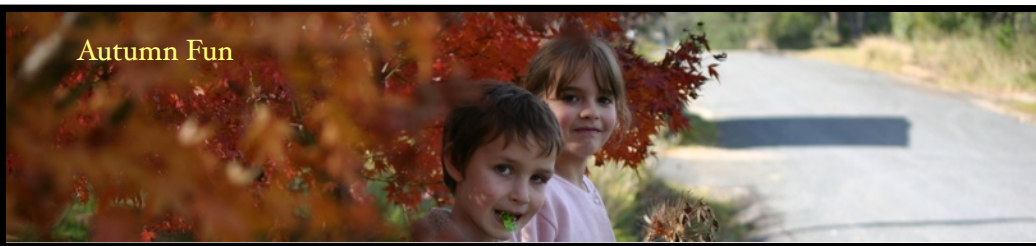


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Autumn Fun



## Wingello Fire Brigade to the rescue

*Last weekend had the fire brigade saving a home, assisting injured riders and accidents on the highway*

Every Wednesday evening the Fire Brigade meets for training. Some weekends and other times members train more in all things a fire and rescue team needs to know.

To some people all this training may seem pointless as “nothing happens in Wingello”. Readers of Wingello Village News know that Wingello is a place where lots does happen and the lack of drama is a feature not a fault.

The last weekend in May was different.

On Friday afternoon the brigade responded to a single vehicle accident on the Hume Highway. This was reported to be 6km South of the Sally's Corner service stations but was actually South of the Wingecarribee River near Berrima. Maybe that is why they are sometimes called Search and Rescue?

On Saturday evening around midnight a Wingello resident awoke hearing a crackling sound in the ceiling of his home. He went into the lounge-room and noticed the fire lapping at the wall edges and quickly put out the flames. Prompted by a thought, he put his hand against the wall. It was hot! He quickly roused the two other house occupants, got them out and called triple zero (000).

The members of the Wingello Fire Brigade responded very fast and were able to save the house.



It is believed that if the call was made only 5 minutes later the whole house would have been destroyed. As it is, only the wall and part of the roof and ceiling were destroyed.

The fortuitous light sleeping of the resident who heard the fire and his quick actions in rousing the other members as well as calling triple zero plus the very efficient response of the fire brigade means this is just another story about something happening in Wingello, rather than a much more serious tragedy.

Once the brigade members returned home and caught some well earned rest, there was a callout to the Wingello Forest. Two trail bike riders were involved in an accident. One of the riders failed to make it across a dip in a trail and fell badly. The bike rider following then landed on top of the first.

The injuries to the first rider were so serious he was airlifted to Liverpool Hospital. A paramedic told me the injured person is very lucky to be alive. He needed serious on site intervention to allow him to breathe before he was airlifted out.

Thank you to all of our Firies who responded to the calls. It looks as though all that training does come into use after all.

### Have you had your say?

You are invited to participate in the **Our Village Our Future Project** that is being piloted by Wingecarribee Shire Council in partnership with Wingello Progress Association. This project involves the identification of existing strengths within the village and tangible ways in which village life can be improved.

Forms are available in the Village Store or you can fill out the survey online at:

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Wingello>**

The survey is a very open format and the aim is to get an idea of what residents of Wingello want for their Village.

The Survey completion date has been extended to Friday 8 June

### The Huskies are coming

One benefit of this colder weather is the arrival of the Husky Sled Racers to the Wingello State Forest. On the weekend of 23 and 24 June the woods will sound with the excited and happy barking of Siberian Husky dogs waiting for their turn to race around the fire trails. This weekend will be the hosting of the **Siberian Husky Club NSW Classic**. The 14 and 15 July as well as 28 and 29 July weekends will host two more Husky Sled Racing events.

Typically the racing starts at 6:30am when the temperature is still low but with enough light to race.

You can find more information at the Siberian Husky Club of NSW web site: <http://www.shcnsw.org.au>



### The 3 Ring Circus coming in July



The 3 Ring Circus is the next major Mountain Bike event in the Forest on 21 and 22 July.



The Night Performance is a 20km race under lights on Saturday. With a course consisting of single track, fire trail, wombats and wallabies, the Night Performance is

hotly contested and enjoyed by all.

The Matinee Performance is a 50km race consisting of 3 rings, each coming back through the Big Top event centre.

With Wingello State Forest as the venue for this event, riders get to enjoy all that the forest has to offer; sweet flowing single track, easy going fire trails, hills to test your mettle and a Big Top full of entertainment for adults and kids alike.

New this year, the Kids Circus on Saturday afternoon makes this event a great family event with something for everyone.

### Wingello Fire Brigade News

The month of May has been busy for many of us in the Brigade but unfortunately we are still unable to carry out our HR (hazard reduction) programs. There are about 20 HR sites scheduled in and around the Village of Wingello. Only last week we did tests on a couple of areas that are scheduled for HRs. We found after a series of programmed tests that the fuel on the ground has too high a moisture content and will not burn.

These tests are put into place to make sure that when a HR is carried out we do not waste men, equipment and time, as we have Brigades from all over the Shire to help do these burns safely. We just have to keep monitoring the areas until the conditions are right.

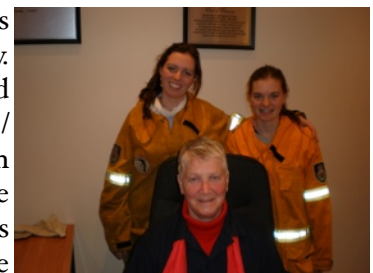
In the meantime we have many of our crew going through different courses to improve their skills for themselves and your Brigade.

We have Michael Brearley, Tess Brearley and Luke Straub doing their VF course, Doug Roach doing Crew leader, Myles Leniston doing his AF, and young Lucy Brearley in the process of doing her Basic assessment.

On top of all this the Brigade had a very busy weekend with call outs. A MVA on the Hume highway, a structural fire in Wingello and a serious motor bike accident in the Wingello State forest. Well done to all that were involved.

#### Meet your Firies

Your Firies this month are ladies only. We have our hard working Secretary / Treasurer Lyn Leniston, then the Brearley girls Tess and Lucy who are small in stature but big in enthusiasm and an asset to our Brigade. Happy birthday again to you girls.



#### Store Opening Hours

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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.