



# What's Happening in Wingello

*We enjoy a chilly start to Autumn and have lots to do in Wingello.*

The weather is cooler, firewood has been collected to put on the lovely home fires and we are enjoying the great Autumn weather in Wingello. The good thing is we have plenty of activities for locals and visitors to enjoy.

Other than this newsletter, there is also the noticeboard at the shop and our website listing other events you can join in.

## 2014 Wingello Forest Endurance Ride



The 6th annual Wingello Forest Endurance Ride will be held on the weekend of 24th to 25th May 2014.

They are repeating the popular newcomers format from last year, with a focus on family and fun. This is a great opportunity for newcomers to the sport to have a go.

On Saturday 24th May there will be introductory ride distances of 5km, 10km and 20km, starting from 12 noon. On Sunday 25th May there will be a training ride of 40km with the option of increasing to 60km, and an endurance ride of 80km, starting from 7am.

Please watch out for horses on Bumballa Road on Sunday 25th May, between 7am and 5pm.

The ride raises funds for the Tallong Rural Fire Brigade, and is generously supported by Wingello Village Store. Spectators and volunteers are welcome. The Wingello Village Store and Snax on Trax will be caterers at the ride base throughout the weekend.

For entry details and other information, pick up a brochure in store, visit the website [www.highlandsendurance.com](http://www.highlandsendurance.com), find them on Facebook 'Wingello Forest Endurance Ride' [www.facebook.com/wingelloforestenduranceride](http://www.facebook.com/wingelloforestenduranceride) or contact Bec Hogan on 0412 600 173.

## Chef's Night Special

Eric has been cleverly planning our next Chef's Night Special. We have had a lovely test dinner with lots of uplifted thumbs of approval.

On Friday night, 16 May we will have a special fixed meal prepared by Eric, each component made from scratch.

### Entree:

Gnocchi Piemontese made with potato and flour, topped with a tomato and beef concasse.



### Main:

Veal Parmigiana with hand made seasoned potato wedges, roast pumpkin and specially cooked beans.



### Dessert:

Apple and Rhubarb crumble pie with ice-cream on the side.



The dinner is for a fixed price of \$25 a person. Please book by popping in to the shop or calling and reserving a table. We have a table plan and can only accept a maximum of 40 diners.

Because we like a challenge we will also be providing take away meals as usual.

## Loosely Woven

The hall committees of Wingello and Penrose arranged for a special treat for both villages: the entertainment provided by a travelling group of enthusiasts "Loosely Woven". On 6 April this fascinating and fun filled group provided an excellent afternoon of entertainment for which locals were only asked to provide a gold coin donation!



Congratulations to all the people involved in arranging for such a great time.



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](mailto:wingello@gmail.com) and we will send you the subscription link.



## Staying warm at the shop

As the temperature drops we endeavour to provide a place you can drop into and relax. If it is chilly enough we get the fireplace crackling nicely, providing lovely warmth. The air conditioning is also on to contribute to the cosy atmosphere.



Add in a hot chocolate or coffee, and perhaps some hot food.

Of course, it is never too cold for an ice cream!

### 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

Winter is almost with us and with that comes the colder weather that we all know is a part of Southern Highlands living. It is a time also when we crank up the old wood burning fire to give us the comfort that we crave. Unfortunately we are not all particular with the maintenance of our slow combustion fires and therefore they can become dangerous to the point of a total loss of a dwelling.

The brigade recommends three things that should be of high priority to enhance your fire safety throughout winter.

Firstly, household Smoke Alarms. If you don't have a hard wired Smoke Alarm system in your house then the alarms will be battery powered. The batteries should be renewed twice a year and a good time to do this is at the introduction of, and at the end of Daylight Saving. An extensive media campaign recently reminded everybody to change your batteries on the 6th April.

Secondly, Electric Blankets. Electric blankets are often mishandled and little consideration is given to their proper care and maintenance. Check for frayed cords and loose connections and if you are in doubt get a qualified person to check them over. Badly maintained electric blankets can be the cause of fires that can destroy a dwelling or more tragically take a life.

Thirdly, getting back to the opening comments chimneys and flues should be cleaned annually to remove

build up of soot and creosote. If you are unable to carry out this important task, a fully qualified person should be engaged.

On the 12th of April the Southern Highlands Rural Fire Service medal presentations were held at the Bargo Sports Club. Two of our members from Wingello RFB were recipients of either Long Service or National Medals reflecting on service from 10 to 25 years. A number of other Wingello members were unable to attend on that day and they will be presented with their medals at the Brigade's AGM.

The Brigade's Annual General Meeting will be held at the Fire Station on **Wednesday 7th May** commencing at 7:30pm and all members of the Community are invited to attend. Supper will be served after the meeting. Call Outs have been rather slow over the past month with a number of Motor Vehicles Accidents and over the Anzac weekend several calls to a series of fires at Sutton Forest.

A number of our members were part of the RFS cricket team that played in the inaugural 'Triple Zero' challenge match played at Bradman Oval just recently. Despite a great effort the RFS team did not win the day but made a really great contribution. Better luck next year to you all.

Dates for your Diary!

**13th September** – RFS Open Day.

**20th September** – 'FireFlies' Dinner Dance.