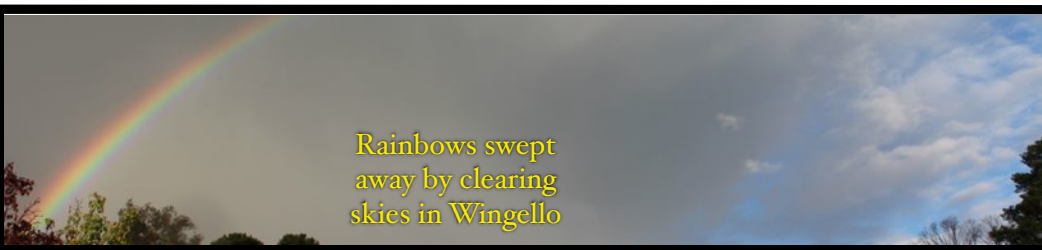


Why be
anywhere
else?



Rainbows swept
away by clearing
skies in Wingello

Life is Great in Wingello

Families, babies, old and new residents - all enjoying life in Wingello

Over the last five years that we have run the Wingello Village Store, we have seen many residents come and go. New residents need to let us know they are here otherwise their mail will remain on the mail bench until we confirm that it belongs here or must be returned to sender.

The relaxed country lifestyle of Wingello is attracting many new residents, either full or part time, to make our little village a central point of their lives.

Why do people find Wingello such an attractive place to put down roots?

Initially it is the great direct access to the Hume Highway north via either Murrimba Road or south via Tallong. It is only a 1 hour drive to the Narellan Road junction, or 90 minutes to Canberra airport. By "only" of course I am talking country time. If this is a regular commute it becomes a long daily slog. However, if you consider how long it takes to get anywhere in Sydney, the relatively straight forward highway driving is almost relaxing. Especially when you use the time to listen to some great audio books.

The next highlight that strikes visitors is the calm. Sitting in the shop enjoying a coffee, or enjoying Maple Lane or sitting in front of the fireplace reading the paper or a book, the lack of background noise becomes noticeable. In the city there is always the background noise we filter out. Road noise, millions of people, factory or equipment noise and the general hustle and bustle all melt into the background when you are in the

city. But in Wingello you suddenly notice the lack of noise. The short sudden noise of the train rumbling past highlights the calm either side.

Then, especially after a lovely rain, we take a deep breath. Locals are used to the fresh water and clean air, but visitors are very surprised. Breathe in and drink deep. This is another major feature.

Once settled in newcomers are pleasantly surprised at the great balance between being left alone and getting involved. There are plenty of opportunities to get to know other villagers via the Friday night dinners at the shop, or joining the Fire Brigade, Cricket Club, Wingello Village Association and Hall Committees, or if there are primary school aged children the local school based groups. Other times, just having a drink and something to eat at the shop gets you introduced to many of the locals too. Riding in the Mountain Bike trails will introduce you to others and enjoying walks around the village works great too.

Others concentrate on making their homes and gardens a pleasure for themselves and any passers by. That is also a great form of village building, transforming your part of Wingello to something better for all.

Overall, living in Wingello is a matter of enjoying village life. The benefits of the air, water, access, reasonable home prices, Post Office and Village Store are all additional to the primary benefit of Wingello.

Wingello is great - but not because it appears on maps of great cities of the world.

Wingello is great because the people living in Wingello make it great.

Easter Times

This year the 4 days from Good Friday to Easter Monday are all public holidays. As always we are closed Good Friday and then only open from 8:00am to 10:30am for each of the other public holidays.

This means no Restaurant night on Good Friday or ANZAC Day.

Easter Hours

Good Friday:	Closed
Easter Saturday:	8:00am - 10:30am
Easter Sunday:	8:00am - 10:30am
Easter Monday:	8:00am - 10:30am
ANZAC Day:	8:00am - 10:30am



Playing in the rain

Store Upgrades

A couple of our customers had a good idea regarding improvements we could make to the store. So we started implementing it.

You can see the transformation of the rear dining area with a new washroom and toilet area. Once complete you will be able to access hand washing and toilet facilities easily. Also, the storeroom, bedroom and living room area will be private, making living at the shop much more convenient.

All these updates are being done by great local craftsmen. We will have a detailed listing next month, but for now here is Daniel Hill doing the main carpentry work for the new room and moving of doors.



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.



Chef's Night Special

We had our first Chef's Night Special last month with over 40 diners being served.

Eric is a 2nd year apprentice chef and created a fine 3 course dinner.

With the help of Ariel and the normal Friday crew we had a busy successful night. This will be a regular thing from May. The 2nd Friday of each month will be our Chef's Night Special with a specially created fixed price set 3 course meal. Bookings will be essential.



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 Fire Brigade News

In the last newsletter we mentioned that we were hoping to commence our Hazard Reduction program. Our first was planned to occur on the weekend of 29/30 March and was a 40 hectare Crown Land block along Nandi Rd. The planning was going very well with almost perfect conditions when the rain came and has dumped in excess of 110 ml across the fireground. This weather pattern seems to be fairly normal around our area and whilst we certainly need the rain it has resulted in the Hazard Reduction program being severely delayed and some of the planned burns may now have to wait till the Spring.

A lot goes into the planning of a hazard reduction and as mentioned in the previous news letter information will be posted on the notice board at the Wingello Village Store and on our Facebook site. With all this rain and then the coming of the colder months we hope you will have done your pre winter checks on your fireplaces, chimneys and electric blankets. Best to do it now before the days get colder. Be Prepared.

This has been a very quiet month for the brigade with no incidents to attend. The brigade members attend the regular Wednesday night meetings with the training officers and performing maintenance on all their equipment. Things do become routine over the months but it keeps their skills up and they become more and more

familiar with the trucks and the associated equipment. The more this is done the more it becomes second nature to the crew.

The brigade assisted in the recent James Williamson Enduro Classic bike race held within the Wingello State Forest, a well run event and accolades go to the organisers. The brigade assists in the marshalling and of course sets up all the radio communications for the event. This provides good communications before, during and in the completion, making it a much safer event. Thanks to all brigade members who assisted that weekend.

During the first weekend of April, Wingello, along with a number of other brigades, will be involved with Brigadoon. This keeps us busy for a couple of days as we are involved in the setup and then the running of the event. It is one of, if not the major, event in the Southern Highlands and everyone we are sure enjoys the Pipers.

Just a reminder that we do hope to start the Pre Incident Planning Surveys throughout the village very soon. So until next month please do your checks early and be prepared and stay safe.

ONLY WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

Change your clock, change your battery. 6th April 2014