



Wingello - home to great events

April for Horses, May for Mountain Bikes and June/July for Siberian Husky Dogs

The Wingello Forest is a very popular place for many different visitors. Most weekends we see mountain bike riders enjoying the world class standard mountain bike tracks, trail motorbike riders using the extensive fire trails, campers using the camping site.

There are also many special events which take over the whole forest for the weekend. At all these events, the organisers encourage locals to come and have a look. The Horse Endurance riders enjoy showing off their horses to interested onlookers, the mountain bike events normally have entertainment that all are encouraged to join in and the Husky Sled racers enjoy explaining how it all works to those that are interested.

In April we had the **NSW State Championships for Horse Endurance riding**. Over 120 horses with their riders, strappers and supporters (over 300 people) joined in the event. Wingello provided brilliant weather with very cool evenings, morning fog followed by brilliantly sunny days.

We catered and provided over 300 meals: Bacon and Egg rolls, famous Wingello Burgers, a roast dinner on Friday and Saturday evenings and other food and drink options. It was great getting to meet riders from across the country visiting and

enjoying Wingello hospitality.

Congratulations go to the organisers for another great event.

Next year we will see them again.



On the weekend of 12 and 13 May Wingello is hosting the **James Williamson Enduro Challenge**, a mountain bike race with events 75km, 50km, 25km and 13km long.

There are over 600 riders registered and once you add in supporters we will have around 1,000 people in the forest for the weekend.

The event centre is based at the Airstrip in the forest.



Other than the main rides, there is plenty of entertainment for those attending and local visitors.

On Saturday from 5pm to 8pm singer Dave Debs will be playing live at the event centre. Food will be available at the same time.

There is a kids race on Sunday Morning. Just get there before 10:30am and children can enter on the day. Racing starts at 11:00am around a special course designed so Mums and Dads can watch the ride. It should be lots of fun.

The main race begins at 8:45am with staggered starts depending on the race lengths and number of riders.

By 5:00pm it should all be over after a long, enjoyable and, for the riders, a tiring day.

In June and July we will be seeing the **Siberian Husky Club of NSW** having **Sled Racing**, with ever eager Siberian Husky dogs going for a run in the cool evenings and mornings. More details next month.



Colourful Autumn



Autumn is a great season in Wingello. A typical Autumn day starts with a cool night, probably a foggy morning, followed by a brilliantly sunny day with a hint of a cool breeze.

Fireplaces are lit with a comfortable warming fire and afternoons see many locals having a walk enjoying the lovely

day.

This photo is of Maple lane with the Maple trees showing off their glorious Autumn colours.

Short Black Book



This month we attended the book launch of **Short Black** - *short rides on a black bike*.

The book is a description of many highlights of the Southern Highlands as seen during many

short rides (or drives). 31 different cafes and restaurants are given short reviews, including the Wingello Village Store's Un-named Cafe.

The book, designed as a "coffee table" book, provides a great resource to explain to family and friends why we live in the Southern Highlands. We have sold a number to customers who send them as gifts to their guests who wonder why we live "so far away", but are delightfully surprised we have discovered a secret place to live a good life. The book has a plethora of marvellous photos of scenes you will recognise and enjoy.

There is a limited print run so we obtained enough for our customers. The book sells for \$25.00

Wingello Fire Brigade News

Another quiet month has gone by and the rain seems to have eased somewhat, which is a nice change. All activities within the Brigade have been confined to training and maintenance.

Over the previous few weeks we have had some interesting and informative training nights organised by our deputies Carlyle Seers and Mark Wilson along with our senior deputy Arron Deegan. One of the nights was a 'hot fire' exercise on how to attack an oil/gas/fuel fire using different methods of extinguishment. The second training night was on the C.A.B.A equipment and procedures, not only for the CABA crew but also for the support crew. This was a joint training night along with Penrose Brigade and one of a few that we have organised together. This was a very informative night and enjoyed by both Brigade's members.

As you know the Enduro Classic Bike race was cancelled due to the wet conditions of the track. This will be held on Mother's Day. We also participated in the organisation of Brigadoon last month and despite the wet grounds it went off well.

Meet your Firies

Your Firies for this month are, Mark Wilson, Stephanie Christie and Doug Roach, who all celebrated their Birthdays during the month of April. All have been long time and valued members of this Brigade and also long time residents in Wingello.



Store Opening Hours

Phone: 02 4884 4340

Mon - Thu:	7:30 am - 6:00 pm
Fridays:	7:30 am - 9:00 pm (Restaurant till later in the evening!)
Weekends:	8:00am - 2:30pm
Public holidays:	8:00am - 10:30am

We are open **Every Day** except Good Friday and Christmas.