

Why be  
anywhere  
else?



# Wingello is great

*Why do locals think Wingello is Great?*

## Why be in Wingello?

It is not extensive attractions or magnificent buildings or history that make a place great. A place is not loved because it is great. It is great because it is loved.

The village of Wingello has been around for around 150 years, beginning like so many places in Australia by a convict settlement.

The post office was established around 1883 and over time the village has grown and shrunk and grown until we have around 1,000 to 1,500 residents.

Wingello may have great attractions like the Wingello State forests with its great biking trails, walks, camping, rock climbing, the Bill O'Reilly oval and other attractions. We may have the best village store for many miles, and a fine hall, fire brigade, great primary school and playground, but these are all bonuses.

The element that really makes Wingello is the diverse group of people that call Wingello home - either full time or whenever they can escape here.

People ask me what Wingello is like. One of the answers I give is that Wingello is like living in one of those classic novels about a country village filled with characters. Despite the huge variety of lifestyle

choices, wealth, age and health, the people of Wingello get along pretty well. They volunteer for the Fire Brigade to help us all protect our homes from the ever present threat of bush fires. Groups such as the Cricket club, Community Hall, Quilting clubs and other groups all contribute to the fabric of the village.

Thank you to all of you that love Wingello. That is what makes it great!

## Horses for Courses

On the weekend of 31 May, Wingello State Forest was home for the Wingello Horse Endurance Race.

Horses, riders and their cars and floats began arriving on Friday evening and Saturday to a quite miserable, drizzling day. The Wingello Village Store had the fire blazing and hot food and

## Store Opening Hours

Phone: 02 4884 4340

MONDAY TO FRIDAY:

7:30 am to 6:00 pm

WEEKENDS &

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

8:00 am to 2:30 pm

We are open **Every Day** that Newspapers and Postal Services are delivered.

drinks being served to lots of visitors.

On Sunday morning the sun rose and provided a brilliant start to the day of the actual race. All the participants had camped overnight, and were huddled around campfires as the 130 horses and riders were made



ready. Lana and I popped around to see how it was all going and one rider took the opportunity to have Lana hold onto the reins of her horse while she raced off for a few minutes. You can see by the steam that although the sun was out, the day was still cold - or "Fresh" as my Mum always called these type of mornings.

The weekend was a great success and we can expect to see them all again next year.

**Postal Changes coming on 1 July 2009**

Australia Post has realised that the vast majority of mail sent from the Southern Highlands is destined for Sydney.

Currently mail is picked up here and sent to Canberra for distribution. This has meant delays in delivering to Sydney and also back to the Southern Highlands.

From 1 July our mail will be delivered to Sydney. This means we are now part of the next day Express Post network.

Also, Sydney mail should be delivered next day too.

**Fish and Chip Fridays**

Now that the kitchen is working well, we have added lots of new menu items. Pick up a copy of our menu to take home. You can call in your order and then pop in around 15 minutes later to pick up your great hot food.

A new item that has proved very successful is Focaccia Bread, grilled or toasted with Off the bone ham, melted cheese and tomato. Very yummy.

One customer replaced the ham with fried mushrooms and onion which works too!

This Friday (12 June) we will try starting Fish and Chips. Like we have done with all of our menu items, we have investigated the best ingredients for each component. We will be using Sunflower Oil for cooking, and a soda water batter for a light and crispy batter that does not detract from the flavour of the New Zealand Hoki fish.

We will also be trialling fresh chips rather than frozen.

Be part of the experiment and let us know how we can make our fish and chips the best it can be.

**Postcard 4:** Wingello: Where hot Summer days end in cooling mists.



*(This is just a reminder that Winter is not forever)*



**Australia Post**

During Official Australia Post hours you will be able to receive expert assistance with Bill Payments, Australian and International Money Orders, and assistance with Australian and International Postage.

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY:**

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

**SATURDAY:**

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

*You can always collect your mail whenever the Store is open.*

**Community Notices**

Let us know any community notices and we will publish them here. We can include meeting times, events, gatherings, fund raisings, etc.

**Village Thefts**

There have been a number of isolated thefts in and around Wingello over the last few months. Bicycles from the forest, ladders, water pumps, tools from garages and so on.

Is this what we want? Do you want Wingello to degenerate into a place where all doors and locks must be upgraded and secured so we can live in peace?

Wingello has a good reputation for solidarity and sticking together. Now is the time to stop these thefts and be on the lookout for stolen property.

If you see suspicious behaviour, investigate. Country people are expected to be nosy so put that reputation to good use. Look out for each other's hard earned property.

Be on the lookout for cars cruising late at night.

If you are offered goods at a great price and the price seems too good to be true - it probably is.

Help Wingello be a safe and secure place to live.