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# It's Time to Pass the Baton

*The Wingello Store is a perfect opportunity for you to be a vital part of the community*

In February 2009 we purchased the quiet Wingello Village Store. At the time our primary motivations for investing so much time and effort into the store included:

- Experience for our children and local young people
- Provide a meeting place for locals
- The opportunity to transform the store into a real business
- Assist with improvement of life in Wingello

Over the last four and a half years we have achieved these aims pretty well. In this time we have been able to provide experience and qualifications for many of our local young people. Through our partnership with a Registered Training Organisation we have been able to assist our young people gain 5 Level III certificates, a Level IV certificate and a diploma. The shop really has been a sort of business college.

Through the many improvements to the building and facilities, we have been able to provide a comfortable and enjoyable meeting place for locals and their guests and many visitors to Wingello.

A combination of this newsletter, the noticeboard and the central meeting place have allowed us to provide a means of communication for all of the village.

The business has grown substantially over the last four years and is experiencing a renewed growth at the moment, as word of mouth gathers strength and we get many return customers - local and visitors.

We have always had a five year plan to develop and grow the business and then pass it on to someone new. Now is the time.

The Wingello Village Store is now on Facebook. Just look for **Wingello Village Store** and you will find us. We are updating on a regular basis what is happening in and around Wingello, with plenty of photos so everyone can get a taste of life in Wingello.

You can also get Wingello Village News via email. Just contact us at **wingello@gmail.com** and we will send you the subscription link.



This photo was taken in February 2009 on the day we officially took over the store. As many of you know, our youngest was born after this photo and they have all grown much taller.

We have developed systems for all the many businesses that comprise the Wingello Village Store and continue to work on improving the services we offer.

Our very special menu details all the food and facilities available. The Friday night dinners have proven to be a superb way of meeting and enjoying the company of fellow villagers. The expanded dining and meeting areas in Maple Lane, the old Produce Shed and the area in front of the fireplace, have all allowed people to gather and relax in comfort.

If you are interested, or know someone that may be interested, in being an important part of this great village, please get in touch with us.

## 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.

### Wingello Crop Swap #3 - Soup swap

Soup was swapped and tasty home made bread was sampled by all those that attended the Wingello Crop Swap #3.

For those that missed out, I can tantalise you with tales of home made soup made with great fresh ingredients available for the simple task of making your favourite soup and swapping it for someone else's.



It couldn't have been more appropriate on such a chilly Winter's day.

### Wingello Village Association

Congratulations to all concerned for a well run Annual General Meeting.

This year promises to be a productive year building on the fine work done by the office bearers and committee of the Association this year.

### Qualified!

James and Tim have completed their Level III certificates in Retail Management and Ariel has completed her Diploma in Business Management. These qualifications have been very useful in expanding the broader business knowledge of Ariel, James and Tim but also count as Tertiary qualifications allowing for entrance to University if they so wish.

Congratulations to the guys (and gal) for their hard work in studying while the shop has been getting busier!



### Wingello Fire Brigade News

Christmas is coming. This means the 2013-2014 fire season will be soon with us. We encourage you to use the time available to prepare your property and ensure that you have a current Bush Fire Survival Plan in place. The brigade will be conducting a **Community Bush Fire Meeting at the Wingello Hall on Sunday 29th October commencing at 2.00pm**

There has been considerable activity around the Station over the last week or so. Through some funding provided by the Rural Fire Service the training room is being retiled. This job has seen a lot of concrete dust as the old floor is broken up and will require a major clean up after the project is completed. The effort will be worth it. The second part of the project is the repair of crumbling concrete at the front of the main truck bays and replacing of guttering as well as a new concreted area alongside the shed where wet hoses are hung for drying.

The brigade has also been busy with the Three Ring Circus mountain bike event in the Wingello State Forest. The brigade provides marshalling for car parking and during the race, with the opportunity for fundraising as well.

The brigade would like to thank and acknowledge the assistance provided by members of our community in running this event. They are Anelle Tory, Curtis Crawford, John Ford, John Van Den Ham, Cassandra Naccarella, Raylee Hadley and Bob Newnham. Their help over

this weekend is greatly appreciated. It was also a great effort on the part of the Brigade members who gave up pretty much their weekend for this event. Well done to all. It was nice to get together back at the Station for a debrief and then some refreshments.

Don't forget to mark down the date of our brigade **'FireFlies' Dinner Dance which is Saturday 19th October**. It also happens to be the tenth anniversary of this popular event and a few special memories are planned. So book early for this one to ensure you will get a table.

**The RFS statewide Open Day will be held on Saturday 28th September** and Wingello RFB will be participating. Come on down to the station and meet the volunteers who are your local brigade. It is planned to have a jumping castle and face painting for the kids. If you require any advice regarding preparation of your property this will all be available. Our sausage sizzle is always popular so call in and have a cuppa as well. The station will be open between 10.00 am till 2.00pm.

Here are some work in progress pics in and around the Station.

