

PRESIDENT'S REPORT : ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
WONGA PARK + DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.

11<sup>th</sup> May 1990.

It is with pleasure that I present to you the Annual Report of the WP+DRA. This time last year the members present at the A.G.M. wondered whether the life of the Association should come to an end, whether it had served its purpose in this community. However it was decided that it should exist for another year and the executive was elected.

1989-90 has in fact proved that there is still life yet in the Association as we have been actively involved in discussion and comment on many + varied issues relevant to the life of the community. For example :-

- We rejected the idea of a Public Information Board + suggested instead three smaller community notice boards in more appropriate locations

- A request was sent to Gydon Council re roadside planting of trees in Yarra Road bordering the Gydon Hills Estate

- The rationalization of Road names in the Homestead Rd., Heytes Rd, Pynes Rd areas occurred <sup>which</sup> ~~and~~ should help motorists travelling in the area.

- The proposed re-alignment of Yarra Road with its necessary destruction of trees caused quite a furore but resulted in negotiations leading to compromises which satisfied both the people concerned with safety + those concerned with maintaining our special environment.

Some of our more unseasonable ventures were attempts to

- have the Post Office service re-instated at the Jumping Creek Rd Store

- increase and extend bus service to Wonga Park

- set up a Study Tours committee

However we do now have a new Telephone Exchange which

appears to have solved the commercial problems in & out of Wonga Park.

Recent months have seen a growing interest and concern in the public that growth & development of commercial interests in Wonga Park have been taking. There has been much discussion about this, some heated, but generally the community seems to be concerned about preserving the quality of life which people who chose to live here value. Many have been prepared to express this concern in action by collecting signatures on petitions sent to Council.

As a community grows it must change - progress must happen. It has always been the interest of the Association that such change & progress be reasoned and controlled so that the semi-rural environment of this area be preserved.

As the life of this Association moves into 1990-91 may I encourage the incoming Executive and you the members to consider carefully what is wanted for this area, what is valued, what needs changing and what needs preserving and to endeavour to serve the total community and not just vested interests within it.

As always at the end of a year there are people to thank and so I thank you, the members, who have faithfully attended meetings, I thank Gonda Barr, the Treasurer, co-councillor Phillip Glenister and our current councillor Kristine Brown for their ~~etc~~ input to the Association via Council Reports and for being prepared to answer questions and follow up any issues that needed action at Council level. I thank Kay Tauscher for the typing of News + Notes and finally Rany Box for yet another year of faithful service in the capacity of Secretary of the Association as well as for the writing, printing, collecting and distribution of News + Notes. It is a some consuming & mostly thankless task but an important one if the community is to be kept informed.

None of us know what the future holds for Wanger Park  
but it is my wish that the best things of the life-style  
we chose and enjoyed in the past may somehow be preserved  
as they are merged in with the development of the future.

Thankyou