



Council wants Town Water in Wingello

But do you?

The Wingecarribee Shire Council had a "Council Information Kiosk" at the Village hall on 19 February between 4:00pm and 6:30pm.

Like many others in the village I was unable to attend due to work commitments, but one thing that was raised was the Council's desire to implement a water supply service to Penrose and Wingello.

A draft Information Kit is on display in the Wingello Village Association's noticeboard outside the hall. There is nothing on the Council's web site and the suggestion to go to the "Your say" website is equally devoid of any information about the proposal at the moment.

The highlights of the proposal according to the draft Information Kit are:

- Council has long term plans to introduce a potable water supply scheme to the Penrose and Wingello areas.
- The Village Associations in the area have voiced concern that residents may not want the service, so Council is seeking feedback from the community to gauge interest.
- A survey and online forum will be made available.
- The project is planned to cost \$5.4 million
- Proposed start date is 2018 to be completed by 2021.
- You will not be compensated for construction work on your land. Most water pipelines [elsewhere] are built in the road reserve or nature strip.
- A mandatory water access charge of \$0.41 a day (\$149.65 per year) for any property within 225m of the water main will be enforced. This charge applies regardless of whether you connect to the water main or not.
- Initial cost per property of about \$2,000 plus plumbers connection fees.
- New properties developed or subdivisions of existing properties after the proposal is adopted will pay a developer charge of \$6,250

- \$1.63 per kL of water used up to 616L per day and \$2.45 per kL thereafter. (616L is around 18,500L per month. Assuming a 10,000L per month usage this equates to \$16.30 + \$12.30 access fee = \$28.60 per month)

Community Consultation methods will be:

- A survey online and mailed to residents that will be affected,
- Information via the Village Associations,
- Displays in the Penrose and Wingello Post Offices
- Information on Council's Website
- Advertising in Southern Highland News
- Online information at "Your Say" website
- Saturday Morning chat in Penrose and Wingello - dates to be confirmed.

A very important part of this is the survey which has the **deadline of Friday 28 March 2014**. If you are happy with your water and septic service that you have installed and use for no ongoing cost, you really need to complete the survey when you get your copy and let Council know. If you do not complete the survey by 28 March the **few** who are advocating for this will get their way.

The Draft Information Kit is very informative and I would urge you to wander across to the Hall and read what the council is proposing.

Once the survey forms are available we will have them available at the store and you should also receive a copy in the mail. **If you don't have your say, it can't be heard.**



This water didn't cost anything

Wingello Events

If you have an event happening in Wingello tell us that you want us to spread the word. This newsletter goes to ALL residents of Wingello and there is no cost to promote your event in the Wingello Village News.

Just let us know via email at Wingello@gmail.com or drop in and let us know in person at the Store.

Also, if you let us know we can spread the word with all locals and visitors to the Store.

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.



Hooray for the rain

It was great getting a steady flow of rain this month, filling up the water tanks and making all the plants thrive into green again. Of course, with so much rain we haven't been able to to mow that lovely long grass!

Wingello Rain Chart								
Month	2011		2012		2013		2014	
	Mth	Cum	Mth	Cum	Mth	Cum	Mth	Cum
Jan	45	45	64	64	87	87	27	27
Feb	129	174	304	368	320	407	112	139
Mar	70	244	160	528	27	433		139
Apr	63	307	62	590	68	501		139
May	84	390	15	605	47	548		139
Jun	84	474	80	685	310	857		139
Jul	39	513	25	710	18	875		139
Aug	67	580	13	723	2	877		139
Sep	53	633	23	745	65	941		139
Oct	81	714	26	771	25	966		139
Nov	75	789	60	831	84	1,050		139
Dec	47	836	32	862	37	1,087		139

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

Wingello Fire Brigade News

With the arrival of autumn we are seeing a fair bit of rain and cooler weather. However the ground is very dry and it will take a lot more rain to re-establish proper levels of soil moisture. This gives rise to the danger of pile burns etc as there is a very high chance that these fires can escape and cause significant damage. This situation is the reason that the issuing of Fire Permits remains suspended and depending on any future significant rain a review on this decision will be taken later in the month.

The Brigade has attended a number of incidents over the past month including a multi vehicle accident north of Paddy's River on the Hume Highway. Four RFS Brigades attended and there was a massive disruption to northbound traffic. The Brigade was also a part of a Strike Team that was sent to Canberra recently to stand by for any local deployment. During the afternoon the Strike Team responded from Canberra to Delegate, near the Victorian border, to provide fire protection locally with the approaching Victorian fires. One of our Wingello members also joined with a crew from Penrose RFB to spend several days with the large fire near Bathurst.

The Brigade also fulfilled its commitment to the local community by the fitting of house numbering within the village area. This provides a more reliable means of identification of individual properties particularly for emergency services. Wingello



receives on average 4 visits by the NSW Ambulance Service per week and the delay in finding a property adds precious time till the patients receive treatment. The Brigade has received some positive feedback from the community with this project now completed.

The Brigade also was represented at the Council Kiosk afternoon in the Wingello Village hall on the 19th of this month. This is a worthwhile community project. Our table was visited by a number of residents concerning their Bush Fire Survival plans and but also to thank us for the house numbering. It was good to see quite a few people attending.

In the coming winter months the Community Engagement team from the Brigade will be getting around to see as many people in the village as possible for surveys on their Bush Fire Survival Plans, the SWS signs (static water supply) on their properties to be recorded and distributing a survey sheet that we would like all residents to fill in with relevant information that will assist us if we have to attend a fire on your property.

With the current rain we are monitoring conditions very closely as the Brigade is very keen to start our Hazard Reduction (HR) program again. There are a number of planned HR's and information on them occurring will be posted on the Notice Board at the Village Store and also on our Facebook site.

We ask that you do not become complacent with fire as we still have some warmer weather ahead of us.