

GROWING COSTS, THE WPDRA HAD
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MAY BE A LITTLE CONSOLATION TO
RESIDENTS THAT THE ASSOCIATION WILL
IN FUTURE, AS AN ADDITIONAL SERVICE,
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RESIDES.

NEWS AND NOTES

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Wonga Park District Residents' Assn.

JOHN UPTON ELECTED

At the Annual Meeting of the Wonga Park District Residents' Association, which was held recently, John Upton was elected President for the coming year. Stan Moser took the position of Vice-President.

Also the following office bearers were elected:

Secretary H. Box, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer C. Donald, Committee members Messrs. Beagley, Besset-Johnson, Galloway, A. Knee, L. Read, G. Styles and Vaught.

Mrs. Jean Moser and Mr. B. Behring remained Editor resp. Assistant Editor of the "News and Notes".

The retiring President, Mr. Stan Moser, reviewed the activities and achievements of the past year. These included the re-opening of a portion of Homestead Rd. as a fire access road, an additional mail clearance, erection of a bus shelter at Brysons Rd. corner, erection of traffic signs, installation of more street lights, connection of water to the fire station, reclassification of the district.....

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Wonga Park MOVE FOR COUNCIL AID To Sporting Clubs

At a special meeting the newly elected Committee of the Wonga Park District Residents' Association expressed its deep concern that the sporting and youth bodies in the district get only little or no financial assistance from the Lilydale Council.

While in surrounding municipalities Councils provide cricket and football grounds, tennis and basketball courts, help with funds for maintenance and upkeep and make substantial contributions to the cost of buildings, our sporting and recreational clubs have been rebuffed each time they made an appeal.

Our Cricket Club at its own expense provided the land, the work and the buildings for the ground. When the small pavilion was blown down in January, the Council even refused assistance to rebuild it.

The Tennis Club with the aid of local residents has raised and spent 5000 dollars to build the courts and the club house. Repeated requests to the Council for aid have been turned down.

The Guides and Brownies have no home of their own and have to use borrowed premises.

The WPDRA has taken preliminary steps to stress to the Council the need for a new policy of giving financial assistance to the local organizations. The real and immediate need for Wonga Park is for the Council to acquire an area of not less than 10 acres and to construct a public oval.

THE THREE WEST RIDING COUNCILLORS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE ASSOCIATION'S MEETING IN THE WONGA PARK HALL ON FRIDAY 9th SO THAT A CASE CAN BE PUT TO THEM TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO OUR SPORTING AND YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS. ALL RESIDENTS SHOULD ATTEND THIS MEETING AND BACK OUR REQUEST TO THE COUNCIL FOR AID.

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...for fire insurance purposes and the improvement of the water service to the Kaitiworth area, area.

A highlight of the year was the farewell given to Alar Barker on the occasion of his retirement. Alar had provided the bus and mail services for longer than most residents could remember. Many thought the farewell party the most successful social activity in the district for years.

A. KNEE STAYS TENNIS-CHIEF

At the 4th. Annual Meeting of the Wonga Park Tennis Club, which was held recently, the retiring President, Mr. Alan Knee, extended his sincere thanks to the Secretary, Treasurer and Committee for their able support in his short term of office, brought about by the decision to have subscriptions and the Annual Meeting to co-incide.

Mr. Knee stated further that a lot had been accomplished in this short time since he took office, including the erection of the Club House and the official opening by the President of the Eastern Metropolitan Region Lawn Tennis Association, Mr. J.M. Lade.

Another Premiership Flag had been won in the Winter Competition by Section 13, and three out of four teams entered had reached the finals.

Mr. Knee also praised the unselfish work of Mrs. Heather Upton in continuing to foster Social Tennis on Thursdays, from which many of our Competitive players came.

Mr. Knee then asked Mr. Cec Skinner to take the chair, declaring all positions vacant. The following were nominated for the coming year, all unopposed:

Alan Knee as President, Joe Hartley as Vice-President,

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Message from the new President

SUCCESS IS THE PRODUCT OF HARD WORK ...

...and a lot of hard work has been done by the Wonga Park District Residents' Association in the past four years to achieve the success it has accomplished.

I consider it therefore an honour to have been elected to the position of President of this Association. I am particularly pleased to see some of the newer members of our community having taken positions on the Committee.

It is my goal that in future an even closer liaison between the many and varied organizations in the district be achieved.

If we are to progress and make Wonga Park the place we all desire it to be, we must discuss together our problems and decide which is the best course to adopt to solve them.

This also makes a membership consisting of all residents a goal.

The WPDRA has enjoyed the co-operation of the Lillydale Shire Council. One of our council representatives has endeavoured to attend each of our meetings. I hope that during my term of office this will continue as it not only keeps residents informed on matters being dealt with by the Council, but also keeps the Councillors fully informed of developments and needs in our district.

Let us look forward to the coming year confident of achieving as much as we have in the past years.

