



Why be
anywhere
else?

Welcome to
Wingello

The Mystery of the Abandoned Bicycle

Who is playing games with the Wingello Community?

Months ago a blue bike appeared chained to a pole opposite the Bus shelters in front of the Casburn Park sign. Locals have discussed the peculiarity of someone who would chain their bike to a pole in the centre of a busy car parking area rather than either:

- a. chained to the railway fence;
- b. chatting with the shop and storing it there as many others have done; or
- c. putting it anywhere safer.

However, there it sat untouched, undamaged, unmoved. From before the first train left each day until after the last train arrived it never moved. The most common assumption was that someone had ridden to the station, went to town and died or was never able to return.

Then on the evening of Australia Day (Sunday 26 Jan) the bike was damaged and instantly a sign appeared on it with the message:

*To the vile B*** that trashed my only transport to work I hope you get hit by a car along with the lazy worthless parents that bred you. Better yet I hope the town that nurtured you burns in a bushfire!!!*

This required a response. And a bit more investigation as this is no longer a curiosity but an assault on Wingello and must be resolved.

Note the photos. We have more on the Wingello blog (wingello.blogspot.com). This bicycle is not a primary form of transport for anyone. It hasn't been ridden for a long time and I suspect has been out in the weather on similar operations in the past. The rust is throughout the bike and the seat is well weather worn. It sat unmolested for months with no-one using it. Then suddenly, on a public holiday it is damaged - possibly by one of the many visitors we get on public holiday weekends, and a sign appears on the damaged bike.

Amazing!



An instant response to an abandoned bike with a passive aggressive, unsigned note, upset that the targeted village did not do what was expected.

The current theory is that the bike was planted in a public spot hoping for a theft or vandalism. When it didn't happen, and university is about to begin, suddenly the hoped for damage happens.

The reason we suspect this is a study or sting by a university student is the language in the note. The whole situation reeks of deception and a pre-decided antagonism against Wingello.

If you have anything else you can add to this mystery, please let us know at the store, or comment on our website, or email us at Wingello@gmail.com.



If this was an honest situation, it is highly probable we would have been informed at the store. But this appears to be done by a non-local or someone who wishes to remain bravely anonymous writing little passive aggressive notes with smug self satisfaction.

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

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

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.

New Wingello Signs

When you drive in to Wingello from Tallong, the highway or Penrose you will notice new signs letting you know where you have arrived. The Wingello Village Association has worked a long time on this project from community liaison about designs, working with Council regarding funding, planning the installation and so on. A long process with a great result.

Thank you to the WVA for all the good work.



In the News

Lucy Brearley - who you would meet on Thursday and Friday mornings in the store - is a very passionate bicycle rider. It is not just us saying it either.

At the recent **Ride Ettalong CCCC Track Open** on 18 January, Lucy was the highest placing female "Iron Man" and 3rd overall. That's a lot of riding very fast. She also came 1st in her class Sprint Championships.



Wingello Fire Brigade News

Well, the New Year of 2014 is well on its way and as we come to the end of January, time passes so quickly. We hope you all had a pleasant and happy New Years Eve and the weather was not too hot for you. As you well know, the summer is far from over and we here in Wingello have been lucky so far. The Brigade has been involved in the South Australian and the Bathurst fires with a number of our crew members deployed in both areas on five day shifts.

The Brigade had their annual Christmas party - although a belated one - on the 11th of January which was held at the Village Store and with approximately 30 members and their families present - a nice night was had by all. Some just managed to make it to the Christmas party in time due to a grass/car fire about three km north of Paddy's River. The car was well alight when both trucks from our brigade arrived on site but in no time the situation was under control. Well done again guys a good response, any later and it would have been a much bigger job.

We have also had a number of other call outs since New Year's day, a Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) just north of near Paddy's River, a fire call in Wingello State Forest, a smoke sighting and the other an oil spill at Sally's Corner.

The brigade was also involved with the Cubs Jamboree which was held at the Appin Scout Camp. Over 2500

Cubs attended over the 5 day period. Wingello Brigade, along with others from the Southern Highlands Team, provided fire protection for the event. The Cubs showed a lot of interest in the fire trucks and had the opportunity to climb and pretend that they were fire-fighters. The RFS also had a Community Engagement display which was mainly made up of interactive activities. The Cubs certainly enjoyed these activities and many of them came back for a second or third go at the fun.

So the summer is not over yet and a lot more hot weather is forecast so remember:



Rain is Good.

January had about 27mm across 5 days. If rain is over 5mm, the children don't have to water those days.

In Wingello rain is always good!

