

Why be
anywhere
else?

The rain slows everything
down in Wingello



The Highland Fling has Flung

A huge Wingello community effort helped the riders on their way

Over 1,200 bicycle riders took part in the Highland Fling on Sunday 10th November.

About 750 did the half fling whereby they rode from Bundanoon to Wingello and returned. About 480 did the Full Fling which meant they rode from Bundanoon to Wingello, around the Wingello Forest tracks and then back to Bundanoon - about 100km in total.

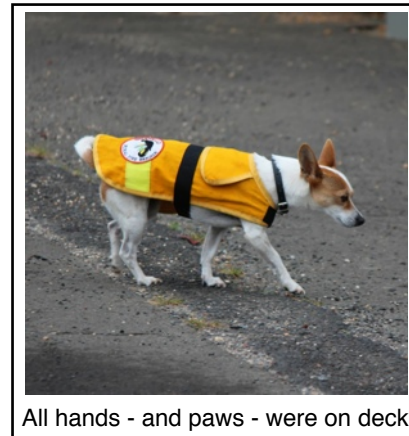
And 32 brave souls participated in the 100 mile event which meant the Full Fling plus another trip around the Wingello Forest tracks for fun.

This year the weather was misty, cloudy and raining with a heavy rain finishing off the day.

The Wingello Rural Fire Brigade was responsible for all the marshalling, traffic control and radio communication systems for when the ride went through Wingello and the State Forest. Many locals volunteered to assist the brigade, boosting the numbers so all the various positions could be covered. Some volunteers were in town whilst others were flung to points all along the Wingello forest track.

Meanwhile, the Wingello Public School were assisting riders at the half way pint at the oval, providing food and drinks.

And the store was providing sustenance and a dry and comfortable waiting place for many of the support crew waiting for their riders to complete the Wingello Forest stage.



All hands - and paws - were on deck

Much needed rain fell in November filling up the water tanks and greening the whole area. 2013 has been a good year for rain and we can see the results all around us in the beautiful gardens and natural flora.

A good way to think of the recent weather is that when you got weary of the weather it changed. Often.

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	27	433
Apr	63	307	62	590	68	501
May	84	390	15	605	47	548
Jun	84	474	80	685	310	857
Jul	39	513	25	710	18	875
Aug	67	580	13	723	2	877
Sep	53	633	23	745	65	941
Oct	81	714	26	771	25	966
Nov	75	789	60	831	84	1,050
Dec	47	836	32	862		



The Wingello Village Store is now on Facebook. Just look for **Wingello Village Store** and you will find us.

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



Free Wireless Internet

The Wingello Village Store now has FREE wireless internet with any purchase. The password of the day is printed on the receipt.

You can still use the wired internet or our Internet Cafe computers for only \$3 an hour or part thereof.

So sit back, and catch up with the online world over a coffee and meal.

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.

Cicadas have moved on

Cicadas seem to have finally stopped singing their praises of Wingello.

I was reminded of Jack's tales of when he was a lively young lad, related in the last Wingello News, when I was shown a pet cicada by young Noah. Noah showed me what a fine noise his cicada made as he gave it a young lad's gentle pat.



Change in staff at the store

Now that she has completed her HSC, Sarah has the opportunity to pursue her desired work as a nurse, assisting disadvantaged people.

Josh has also moved on to pursue his interests in a variety of outdoor and other jobs.

Thanks to both Sarah and Josh for their work at the shop, helping all the residents with their mail, groceries, coffee, food and companionship.



Christmas Dinner - Book Now!

Once again we will be having our annual *Christmas Dinner* on **Friday Night 20 December 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 to eat in or take away.



Wingello Fire Brigade News

November proved a catch-up time for the Brigade as the fires around the North of the Shire were controlled and finally with the help of some good rain it was all over - at least for the time being. Hopefully we will have more good rain over the next few months. If not, well, it could happen again as it does not take more than a good couple of weeks of hot weather to dry up the country side once again.

So in the mean time we have been catching up on some maintenance in and around the station and some training exercises. But we do have some cleaning up at the rear of the shed to do before we lose someone in the long grass.

Santa and his Elves will again be escorted around the Village on Xmas Eve by the Wingello Brigade's big red truck. He will be bearing gifts of lolly bags again for the YOUNG ones of the village. The route and times will be posted in the Wingello Store's front window in a week or two. So keep that in mind and have the kids ready to greet Santa.

The Brigade had only one function on during the last month and that was assisting in the marshalling, traffic control and radio communication systems for the Highland Fling. It was a successful day for all and a day without any real problems. We do wish to thank very much all the Village people that helped us out. As we said in the get together after the event, without your assistance

we could not have fulfilled our duties. Our sincere thanks once again. It was greatly appreciated. We enjoyed your company along with the BBQ and a cold drink after the long day was over.

Christmas as we know is upon us and where has the year gone? It seems to me that the older one gets the faster time goes and it will then be Easter before we know it. But as I said in the beginning it is catch up time. Don't be caught with your proverbials down, take the time to do what you could have done better to be prepared in the event of a fire in Wingello. We were lucky - unlike people in the mountains and around Balmoral in the North of the Shire. Let us hope that it is the last of the fires for this summer.

So from your all the crew from your Brigade we would like wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year. Stay safe and be prepared.

