

Why be
anywhere
else?



A Bird road testing
the new trees

What has the Council ever done for us?

Wingello has been the recipient of a lot of Wingecarribee council attention recently

We are the Entrance to the Southern Highlands - after all so many visitors enter the Shire from Canberra through Wingello.

Over the years we have had many justifiable grumbings that the council has done very little for us in the forgotten realms of Wingello. Official Shire maps left Wingello off - just have a look at the outside map at the Mittagong Tourist Information centre.

However over the last 12 months the Wingecarribee Shire Council has been making quite an effort to remember Wingello.

Do you notice the common theme on all of the improvements? Local involvement with the council as partners not just complainers. Well done to all the Wingello people working with the Council for all of our benefit.

Playground

After a brilliant letter campaign from the Wingello Public School children, the playground was upgraded with new equipment.



Road Sealing

Many roads have been upgraded and sealed. While they were here for that purpose, they also sealed in front of the bus stop removing the ever present big puddle after discussions with some locals.

Mechanics Institute Hall

The members of the hall committee have worked in a fruitful ongoing partnership with the council to upgrade the hall in a great many ways including air conditioning, repairs and upgrades, new lighting, stage curtains and more.

Northern Entrance Treescape upgrade

After extensive discussions with the Beautification committee of the Wingello Village Association, we now have almost all the pine trees removed and 31 new Maple/Liquid Amber trees planted along the

rail line along Northern entrance to the village. The patch of native trees near the Park Street intersection remains.



Spring should bring a burst a fresh green leaves along the Railway Parade combined with those of Maple Lane at the shop. Then Autumn will bring another burst of colours.

Casburn Park Upgrades

Many of the trees that were removed were chipped and piles were all over the park and village. They have now been redistributed all around the park. The park benches and tables are no longer buried under an accumulation of built up mulch. Earlier upgrades of fencing around the park allow for a traffic-free park area. All of these changes, combined with the playground upgrades, make our park one of the best in the Highlands. After all, very few parks

have great play equipment close to seating and tables that are in the shade and a short walk from fresh coffee and good food!

Street Numbers

Gradually all residents are getting notified of street numbers. This will make it easier to find places rather than the inconsistently applied lot numbers. Mail still gets delivered to the Wingello Post Office and needs to be picked up, but couriers and visitors may be able to find our homes easier.

(The title of this story is a parody of the speech in Monty Python's Life of Brian "What have the Romans Ever done for us?" scene. Often we like to complain about the council, but in this case, they do deserve praise.)

Wingello Fire Brigade News

The month of June has been quiet - unlike last month! The brigade had one call for medical assistance in the Wingello State Forest as one Wingello resident managed to break her ankle. Wingello brigade was responded to assist and due to the difficult location escorted the Ambulance service to where the patient was located. The patient had a very comfortable ride out of the forest, travelling in the rear of the brigade's personnel carrier. All's well that ends well as it is believed the patient is up and about and doing fine.

During the recent Fire Rescue NSW industrial stoppage the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) was called upon to provide emergency services closer to the Sydney region. Wingello, along with other RFS brigades assisted and were staged at Casula so that a quick response could be possible if needed.

Okay Now is the time!

For what you say?

Well, it is winter and the grass isn't growing, so we have the time to start to prepare for the upcoming fire season. It is dangerous leaving it to the last minute.

Prepare.

Clean up all around the house giving yourself a perimeter of some safety.

Check your fire pump if you have one and make sure it is in good working order. Have fuel on stand-by if it is petrol or diesel as the so and so will not go without it. All adults in the house should learn how to start the machine.

Check your hoses, making sure they are in good order and long enough for the area you need to cover.

Now is the time to prepare and if you need some help, advice or assistance in how to prepare your property please don't hesitate to call the Brigade as we have people that are qualified to assist and advise you in this matter. Remember the first part is to prepare and now is the time.

PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.

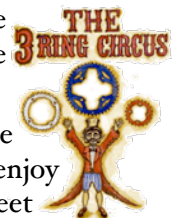


Every household should have a copy of the Bush Fire Survival Plan (pictured above) as it has all the necessary information that you could need. Copies are available at the Brigade station.

In the month of June we had no birthdays in our brigade. Who will be the lucky birthday boy or girl for July?

3 Ring Circus is almost here

The 3 Ring Circus Mountain Bike event will be in the Wingello State Forest on 21 and 22 July.



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.

Christmas in July Dinner

We will be having a *Christmas in July* on **Friday Night 27 July from 6pm**. Lovely entrees followed by a dinner of glazed ham and glazed turkey with baked potatoes and vegetables ending with a beautiful home made Christmas pudding and custard.

Bookings essential for a very reasonable fixed price of \$30 a person. BYO alcohol.

Normal Friday night food will still be available eat in or take away.



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.