

WONGA PARK AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at 8.00 p.m. Friday 8th April 1988

PRESENT: Lynda Hickling (Chairman), Drew Diamond, Avur Kelaart, Peter Ward, Pam Fallon, Murray Couper, Sue Couper, Carol White, David Huf, Kristine Broom, Esma Barr, Philip Glenister and Barry Box.

APOLOGIES: Alistair Lee-Archer, Jill Drew, Joe Kenwright and Frank Barr.

MINUTES: The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were circulated and Pam Fallon moved that they be adopted as read and confirmed, seconded by Esma Barr - carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Was given by Lynda Hickling and on a separate sheet.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Was given by Esma Barr and on a separate sheet.

Esma Barr moved that the report be accepted, seconded by Pam Fallon - carried. Philip Glenister moved that Gavin Hickling be appointed to audit the books, seconded by Barry Box - carried.

ELECTION: Lynda Hickling handed the chair to Cr. Philip Glenister who declared all positions vacant and the following were elected.

		Nominator	Secunder
Chairman	Lynda Hickling	David Huf	Barry Box
Vice Chairman	Nil		
Secretary	Barry Box	Esma Barr	Lynda Hickling
Treasurer	Esma Barr	Kristine Broom	Sue Couper
Committee	Kristine Broom	Lynda Hickling	Barry Box
	David Huff	Lynda Hickling	Barry Box
	Drew Diamond	Lynda Hickling	Barry Box
	Pam Fallon	Lynda Hickling	Barry Box
	Philip Glenister	Lynda Hickling	Barry Box

Philip Glenister then declared the above duly elected and handed the chair to Lynda Hickling.

Meeting closed 8.25 p.m.

ANNUAL REPORT OF WONGA PARK AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.
8th April 1988

I take great pleasure in presenting to you the Annual Report of the Wonga Park and District Residents' Association.

The year 1987 -88 has been a quiet one in the life of the Association and perhaps marks a transition year from the young rural community which gave the Association its birth to a still growing but larger sub-urban community which no longer has to fight and struggle for the establishment of planning and services.

So what have we achieved?

Because of regular attendance at our meetings by Councillor Phillip Glenister (thankyou Phillip) we have been able to keep informed about the developments, not only in Wonga Park, but in the wider area of the West Riding and the Lillydale Shire. Anything of note we have reported to the local community via News and Notes.

The one issue which raised some interest and reponse in our local area was the suggestion to rationalize road names throughout Wonga Park. This generated some lively discussion, correspondence and even a petition. After a thorough airing of all the points of view from various people concerned, the status quo remains but there may be some hope of making appropriate changes to road names in the less populated area on the outskirts of Wonga Park.

The other major development that has taken place in the area during the last year with which we have had some involvement is the reformation of the corner of Yarra and Jumping Creek Roads - the formation of the double T intersection and the adjacent redevelopment of the shop parking area. It was at the request of this Association that the danger aspect of the crests in Jumping Creek Road be examined. The 'solution' has now been provided and we are still concerned about the danger for both children and motorists in that particular area. It is a matter which we will continue to monitor with interest.

During the last year News and Notes has continued to be produced on a monthly basis thanks to our editor Kerry Tauschke and the main writer and printer, Barry Box. Due to lack of 'people power' we had to discontinue the home delivery service and subsequently cut back the number printed from 500 to 300. It is pleasing to report though that the 300 do disappear each month so probably the circulation has not dropped much since the stopping of the letter boxing.

The question now is where do we head in 1988 -89? Do we as an association still have role to fulfil in this area as it changes? Over the last 2-3 years attendance at meetings has dropped and interest of committee members has waned, yet we have continued to

be a forum for general issues as they arise.

Has development in Wonga Park reached the point where people now find it easier to make their own representations to Council over matters which concern them? Are there no longer any community issues which need a corporate voice?

We could look to the development of land along the Brushy Creek and suggest that for future generations this area be retained and preserved for bridle paths, bike tracks and passive recreation and to form a link between Mooroolbark and the State Parks. This would be a worthwhile cause. Then there is the matter of the almost defunct Reserve Committee that needs looking into. Yes, there are still several community issues to which this Association could address itself. But, do we have the personnel, the time, energy and interest to follow up these matters? Only time will tell.

In closing I would like to sincerely thank all the people who have attended meetings throughout the year, the Committee members that still remain for their support, Phillip Glenister for his regular attendance and Council Report without which this Association would long ago have given up the ghost, and especially Barry Box who has unstintingly given of himself, his time and his finances and who has really single-handedly kept this Association alive. Thankyou for your efforts Barry, we have all really appreciated what you have done. Thankyou everyone.

Lynda Hickling

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(President)

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