

Why be
anywhere
else?



A Glazed Christmas Roast Turkey. Yum.

Happy New Year in Wingello

Christmas Joy and good wishes for the New Year

The Christmas and New Year break was a restful and happy time for Wingello. Beautiful Summer weather with some rain and cooler evenings have made this break from a hectic December very enjoyable.

We have seen many visitors - family, friends and passers-by - pop in and enjoy the charm of our village. Many campers and others staying overnight have had the opportunity to experience the clear night skies with their myriad of stars and Constellations.



The park has beckoned to all those with children and others just wanting a peaceful place to enjoy the country atmosphere at benches in the lovely cool shade of the trees.

After a tasty Friday night meal, one of our customers noted that a wire from the power pole connected to the shop was arcing or sparking. Thankfully he told us and we immediately rang the power company's emergency line (131003). They promptly dispatched a crew who arrived about 40 or so minutes later. That's an excellent response to get to Wingello.



The sparking on the wire connected to the public telephone was evident in the dark of the night. Thankfully the technicians were able to disconnect the power until they returned on Saturday morning. They set up with some traffic control guys and in about half an hour or so fixed the wire.

I am grateful for the prompt service and the fixing of the power safety issue. If you see any wires sparking, please call 131003 straight away to get the problem solved.

We spent a lovely Christmas Day afternoon on the back deck watching the gentle rain and listening to the pleasant gurgle down the pipes into our water tanks. The 17mm or so of rain was a fine Christmas present, with the additional 7 or 8mm on Boxing Day topped the tank off nicely.

Month	Wingello Rain Chart					
	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	37	1,087



I don't suppose we can classify the hail on Boxing day as a sort of White Christmas?

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.

Southern Highlands Community Ride

The inaugural Southern Highlands Community Ride was held with Christmas spirit in the air on Saturday, 7th December 2013.

The Wollondilly Wanderers branch of the Ulysses Club initiated the ride to help the Highlands Community Centre's Christmas Appeal. The ride was open to all motorcyclists in the Highlands.

Riders turned up in their best Christmas themed outfits, with one man even managing to rig up a skeleton dressed as Santa on the back of his bike. Santa and Mrs Clause called in to support the event.

It was the first time the club had organised a ride in the Highlands with 52 bikes and more than 70 riders taking part.

The club raised about \$4,000 in cash and vouchers as well as toys, which were donated to the appeal.

Ian Keeley, a member of the Ulysses Club, said it was a good effort for the first year and thanked all the businesses that made a donation, including Mittagong RSL who hosted a BBQ/Sausage sizzle following the ride, the proceeds of which were also donated to the Community. At the end of the ride, prizes were given for the best dressed bike and riders.

It is hoped that this will become an annual event.



Wingello Fire Brigade News

We hope all had a wonderful and happy Christmas.

The Christmas Eve Santa run was a well received event by the Wingello community. It was wonderful to see so many little ones out waiting for Santa in the Big Red Truck. The youngest was eight months and two other small ones at fifteen and eighteen months and one great lady of 92. While the babies were a little shy, all the older ones (of which there were plenty) with big smiles on their faces just made our day.

Besides the Christmas Eve Santa run the Brigade also escorted Santa to Wingello Public School where he met all the children and handed out presents to each of them. It was a lovely way to end the School year.

The Brigade had two call outs during this last month with neither being serious.

The area has received a good lot of rain over the Christmas holidays. We certainly needed it and could do with a good follow up of much the same. But as we know it only takes a few good hot days and it is once again dry around the village and surrounding grass lands. It is good to know that the residents of the village are well aware of the threat of fire as we had many calls reporting the smell of smoke in the air before Christmas. The best thing to do in this case is to report by **ringing Triple Zero (000)** If you have a Smartphone please

*It was the Eve before Christmas
and the Village came alive
as everyone knew that Santa
soon would arrive*

*Escorted around the Wingello streets
giving to children nice bags of sweets
by the Big Red Truck and two pretty Elves
who handed them out all by themselves.*

*Assisted by Santa and the Wingello crew
with Aaron the driver and two others we knew.*

Carols were playing loud and clear

as the Big Red Truck brought them ever so near

To see all the children with smiles on their faces and eyes all aglow

It's what makes Christmas worth it and that we do know.



download the app '**Fires Near Me**' which will provide you with information on any fires that may be active in the area.

The Brigade also held its annual door knock appeal and calendar drop during the week before Christmas. Many folks were not home but Calendars were left at their door. If anyone missed out they can pick one up from the Wingello Village Store.

So on behalf of the Brigade we hope you all enjoyed a safe and happy Christmas and hope that 2014 brings you great joy.

Stay safe