JOHN UPTON

THERE IS NO LONGER NEED FOR BUSH TELEGRAPH OR SMOKE SIGNALS. DON'T JUST TELL YOUR NEIGHBOURS -- TELL THE "NEWS AND NOTES" TELEPHONES: 728-5235 or 728-5283

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...Betty Aumann as Secretary, Jean Moser as Treasurer.

The new Committee members are: Mesdames L. Latch, B. Skinner, N. Sharpe and Messrs. J. Knee, C. Skinner, S. Bickford, C. Maggs.

The President's Day Tournament, postponed from Sunday 6th, April due to inclement weather, was held one week later. The two inlaid trays, donated by Alan Knee, were keenly contested for. A Handicap System was enforced and the eventual winners were Heather Upton in the Ladies-Section and Dan Harnetty in the Men-Section.

The winners of the usual end-of-the-month tournaments, held on 27th April, were Jean Jamison and Ted Payne.

Members are reminded that the annual fees are now over-due and should be paid immediately to the Treasurer.

A Second-Hand-Stall will be held at the Croydon Market on Monday 26th May. Any donations of second-hand clothing etc. would be greatly appreciated and may be left with any member of the Social Committee. For collection telephone 728-5222 or 728-3441.

 OBITUARY

It is with regret that "N&N" have to report the death of Mr. Hugh Morrison, of Yarra Road. Mr. Morrison had resided in our district for 20 years and had been very active in many and varied organizations. He was a man of many talents. To mention but a few -- he was a master in floral arrangements and was responsible for the decorating of the Royal Yacht "Britannia", when the Queen visited Australia in 1963. He also was an able musician playing both piano and organ. In later years he did sterling work as a probation officer.

 EDITORIAL

We must acknowledge the tremendous effort put in by our Fire Brigade to avert serious bush fires in our area during the last summer period. Conditions have been ideal for a major conflagration. Time and time again the brigade has answered the call to attack a blaze, but each occasion found them equal to the task confronting them.

The cost of keeping our brigade equipment at the peak of efficiency runs into hundreds of dollars per year. As our area is considered among the worlds great bushfire risk areas, tremendous importance must be attached to the need of modern and effective equipment.

Therefore it is saddening to hear of the disappointing result of this years appeal. Only 135 out of 536 residents, who received notices of assesment, have so far responded.

To those, who have not replied this may be a gentle reminder that next year may not be so kind as the season past, when the horror of fire only touched the brigade's area.

 THE APPEAL IS STILL OPEN.

We understand the brigade is very happy with the converters it has purchased to fit the radios, thus ensuring communications even in the event of a total power failure, such as was the case on January 8th this year.

As the population in our district is growing and the number of houses increasing, more equipment is needed.

That's what the appeal is about.

SOCIAL SCENE

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

- ...Ferry and Bev Styles, of Dudley Road, who have just become the proud parents of their second boy, named Brett.
- ...Frank and Glenys Capicchi, of Yarra Road on the birth of a baby daughter.
- ...Ron and Eleanor Hutchins, of Yarra Road, on the birth of a baby girl, who has been named Anaxas.

RESERVE COMMITTEE

RANGER NEEDED

Arthur Dally, who has acted as ranger at the Jumping Creek Reserve for the last two years, has resigned because of his return to Sydney. The Committee of Management is most appreciative of the magnificent work which he did in his position.

A new ranger is now being sought for the position which requires a man to look after the reserve at weekends and which returns a substantial remuneration.

Have you paid your subscription fee to become a full member of the Wonga Park District Residents' Association and to be entitled to receive a copy of the "News and Notes" by mail?

If not cut off the form below the dotted line and return it with your subscription to the Association.

SECRETARY

WONGA PARK DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

P. O. W O N G A P A R K (VIC.)

I,(Name)..... of(Address; in print).... would like to join the Association and enclose the sum of \$ as subscription fee 1969 for myself and

.....(Name)..... of(Address).....

The Subscription fee is \$ 1.50. Please, name and address in print.

HITCH-HIKING

One of our younger residents, Ian Box, left in February, equipped with a haversack, hiker's tent and water bottle, to walk and hitch-hike to Europe. After a most interesting trip through Central Australia, Malaysia, Thailand, India and Turkey, he has now reached Greece.

FIRE BRIGADE

THE YOUNG GENERATION

Who says the young generation is not playing a responsible part in our world?

At least they do in Wonga Park -- with a success, which even surprises the "old hands" of the Fire Brigade.

Senior members who attend the Sunday morning training sessions report that the younger members are taking a keen interest in the brigade's activities and officers attest that these boys are even more capable of manning the pumps and hydrants than most of the senior members. These young members are Brad Styles, Steane Bickford, Graeme Latch, Dennis Payne, Steve Atkinson, Mike Knee and Alan Upton.

Senior members are reminded that the training sessions start every Sunday at 9 a.m.