available for mail collection whenever we are open - over 59 hours every week.



Christmas Lights  
Competition is back



Santa's Lego Post Office  
watching over proceedings

## Christmas Hours

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| Dec 23-24:                  | Normal Times  |
| <b>Christmas Day (Wed):</b> | <b>Closed</b> |
| <b>Dec 26 (Thu):</b>        | <b>Closed</b> |
| Dec 27 - Dec 31:            | Normal times  |
| <b>New Year's Day:</b>      | <b>Closed</b> |
| From 2 Jan:                 | Normal times  |

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| Fire season started<br><b>1 October</b><br>NO FIRES<br>without a permit. | <b>Library Bus</b><br>Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15<br>In front of the park<br><b>Dec 3, 17 Jan 14, 28</b> |
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| <b>Bin Collection</b><br><b>Mondays</b><br>December<br>2 <span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Yellow<br>9 <span style="color: green;">●</span> Green<br>16 <span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Yellow<br>23 <span style="color: green;">●</span> Green<br>30 <span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Yellow | <b>Store Opening Hours</b><br>Ph: 02 4884 4340 / 0493 521 856<br>Mon - Fri: 7:00am - 4:00pm<br>Weekends: 8:00am - 3:00pm<br>Public holidays: 8:00am - 10:30am<br>We are open <b>Every Day</b> except<br>Good Friday, Easter Sunday,<br>Christmas, Boxing & New Year's Days. |
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## 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: 7 Dec, 4 Jan, 1 Feb*)

### 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.

### Children's Christmas Craft

The Wingello Village Association is hosting a Children's Christmas Craft afternoon on

**Saturday 14 December**, starting at 2:30pm.

This is a free event but it helps with preparations if we have an idea of how many children to cater for so please book via:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CXAXN>

### Santa Lolly Run

The Wingello Rural Fire Brigade will be escorting Santa around the village on **Christmas Eve from around 4pm**, ending in the park in time for Christmas Carols. The route will be on the notice board at the shop and online before the event.

### Christmas Carols

The annual Christmas Carols will be on again in Casburn Park on **Christmas Eve**. This will begin with a FREE sausage sizzle from 4 pm. Singing commences at 5 pm

### Christmas Colouring Competition

You can submit up to three awesome entries each. Use whatever you like - pencils, paint, markers, or even collage!

Get your entries to the shop by Friday, 13 December.

All your colourful creations will be shown off at the hall on Saturday, 14 December 2.30pm-4pm at the kids' craft afternoon.

Everyone gets to vote on their favourites, so bring your friends and family to help you win!

Of course we've got some arty prizes for the top two entries in each age group!

Tiny Tots (Under 5); Little Learners (5-7); Creative Kids (8-10); Tweens with Talent (11-13) and Teen Trailblazers (14-16)

Please collect your masterpieces from the hall after the kids' craft afternoon on 14 December 2024 (4pm).

And the most important rule -

**NO GROWN UP HELP IS ALLOWED.**

Entries forms are available from the store or download from <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064804869800>



## Wingello Fire Brigade News

Welcome to summer. It's hot, no wait it's cold, no wait it's wet...hot...windy...still...the seasons in the Highlands certainly keep us guessing. With the weather being changeable it is an important time to remind everyone to check on the forecast before you light that pile burn. Even with a permit, checking the weather before you light up can save you lots of problems later.

In the last month Wingello brigade has been very busy. We ran an assessment day at the shed for the bush firefighter qualification (*the minimum qualification required to attend call-outs*). Wingello brigade welcomed 3 new members to our qualified crew....and 10 days later, two of those members were out putting

### 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.



what they learned into action. On the same day they attended a grass fire beside the Hume highway in Marulan, and then a 50 acre grass fire from an escaped pile burn. Well done to all involved on professionally and safely containing and eliminating these risks to the community. We'd love to have you as part of our crew as well.

Contact [captain@wingellorfb.org.au](mailto:captain@wingellorfb.org.au) if you're interested.

Your brigade wishes you and yours a safe and wonderful Christmas season. Keep an eye out on Christmas Eve for the man in the big red suit, sitting in our big red truck as we escort Santa around the village.

