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Developing the Future

Supporting the Wingello Village Store helps develop the village's future

Over the last 3 and a half years we have been employing the young people of Wingello and surrounding villages. This has been a deliberate policy as a way we can do our bit to help make a better future, giving our youth an opportunity to gain experience and develop better work habits which will help them and us in the future.

Not only do we pay all of our young people proper wages (and superannuation if they are entitled), we also put them through official traineeships. Naturally, being young, our staff mix changes. We figured it was time to introduce (or re-introduce) each of our employees who do their best to serve you.

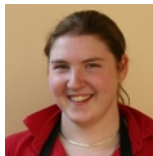
The personal nature of a small village store means that their training isn't just from us, but also from all of our customers. Your attitudes and help enable these young people to understand how the world works and meet with people of all ages and temperaments. This benefits not just the young people, but also many of our customers who do not often get to interact with youth on a regular basis.

We are often told tales of woe with the phrase "... the youth of today" followed by a dismissive shake of the head. Here are a group of fine young people that are giving work and life a go, who deserve your support and a share of your experience.

Thank you to all of our customers who have assisted all of our staff over the years. As so many of you have seen, our staff have greatly benefited from the interaction and friendship of our customers over the years.

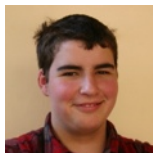
Ariel

Ariel is 21 and began working at the shop as a casual employee when she was 15. When we took over the shop in 2009, Ariel was 17 and became the official manager and Post Mistress. She has completed a Level IV certificate in Business Management and is now starting on a Diploma of Business and will complete an advanced Barista course this month.



James

James also started when we took over the shop, but only in a casual or part time basis. Now he is 16 and working full time. He will be starting his Level III certificate in Retail Management this month.



Tristen

Tristen is now 18 and started working as a casual on Saturdays almost 3 years ago, assisting in the kitchen. Now he works full time in all areas of the shop. He completed his Level III certificate in Retail Management earlier this year.



Clare

Clare wanted to work in the shop for her birthday. That was two years ago and now she is doing a great job helping in the kitchen on Friday evenings during the busy restaurant nights.



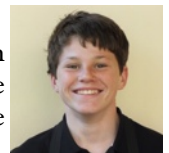
Sarah

Sarah is 16 and began at the shop last December working in the kitchen on Friday nights. Now she works on Friday nights and one of the weekend days, trained in the cooking and coffee as well as other areas of our rather diverse shop.



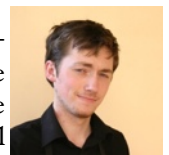
Liam

Liam is 14 and has just started with us on Sundays. In time he will learn to make marvellous coffees and food like we have trained everyone else.



Tim

Tim is 18 and has just begun with us working full time Tuesday to Saturday. Please give him the great Wingello welcome we are used to. He will be starting his Level III certificate in Retail Management this month too.



Peter

Peter is 14 and has been working casually in the shop over the last few years. He is now helping several mornings per week and learning the various parts of the business.



Your support directly helps these young people. Their experience serving you will lead to a richer life having participated in a productive way with our diverse Wingello community.

The Trees are staying

On Wednesday, 26 September, the council voted 7 to 2 to keep the trees that were planted in July. After a very interesting month with over 300 residents having a say in the improvements, we should start seeing a number of further upgrades being implemented.

The remaining stumps should be cleared away and further discussions with the Village will continue to help make Wingello a great Entrance to the Southern Highlands.

As you walk or drive by you will notice beautiful green leaves beginning to show on the new trees.

It was a fine experience seeing so many villagers gather together to express their views and help decide on the direction of their village.

The council is working hard to ensure we get a say in how our village is maintained and refreshed so we can all enjoy our home in the Southern Highlands.



Wingello Fire Brigade News

September was another busy month for your brigade. A local property owner conducted an illegal pile burn that kept reigniting. It required the brigade to pump nearly 24,000 litres of water to achieve extinguishment!

A 2012 model Toyota vehicle stolen from Marulan was set alight on Sydney St and the early morning call-out saw the brigade arrive with the vehicle totally gutted. Police enquiries are continuing.

Brigade members have assisted in two out of area hazard reduction burns. One of them was at the Holsworthy Small Bore Rifle Range where our guys were constantly 'under fire' with unspent shells exploding moments after the bush had been lit up. The second was at Joadja near Bullio on Wombeyan Caves Rd. There are a couple of local burns planned during October.

October is the start of the statutory Bushfire Danger Period (BFDP) during which no fires can be lit without a Fire Permit. The Permits are available from the brigade Captain. The current prediction for the BFDP is for a challenging season mainly due to the incredible growth of grass fuels that have not been seen for some 35 years. We encourage all members of the community to ensure that they have properly prepared their properties and have developed their Bushfire Survival Plan (BFSP). The BFSP is available from the brigade.

Our 'FireFlies' Dinner Dance was held on the 8th and again was a great night enjoyed by all. It is pleasing to see the increased support for this function from members of our great community. John Ford and May King gave a great performance of Rock 'n' Roll. John needed a bit of oxygen after the demo. A special thanks to Helen Brearley and the brigade members who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the night was a success.

\$500 was raised in the raffle at the Dinner Dance and was donated to the Coffee4Kids Foundation. Mark Crossweller, Commissioner of ACT Emergency Services, who is the trustee of C4K was presented with the

cheque which will go to the Westmead Children's Hospital.

On the 22nd Wingello participated in the statewide RFS Open Day and many locals attended the station. Kids were well looked after by young Lucy Brearley, assisted by our 'aged' Deputy Mark Wilson. Greg Brearley did a great 'Darth Vader' impersonation wearing his breathing apparatus gear demonstrating the use of this equipment.

The brigade's new storage shed is expected to be completed early in October and the brigade acknowledges the support of the **Veolia Mulwaree Trust** for their support for this project. We also thank and acknowledge **Reece Plumbing** for their generous donation of a new hot water system



September saw our long serving Captain, **David Stimson** stand down, as he has been appointed to a RFS Ranked position as a staff member. Arron Deegan, the Senior Deputy Captain, has stepped up to the position of Captain and the brigade wishes him well in this position.

And of course we can't forget our Firey of the month of September, and here he is, the one and only **GREG BREARLEY**. Greg celebrated his birthday this month. Happy birthday Greg hope you had a great day.



Well that about wraps it up for this month.

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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.