Why be anywhere else?

Tomorrow's Brigade Today

Tomorrow's Fire Brigade Today

The Wingello Rural Fire Brigade always welcomes new members

Here are the youngest members of the Wingello Rural Fire Brigade. All are volunteering to "do their bit" for the community by giving their time and talents.

Joining the fire brigade not only helps the community - it also provides valuable training for every member in fire fighting, safety and many other skills.

Music under the Trees

Kathryn Hartnett is a local singer and will be the first entertainer to provide Music under the Trees at the Wingello Village Store.

On **Saturday, 10 December from 1:00 to 4:00pm**, while Kathryn gives us all a fine rendition of her singing talents, **Pizza** will be available as well as our normal great food and drinks, all in the shade of the beautiful trees in the Wingello Store back yard.

This has been fully renovated and landscaped by Don Turner (Earthworks) and Warwick Spackman (landscaping), next to the fully renovated shed by Daniel Hill (Carpentry). These are all local tradesmen who provided great quality work.

Christmas Events

There are a number of events for all of Wingello to enjoy in coming weeks.

Friday 23 Dec, 6:00pm to 8:00pm

CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE SHED

Come along and sing together.

Ian Sheldrick will be leading us with his superb musical skills and we can all add our hearty voices.

All are welcome, young and old.

Saturday 24 Dec, 5:00pm

SANTA CLAUS'S SWEET CHRISTMAS DRIVE

The Wingello Rural Fire Brigade will be hosting Santa Claus and driving through the streets of Wingello giving lolly bags to all the village children.

The route can be seen on the notice board, and all children on the route will be given a bag of lollies. Alternatively, you can meet in the park for when the Santa returns.

The truck departs the fire station at 5:00pm. Be outside your home and give a cheer for Santa!

Beautification Group making progress

The Beautification Group had a public meeting on 19 November, showing the progress that has been made in developing some plans to improve the landscape in the village. The meeting was well attended and there was unanimous approval to proceed with development of plans and liaising with the council regarding guidelines for planting and assistance with the project.

Other Wingello Progress Association News

- The Halloween party was very well attended by children and parents. The range of great costumes was a pleasure to behold. Congratulations to the organisers and all volunteers for their efforts.

- The WPA has over 40 local members and is growing. They have their own website www.wingello.com with WPA related news and information. New members are always welcome - please contact the secretary at P.O box 5103 Wingello or bronsafe@yahoo.com.au to fill in a membership form.

- **Sunday 11 December** A WPA Christmas event will be held in the Wingello State Forest at 12:00 midday - BYO Food and drinks.

- **Saturday 25 Feb** - WPA meeting at Hall.

AIDER program

Assistance for Infirm, Disabled and Elderly Residents

AIDER is a once off FREE service, supporting residents to live safely and confidently in areas where bush fires may start. The property must be bush fire prone, meaning an area of land that can support a bush fire or is likely to be subject to bush fire attack.

Who is eligible?

Aged residents and residents with disabling conditions who have limited domestic support from family, relatives, friends or other services.

AIDER services may include

- Thinning vegetation.
- Removing leaves, sticks and fallen branches.
- Trimming branches from around and overhanging the home.
- Mowing or slashing long grass.
- Cleaning gutters.

An assessment of your property will be completed by Rural Fire Service staff. Advice will be given about completing your Bush Fire Survival Plan. All works are completed by Rural Fire Service teams.

If you want to know more, please contact the Wingello RFS Captain, David Stimson.

Christmas is coming!

Christmas season is here again. I am sure the children are all counting the number of sleeps until Christmas Day.

This year 25 December falls on a Sunday.

See the Store Christmas Hours on the front page for our opening times.

One of the most famous signs of Christmas is a real Christmas Tree. Did you know that Wingello is home to The Christmas Tree Man?

The Boag family has been providing real Christmas trees to Sydney, Wollongong, Canberra and all points between for many years and they are all grown here. A great example of one of their carefully shaped trees is in Maple Lane at the Village Store.

If you want one for your home, please call the Christmas Tree Man on 4884 1544 or 0414 484 675. Trees are from 6' to 12'.

Christmas Hours

Mon - Thu:	7:30am to 6:00pm
Dec 23 (Fri):	7:30am to 9:00pm
(Christmas Dinner and Carols)	
Dec 24 (Sat):	8:00am - 2:30pm
(Santa's Sweet Drive at 5:00pm)	
Christmas Day (Sun):	**Closed**
Dec 26 (Mon):	8:00am - 10:30am
Dec 27 (Tue):	8:00am - 10:30am
Wed to Fri:	7:30am - 6:00pm
(No Friday Night Restaurant)	
Dec 31 (Sat):	8:00am - 2:30pm
Jan 1 (Sun):	8:00am - 10:30am
Jan 2 (Mon):	8:00am - 10:30am