

Why be
anywhere
else?



Wingello Community

Wingello is a very diverse group of people.

About 500 people or so call Wingello home. They come from all sorts of backgrounds, walks of life, different parts of Australia and from overseas. We have a great mix of rich, poor and everything in between.

One of Wingello's best features is a fine "live and let live" approach. Residents are able to live in Wingello and generally experience a relaxing village lifestyle.

We also have a number of groups based in Wingello formed for a number of fine community purposes. However, as can be seen from the diagram, not everyone in Wingello has the time or inclination to join in any of the groups, yet they are just as much a part of the Wingello Community. In fact, many vital community functions just happen without any group involvement. The meetings with neighbours, providing a helping hand when someone needs assistance, meeting outside the store, playing in the park and so many other activities bring Wingello together.

All this diversity brings an issue of communication. Most residents have their own collection of village acquaintances, but this is only a sub set of all the village. The same goes for any of the groups which also have limited reach.

So how can information be provided to all the village?

Firstly, there is this newsletter, **Wingello Village News**. It is provided every month to all villagers as a community service by the Wingello Village Store.

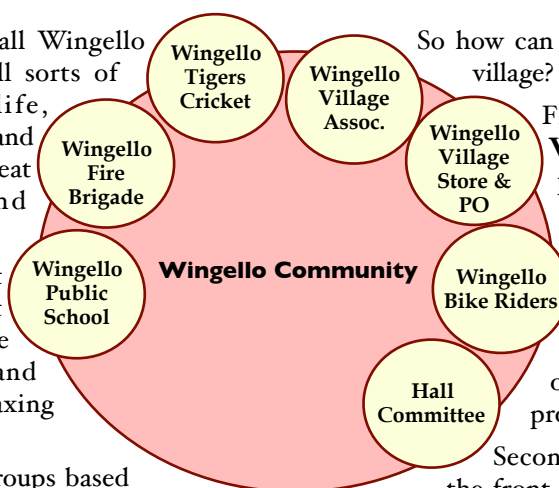
Anyone wishing to announce a community event only needs to get in touch with us before publication on the 1st of the month and we can provide information to all at no cost.

Secondly, there is the **Noticeboard** at the front of the Village Store. This has been provided by the Wingello Rural Fire Brigade and maintained by the store as part of their community service. Anyone can put in a notice and are requested to put a donation into the fire hat at the shop. This raises about \$500 a year for the Fire Brigade and allows all to have a way to let everyone know what's on.

Thirdly, organisers of community events are able to post notices in the **Wingello Store window**. This is provided for various events which take place in Wingello and is a free service provided by the store.

Fourthly, the **Smaller Noticeboard** is available for community groups to place notices which has always been free of charge, provided by the store.

If you want to know what is going on, these are the ways which have been in place for many years.



COMMUNITY COFFEE IN WINGELLO

The response to last month's Wingello News has been excellent. The most common response was appreciation for making an excellent point regarding the importance of a Village Store for the benefit of all the community. Concerns about our status are unfounded. We are growing and our new and repeat business is excellent. You will also see two new young people in training over the next few months, so please introduce yourselves to Josh and Therese.



As a bonus for all of the community we now have a new deal.

\$3 Regular Coffee or Hot Chocolate - dine in only

If you present your Wingello Village Store Customer Card (free), you can get a regular coffee or hot chocolate for you and your friends for only \$3.00.

This is only for dine in, and extras like Soy, flavourings (Vanilla, Caramel, etc) still cost 50 cents extra.

We have plenty of great options for seating inside, in comfy chairs in front of the fireplace, out front watching the world go by or in the beautiful Maple Lane.

Christmas in July Dinner - Book Now!

For the 3rd year running we will be having our annual *Christmas in July* on **Friday Night 26 July from 6pm.**

Lovely entrees followed by a dinner of glazed ham and glazed turkey with baked potatoes and vegetables ending with a beautiful home made Christmas pudding and custard.

Bookings essential for a very reasonable fixed price of \$30 a person. **BYO alcohol.**

Normal Friday night food will still be available eat in or take away.



2013 Wingello Forest Endurance Ride

The 5th annual Wingello Forest Endurance Ride will be held on the weekend of 25th to 26th May 2013. This year will be a celebration of family and fun, and a great opportunity for newcomers to have a go.

On Saturday 25th May there will be introductory ride distances of 5km, 10km and 20km, starting from 12 noon. On Sunday 26th May there will be a training ride of 40km with the option of increasing to 60km, and an endurance ride of 80km, starting from 7am.

Please watch out for horses on Bumballa Road on Sunday 26th May, between 7am and 5pm.

The ride raises funds for the Tallong Rural Fire Service, and is generously supported by Wingello Village Store. Spectators and volunteers are welcome. There will be caterers at the ride base throughout the weekend.

For entry details and other information, pick up a brochure in store, visit the website www.highlandsendurance.com, find us on Facebook 'Wingello Forest Endurance Ride' www.facebook.com/wingelloforestenduranceride or contact Bec Hogan on 0412 600 173.

Exercise classes

Interested in taking part in Exercise classes? Join in from 9am till 10am on Thursdays in Wingello Hall.

The fitness instructor is Elizabeth Dawson and her phone number is 4883 7637.

Wingello Fire Brigade News

Autumn is now upon us and this is a great time in Wingello with no problems with fires. Winter will be with us soon so get your fuel fire systems in good working order if you haven't done that already. And for those that have electric heaters and of course any electric blankets it is time to do a quick check on them to make sure they are safe and in good working condition. Winter brings on the colder weather so it also brings on house fires as we have seen in the papers just recently. Be prepared is the safe thing to do and don't forget to look at your smoke alarm batteries.

The Brigade had only one call out this last month and that was an MVA on the Hume highway around 11.00pm. The accident was caused by a vehicle impacting with a deer and then leaving it on the roadway, which caused another vehicle to have an accident. Luckily no one was hurt. Good response by the Brigade.

Work within the Station has been carried out in the last few weeks. New lockers have been installed for the crew members and they do make the station look neat and tidy. You will also notice that new colour bond sheeting

has replaced the old sheeting on the park side of the building along with new sections over and around the truck bay roller doors. With these repairs being done, painting of the whole station building will be carried out soon in the colour of the new side sheeting. This will bring our station into line with newer station buildings. Some more changes are ongoing within the station as you will see in the near future.

Training also has carried on, thanks again to our training officers that put in the time and effort on Wednesday nights. The last exercise was carried out in the Wingello State Forest where crews had to proceed to a designated GPS position. Then they were given another and so on until four tags were retrieved from the coordinated points. Some did well, others not so good. But good training all the same.



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.

A question for long time residents in Wingello.

During the changing of the sheeting on the side of the station there was found within the wall cavity a small copper plate that had been stamped "**Wingello Public Ambulance**". Can anyone give me some info about that as it is a puzzle to say the least. It may be an important part of the history of Wingello.