

Why be
anywhere
else?

Lighting up Wingello
for Christmas



Santa sighted in Wingello

We know Santa did not lose Wingello this Christmas!

The children's Christmas party was well attended in mid December. After many games and activities and a variety of party food, the children went outside to wait for a rumoured appearance of "the man in red".

Although no-one expected Reindeer and a sleigh on a Wingello Summer's day, Santa Claus had a surprise up his sleeve when he arrived on a very fancy ride - a very cool three wheeled motorbike! Chauffeured by a grinning elf!

That mysterious man in red also popped in to the school on another day, and he was even able to fit Wingello in a third time on Christmas Eve despite his undoubtedly heavy schedule.

The fire brigade displayed a map on the store window showing the route he was escorted around the village giving lolly bags to the children of the village - both small and bigger!

When we returned home after Midnight Mass at the Penrose Park Monastery on Hanging Rock Road, it was delightful to see so many houses (and the Fire Brigade) lit up with Christmas lights sharing the Christmas spirit. Thank you to all who put up lights to bring some of the celebratory spirit to Wingello.

The year 2012 has now ended, and as always has been a collection of ups and downs but we in Wingello have been truly blessed with many good times during the year. Thank you to you all for making your mark on our village. The village is, after all, merely a collection of all our contributions. Have a happy and joyful 2013.



BYO Christmas Tree and Santa Claus



We heard the siren. He can't be far away now!



A smiling elf preparing to share Lollies!

Tristen Moves On

Tristen started with the Wingello Village Store 3 years ago washing dishes on Saturdays. After a while proving that he was able to work consistently, his hours increased until he was employed on a permanent part time basis and completed his Level III Certificate in Retail Management.



Since moving to Bowral recently he has found it difficult to work at the shop and he has moved on after good three years working in Wingello. Thanks Tristen.

Tristen is a good example of how the Wingello Village Store works as a training ground for young people. Local work with a diverse training routine as well as official certification once they progress to more hours provides a great start for all of our people.

The Level III Certificate means they are able to qualify for University entrance, and the practical skills in Hospitality, Coffee, Post Office and General Retail allows for ease in getting positions that will allow more growth and potential than we can offer.

A customer recently wanted to donate to the store directly to contribute to the work we do in providing training for young people. We appreciate the support all our customers provide with their custom and patience as we go through the early training times all our staff have to go through.

Wingello Fire Brigade News

2012 will be over by the time you get this newsletter so on behalf of the Brigade I hope you all had a Happy and Safe Christmas and we wish you all the best for the New Year.

This last month has been kind to us all with only a couple of call outs to motor vehicle accidents and thankfully no serious injury to the occupants. As you may have noticed we decorated the Station building this year with Christmas Lights for the first time and it looked pretty good to us. Maybe next year we can improve on this first effort.

Station-wise it has been quiet, maintenance and training is still the order of the day. We have been fortunate to pick up a couple of new members which will help swell our ranks. We have done our annual door knock appeal for this year and along with our newsletter we have left a couple of our brigade calendars. We would take this opportunity to thank those that made a donation to the brigade. Anyone who was not at home at the time and wishes to make a donation can drop it off at the shop or be given to one of our crew members. We appreciate any help that may be given.

The Brigade escorted Santa to Wingello Primary School to give out Christmas presents to all the children as well as those who would be attending kindy next year. Even Santa enjoyed the afternoon.

We also did our Christmas Eve Santa lolly run and the Brigade Elves gave out over one hundred and twenty lolly bags. Have to admit some of the children were on the tall side but we never ran short of lollies. Hope the Village enjoyed the event.

The weather has been a bit up and down as we all know but it is a long way yet before the Bush Fire Danger Period is over so keep up the good work around your properties.

We have now finished with introducing you to all the Brigade members as their birthday months came along. The last ones for 2012 are below and they are Chris Brearley and the other two are Arron Deegan Captain of our Brigade along with Carlyle Seers. I know Arron had a great birthday and I hope so did the others. Happy days again guys.

Hope you all have a healthy and safe 2013

PS. Many thanks to all our crew for the work and dedication throughout the year



The last of your fires for the year and the December birthday guys

Chris Brearley then our new captain Arron Deegan along with Deputy Carlyle Seers valuable members of our RFB

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.