



A busy time at the shop

From a desire for more PO Boxes, we upgraded the layout of the shop.

It all started on a Saturday evening discussion.

"I think we need more Post Office boxes as demand has been pretty good because they are such good value. But the other side of the wall has all the DVDs."

So we looked at our history for DVD rentals and realised that although the recent movies, family and children's movies, various series and others rented well, the extensive back catalogue didn't justify the space.

Then we started a fast brainstorming sessions and one thing led to another. Less than four weeks later you can see the changes.

Massive ex Rental DVD sale

Over 1,000 of our ex Rental DVDs are for sale. You can see them in all the trays around the store. Prices range from \$5 to \$15 each. The selection is very wide and there are movies to suit almost everyone's tastes.

Greeting Cards "Buy One Get One Free" sale

The high quality For Arts Sake range of greeting cards have sold well, but we don't need the three stands. So in an effort to reduce the cards down to two stands we are having a Buy One Get One Free sale. This applies to all our great greeting cards.

But what about DVDs?

The rental DVDs are still in the main part of the shop but organised much better. The current and recent releases are in the main area, with series (such as Star wars, Hornblower, Harry Potter, Avenger, etc), Romantic Comedies (Chick Flicks), Action films (Blokes Flicks) and so on waiting for your viewing pleasure.

On the short shelf opposite is a great collection of children's and family movies. We still have almost 400 movies to rent.

The DVD deal is Rent 2, get \$2 off, rent 3 get \$3 off, rent 4 get \$4 off. All movies are still overnight rentals which allows everyone to share.

Internet Cafe and Groceries

With the DVDs moved, the side room is now able to store all the groceries and the Internet Cafe. Both public use computers are easily accessible, especially now we have converted the little window to a doorway!



The grocery freezer (frozen vegies, prepared meals, meat, etc) is also there.

A Moving Experience

These two changes (DVDs and Greeting Cards) meant we were able to do some moving around. The Newspapers and Magazines have changed sides and the main Streets Ice cream freezer is between them and the coffee machine.

This meant we could move the Serendipity ice cream freezer to a better spot, so everyone could see them and be tempted by some gourmet ice-cream while they are waiting at the counter.

The result of all these changes meant we had more space at the front of the store, better visibility all round, increased space on the Post Office bench as well as the opportunity to convert the back of the store to a dedicated dining area.

Increased demand for the cafe and dining, especially our Friday night roast dinners meant we needed more dining area so we brought in the experts.

Daniel Hill has built a great set of benches and dining tables and did many of the repairs and changes required. Brendan Den repainted the back area and varnished all the new furniture.

We have decorated the area with a fascinating selection of newspaper pages from the 1930's. When you are browsing have a read. They provide a fascinating glimpse of our history.

The new area all looks marvellous.

Upcoming Events



Clean Up day

The Wingello Village Association is looking to be part of the Clean Up Australia day on **Sunday March 3**.

We will meet at the Wingello Village Store at 9am.

More information will be posted on the Village Notice Board as it comes in. Be ready to help clean up Wingello. The last time we had a cleanup the response was fantastic with large piles of rubbish removed, making Wingello a much better place.

Robertson Show

It's Show season again. Country Shows are a great way to discover local talents, treasures in livestock, produce, arts and crafts and plain old fun entertainment. The running commentary on Saturday is worth the price alone.



We have the program booklets for the Robertson show at the shop. The show will be held on **Friday 1 March and Saturday 2 March**. This means you can have a great day or two enjoying the show and then the next day (Sunday) helping clean up Wingello!

Wingello Fire Brigade News

Well it was predicted and came on very quickly. There were many days with very high temperatures and low humidity that produced perfect bush fire weather. On one day alone there were over 150 fires in NSW and a lot in Victoria. We have seen at close hand the advantage of being prepared and for a lot of folks it proved that to have a Bush Fire Survival Plan ready was well worth it.

Wingello Brigade was on standby at the station for the Catastrophic day with two crews at the ready, enough to man both trucks and it paid off. The first call was to a fire at Exeter and then to the Kareela Rd fire where we spent the rest of the day along with brigades from Penrose, Moss Vale and others to completely black out this fire. A third call to a tree down on the road to Tal-long had to be dealt with before we could return to the station for some rest and food.

The rest time was short lived as Wingello was asked to be part of a Strike Team to assist in a fast and destructive grass fire at Jugiong. We could smell the smoke 10 kms out from Yass and then the horizon glowed like an early morning sunrise. We were tasked to defend Ferndale Station - a large sheep property with extensive sheds and housing.

On arrival we waited for the running grass fire to come to us and then Wingello, along with Moss Vale, hit the flanks of the fire in the dark and on an unknown terrain. The fire was intense and fanned by strong gusting winds, the direction of the fire changed when we least expected it resulting in the flame height to vary from two to four metres causing some concern to us in the trucks a couple of times. For five hours we had no let up until at last we had it beat. No stock losses or buildings or other assets were scorched or damaged. All the training that we have done paid off and like that old saying



“we came, we saw and we conquered” We left Ferndale with a feeling of satisfaction that we had done our job and done it well. After a good brekkie at Macca’s in Yass we were on our way home for a well-deserved rest. Well done S.H Brigades

Then again on Friday the 11th we were once again on standby at the station and for some areas the day was a lot hotter than expected. Luckily no fires came our way. We did have numerous phone calls and people calling in to check on the smoke that covered the village for a while. We were able to inform them that it was not local but from the Boorowa Fires quite a distance away. Thanks go to those concerned people as it shows that the village was alert also thanks goes to those that helped out with tucker that night.

On the 24th of January Wingello was once again part of a Strike Team for a large fire burning NW of Bigga near Crookwell. We were again tasked to keep the containment lines intact with some back burning to do and then a lot of blacking out. The hill sides around Grabine and Wyangala Waters looked like satellite cities from a distance with thousands of burning stumps and trees glowing in the dark.

All in all a very busy month for Wingello Brigade and well done to all for their efforts. Let’s hope with this bit of rain and maybe more to come things will cool down.

Until our next newsletter stay safe.

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.