

Why be  
anywhere  
else?



One of the clean up  
volunteers

## Wingello Cleans Up

*What a load of rubbish collected from our entrances!*



About 20 locals turned up on the day and began cleaning up Murrimba Road and Highland Way from Wingello to Penrose. The photo above only shows some of the volunteers and also only some of the rubbish.

Wingello is the Entrance to the Southern Highlands and many people use the Highland Way and Murrimba road to access Wingello and our neighbouring villages and towns.

Unfortunately many of those using the roads dispose of their rubbish with no consideration for anyone else.

Many residents tend to clean up the area in front of their properties, but one of our villagers decided he had enough and arranged for an informal clean up day. "I was sick of looking at all the mess so thought I would do something about it."

In all more than two overflowing trailer loads, many canvas bags and a full ute of rubbish was collected.

There were tires, barrels, many fast food restaurant containers and rubbish, beer and soft drink bottles, cigarette packets and more. It is hard to understand why some people have no issues with just chucking refuse from their car onto the roadsides.

Well done to all who assisted with the clean up day. You have helped make Wingello a better place to live.

## Wingello Dogs Attack!

*Local Sheep farmer leaves the area because of local dog attacks.*

We have many dogs in Wingello, the vast majority of which are loved and cared for by their owners. Unfortunately, a number of dogs are not being cared for properly.

During the week beginning Monday, 23rd July, there were three dog attacks by the same dogs on three separate properties in Wingello. On each occasion the dogs were sighted (one was nearly grabbed as it and its mate were pulling apart a sheep) and both wore collars. The dogs were described as one looking similar to a red kelpie and the other a reddish/tan bulldog/mastiff/staffordshire type dog with large heavy jaws.

Stock losses are devastating to property owners – there is nothing more sickening than seeing your animals ripped apart and left to die. There is also the financial loss of stud stock. We have photographs available of what damage dogs do to animals but they are too graphic to print in this newsletter. The problem Wingello now has is that the occurrences of that week mean that two dogs in Wingello pose a problem to not only owners of stock but small children as well. Once a dog tastes blood like these two have, they will undoubtedly kill again.

In the past few months there has been a distinct increase of dogs running *Continued overleaf..*

## Wingello Dogs Attack (*Continued*)

around the village with no owners to be seen. It is a NSW law that all dogs should be kept under control by their owners.

Most owners think that their dog "wouldn't hurt a fly". Well, dogs can pack together and two dogs, no matter how domesticated and friendly they are, will bring an animal down and each dog then tears at each end of the unfortunate animal. They will then move on to another animal. Remember, this is just a game for the dogs.

These attacks are not only on farm properties. They are also in the village. Dogs have attacked children and adults, even biting one young adult on the leg.

Council requires **all dog attacks to be reported** – even if the dogs have escaped from the scene of

attack. We urge all Wingello residents to make sure their dogs are unable to escape from their gardens/property and also, if it is at all possible, to capture any roaming dog and then contact our local ranger who will then come and collect the dog. The dog will then be traced (it should have a collar and microchip) and the owner will have to pay a fine to retrieve it.

**Call the Ranger on (02) 4868 0888** (Wingecaribee Shire Council) as soon as you observe or are subject to an attacking dog. An attack is defined as a dog "coming at you aggressively". The dog does not have to actually bite you!

This number even works on weekends.

Keep a note of the event including time, date, location and what happened.

## Wingello Fire Brigade News

During this last month we were called to an illegal pile burn that involved three Category 1 tankers, one Category 7, a large Bulk water carrier and numerous fire crews from Penrose, Exeter and Wingello. The brigades worked well to get it under control in a few short hours as well as having to contend with very windy conditions and toxic fumes from the materials being burnt. It pays to check with your local Brigade when lighting up a large burn as it can save a lot of trouble and a lot of expense.

The brigade also had a very busy weekend with the work to be done for the Three Ring Circus. It was a very cold Saturday night followed by a miserable Sunday with misty rain all day. It made for slippery conditions on the tracks but luckily our first Aid post only had to clean up a couple of bikes and not their riders during the course of the day. All told it was a good fundraiser for the brigade. Many thanks to John Ford, Bob Newman, John van der Ham, Leah Childs, Les Robinson and Carol Degrassi who assisted us by filling in for some of our Brigade members who were unable to attend that weekend.

### Be Prepared for a bush fire.

The first step in the **Prepare** phase is prepare your Bush fire survival plan. If you decide to **Leave Early**, consider what will trigger you to leave, where you will go, how you will get there and what you will take with you.

If you do **Stay and Defend** - if that is your choice - you must ask yourself if you are capable, is the

property well prepared and do you know what to do before, during and after the bush fire?

Also, do you have a **Back up plan?** Remember events do not always go as you plan!

Next month there will be more about how to Prepare.

By the way we could use as many people as we could get to be part of our village RFB. That doesn't mean we want you on our trucks or out fighting fires. The support crew is every bit as important as those who point the hoses at the flames. **WE NEED YOU.** Contact us if interested. You might even get a Cap!!

### Meet your Firies

Your Firies this month are Myles Leniston and Horst Wolf both celebrating their Birthdays this month and are valued members of our Brigade. Happy days guys!



## Store Opening Hours

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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.