

Why be
anywhere
else?



More Dog Attacks

Carry your camera or smart phone at all times - rid the village of this scourge

Six Purebred Dorper sheep were brutally attacked this week in Wingello on three successive days. The owners arrived home on Thursday night 28th February and expected to find their six sheep happily keeping the ever growing grass down to reasonable levels. Instead, they were shocked to discover them all dead, their throats ripped out by vicious dog attacks.

The dog attacks were not witnessed, but there have been reported instances to Wingecarribee Shire Council of a number of unrestrained dogs wandering the streets of Wingello. A number of these dogs are considered dangerous breeds within NSW.

The financial loss is estimated at around \$1,300 dollars. The owners also have a mixture of Birds, Chickens and Ducks which are well protected and are locked up at night.

At this stage the owners consider it too dangerous for livestock, due to the threat of other dog attacks on the property. Wingecarribee Shire Council has been informed of the attacks that occurred this week in Wingello. From the initial assessment it appears that there were two decent sized dogs that attacked the sheep.

The Wingecarribee Shire Council Rangers are well aware of a number of uncontrolled dogs in Wingello. What they need is proof and villagers willing to make official statements. The best way to make Wingello safe for all residents is to carry your camera or smart phone at all times. When you see uncontrolled dogs wandering the streets, take photos. If possible, track them back to their homes and keep taking photos.

Then call or email the Council with the details. If the owners do not care what damage their dogs do, as a village we must take responsibility. Turning a blind eye does not work.

Dogs have not only attacked and killed local livestock, they have also attacked children and adults. The owners must know what their dogs are doing.

The great majority of dog owners in Wingello do the right thing and their dogs are a great source of comfort and friendship to their owners. There are only a couple of owners who do not care about the impact their dogs have on their neighbours.

The Wingecarribee Shire Council Web Site provides information on the responsibilities of owning a dangerous dog and information on the Companion Animals Regulation ACT 2008.

We did ask for rain

Back in December, we were all asking for rain. The water tanker man was a frequent visitor and everyone was looking skywards, hoping for some much needed rain.

Wingello Rain Chart						
Month	2011		2012		2013	
	Mth	Cum	Mth	Cum	Mth	Cum
Jan	45	45	64	64	87	87
Feb	129	174	304	368	320	407
Mar	70	244	160	528		407
Apr	63	307	62	590		407
May	84	390	15	605		407
Jun	84	474	80	685		407
Jul	39	513	25	710		407
Aug	67	580	13	723		407
Sep	53	633	23	745		407
Oct	81	714	26	771		407
Nov	75	789	32	803		407
Dec	47	836		803		407

Well, our prayers were answered.

The tanks are overflowing and I think everyone wishes that the rain could go further South and help Southern NSW and Victoria who des-

perately need the rain.

Meanwhile, our water tables are being topped up, the rain is soaking nicely into the ground, the grass is growing (although it isn't dry long enough to mow) and there are lots of puddles to play in.



Clean Up Day on 17 March

Clean Up day postponed

The Wingello Village Association will be part of the Clean Up Australia day deferred to **Sunday March 17**. Most other villages also postponed their clean up days. It wasn't going to be much fun filling up rubbish bags in the rain.

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.



Local Plants for sale in Wingello

When we look for plants to make our places more beautiful, we need to ask the question "Will it grow in Wingello?" We all know Wingello seems to have its own special weather, so this isn't an idle question.



Well, in Wingello there is Pineleigh Plant Nursery, run by Craig and Sally. Just pop up Jeffery Lane (Off Kareela Road) and you can see a large range of locally grown plants to choose from. They stock hedging and screening plants, ornamental trees, fruit trees, shrubs, natives, camellias, potted colour and more - plants that are growing successfully in Wingello.

I asked Craig, "So, We can grow all these in Wingello?" He gave the correct answer, "So long as you provide proper water and care."

"Ah, that is why I have so much trouble. Lucky Dad and Mum do the gardening then."

They are open the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from October to April and then the first Saturday of the month from May to September. You can drop in or call Craig or Sally on 0478 202 610.

Wingello Fire Brigade News

The drought has broken and I think we can all say "enough is enough" but the Fat lady hasn't sung yet, although I'm sure she is well on her way up to the stage. Now watch the grass grow and as we all know, the wet weather makes it harder for bush fires.

In the meantime your brigade has had an easy time of things over the last month or so. Training still goes on, courses still being taken and work in and around the station has also been carried out. We have updated our workshop so it is more user friendly and now filling the new storage shed with gear and equipment we use only once or twice a year. This makes our workshop and truck bays less cluttered.

We have had a number of new members sign up over the last month or so and we welcome them into our Brigade. They are Scott (Scotty) Carpenter, Ron and Fran Poulton, Heidi Vasilevskis. We hope they continue to enjoy the friendship and experience that Wingello RFB has to offer.

Another of the Brearley family has just passed her Basics and we say well done and congratulations to young Lucy. She will make a great fire fighter and she can't wait until she turns sixteen so she can be classified as an Active member and take part in all call outs. Once again, well done Lucy. We gain one and lose one, as her older sister Tess has now become a resident in Wagga so she can attend Uni. We miss her already, as the station is

certainly quieter since she departed!! We wish her all the best and hope to see her when she returns to Wingello at odd times. Scotty does his Basics soon, so we also wish him well. The others will hopefully do theirs in the near future.

The Brigade will be involved in a number of activities and fund raisers within the next few months. They include the Enduro Classic bike race in March, Brigadoon in April, then there is our Open day in September, and the Wingello RFB Dinner Dance on the 19th of October so mark this one on your calendar.

LATE NEWS: Wingello had a late callout on 1st March for an assist to Penrose for tree down across Penrose Rd. Good call as we were on the road for a shopping trip for the Brigade. Wingello took over traffic control until the road was cleared. Well done, Smiles and Probie.

Please feel free to call at the station on Wednesday evenings if you need any information or advice with regards to bush fires.

So all in all a quiet month but a wet one. Keep safe and keep dry.

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.