

WONGA PARK AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting held at 8.00pm, Friday April 8, 1994

1. PRESENT:

Glenda Ballinger, Drew Diamond, Carol Gionavetti, Alastair Traill, Flora Anderson, Sue and Murray Couper, Dennis Easterby, Barry Box, Owen Gooding, Philip Glenister.
Crs. Anne Atkinson, Cheryl Clarke.

2. APOLOGIES:

Carol Traill

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Moved GB/DD

"That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as true and correct" - Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Councillor Comments:

- i. Garbage Bins - Council has resolved to change the tender for the wheelie bins from 80 litre to 140 litre.
The garbage contractor is required to make special provision for the elderly and anyone else with a reasonable complaint
- ii. Fog Lines along Yarra Road - These are to be inspected and, hopefully, be scheduled soon.
- iii. Blackberries - Council is responsible for spraying blackberries on Council land. The rabbits are the responsibility of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
Faye Valcanis (??) Park Care Officer at Warrandyte State Park has prepared a paper on rabbit control.
- iv. Firearms - State Government responsibility. However no bullet is permitted to cross property boundary.
- v. Car Park adjacent to Primary School - No costings are available.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

- i. Incoming
Nil.
- ii. Outgoing
Letter to West Riding Councillors re tonight's AGM.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Refer Annual General Meeting Minutes.
Balance as at March 31, 1994 was \$550.45

7. PRESENTATION BY OWEN GOODING, SHIRE CONSERVATION OFFICER

Owen has held this position for 9 months of a twelve month trial (the position not Owen). His job includes liaising with all the conservation groups in the Shire. He presented a slide show of various parts of the municipality show many rare or endangered flora species.

8. COUNCILLOR REPORT:

- i. Blacksprings Road - The condition of the road is severely affecting neighbouring properties and the West Riding considered closing the road again at Brushy creek. However, due to protests by other Councillors they are now to begin a consultative process with residents and users to determine the eventual outcome.
- ii. Tree Removal in on private property in Reserve Road - The West Riding recommended that a local resident be given permission to remove two significant trees from his property. This was contrary to council staff who advised against the tree removal. The reason given was that he did not like the appearance of the trees. Those present at the meeting expressed

very strongly their concern that the Council was not taking their conservation role at all seriously and condemned the decision. It was stated that the ambience of Wonga Park was being destroyed by residents clearing far too much land, especially significant trees that may be considered ugly by some. The Councillors present assured the meeting that they would ensure more consideration would be given to future applications.

- iii. Council Mergers - Lillydale Councillors will be meeting on Sunday 17, April to discuss their position on the possible amalgamations.

Residents expressed their concern over the Croydon Council fall back position (after their stay the same position) which annexes Wonga Park, Chimside Park and the residential parts of Mooroolbark and Kilsyth. It was felt that there was no common interest with Croydon especially the small allotment subdivisions. Wonga Park should remain under the control of the Upper Yarra and Dandenong Valley Authority and this could not happen if we became part of Croydon.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- i. Moved GB/DE

"That we write to Council requesting that Wonga Park be declared a Conservation Area".

- ii. Alastair Traill advised that he has tube stock available for some plants indigenous to the Wonga Park area, especially eucalyptus meliodora (yellow box) - ring 722 1518.

10. Meeting Closed at 10.20 pm