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Next W.P.D.R.A. Meeting to be held in the Wonga Park Hall, 8.00 p.m.,
Friday, 13th March, 1981.

BRUSHY CREEK DRAINAGE SCHEME

On the 26th February, sixty odd residents attended a meeting at the Wonga Park Hall called by the Lillydale Council to get public reaction to the above scheme. Two riding councillors and three local Members of Parliament were in attendance.

As indicated in previous issues of this paper and in a brochure issued by Lillydale and Croydon Councils, the proposal was to do drainage works on the Brushy Creek costing various estimates ranging from \$4 million dollars upwards of which \$1 million would be met by the State Government and the remaining uncertain amount by the two local councils. The M.M.B.W. would manage the scheme and operating costs would be met by applying their drainage rate of \$1.4 per annum on the NAV value of properties within the watershed.

The flash flood problem is caused by the immediate run-off of heavy rain from the roofs and streets of heavily built-up areas, and Wonga Park is a net absorber of such water rather than the creator of the flood.

Dr. Mills commented that he had attended the previous night's meeting at Mooroolbark when the following points were made:-

The overall cost of the project would be \$4,000,000, towards which the Victorian Government would contribute \$1,000,000.

Of 10,000 people affected, 7,000 were in the Lillydale Shire, and of these only 310 responded in writing, of whom 205 were against the Scheme, and 105 in favour. In this regard, it must be remembered that a large portion of Mooroolbark is in the Shire of Lillydale.

The speaker also suggested that a great number of people would not bother to protest in what they take to be foregone decision.

Dr. Mills continued..."A lot of argument had more words than wisdom,"

but the Hon. Mr. Lacy made the point that -- "a distress situation should be shared. That this one was caused by each person who lived in the community, in the flood-prone area, and should be borne by those causing it. It was unreasonable for all tax-payers to carry it."

"Mr. Chairman, (said Dr. Mills,) I could not agree more. The pith of our objection, Mr. Chairman, is that, to the NORTH of the Highway, no flooding is caused; no work on Brushy Creek, north of the Highway is contemplated, and by resolution of the same Authorities as are suggesting this Scheme, the area involved, north of the Highway is not declared flood-prone, and therefore cannot be built on, but the adjacent land is now not to be sub-divided into less than 62 acre lots, and therefore never can compound the flood problem of Mooroolbark.

To paraphrase Mr. Lacy's words, it is a south of the Highway problem, and we at the north end should not be included at all. In fact, Mr. Chairman, by altering the flow rate of Brushy Creek, you are denying farm lands the benefit of periodic flooding.

So, to assist only 45 to 50 foolish owners in Mooroolbark, we are being asked to pay much larger, individual contributions than they are, -- FOR EVER. That is iniquitous!

"I protest that the land involved in the Scheme should be only that to the south of the Highway. Any more is only a legal convenience for the Authorities involved."

These words were followed by rousing cheers and applause by all persons in attendance.

The proposal was put that the Scheme and it's cost should apply only to the area south of the Highway where the problem originated and household flooding occurred. This was met with the thought that the M.M.B.W. would not agree as it was not their usual policy to take only part of a watershed -- Bureaucracy at work.

Some people, including a Member of Parliament, said, maybe not enough research had been done, others said, why should we pay when the problem is not of our creation, nor does it inconvenience us and on this note the meeting ended.

A BICYCLE TRACK FOR YOUNGSTERS

A petition of 125 signatures was presented to the February meeting of the Association requesting backing and approval for a request to Lillydale Council for construction of a bicycle track on the Council sporting area at Wonga Park.

It was moved that the young people concerned be congratulated and thanked for their initiative and that the petition be passed to the Council with the full backing of this Association.

NETBALL

In it's 1980/81 estimates Lillydale Council proposed to construct two Netball courts on an area near the new oval. Since no action has been taken and the Council's financial year is now well advanced, last

NETBALL (Cont.)

meeting of the Association agreed that a letter be written requesting action.

A resident of Wonga Park, who was on a recent visit to the United States, brought back a booklet "How to Dial Most International Calls from your Hotel or Motel". This booklet is available at most Hotels/Motels throughout the U.S.A., to it's guests who wish to phone home direct. Particular attention is drawn to the last name on the Australian list. It's not Lillydale or Groydon or Nareen, but good old Wonga Park.

Who needs Toorak?

Santa Fe	42
Tandil	291
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Adelaide	8
Brisbane	7
Canberra	62
Australia Country Code	Hobart 02
	Melbourne 3
	Newcastle 49
61	Perth 9
	Southport 75
	Sydney 2
	Townsville 77
	Whyalla 86
	Wonga Park 3
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Badgastein	6434
Bludenz	5552
Graz	3122
Austria Country	Innsbruck 5222
	Kitzbuhel 5356



PLAYGROUP

A large group of children are already enjoying the facilities of the Wonga Park Playgroup, held every Tuesday and Wednesday morning. However, there is still room in both groups for more kiddies, and pre-schoolers of all ages, (and their mums), are welcome to join in the fun. Playgroup meets in the Wonga Park Hall, Yarra Road, 9.30 - 11.30 a.m.

For those interested in Playgroup, there will be a meeting at 8 p.m., Wednesday, 4th March, at Deidre Robinson's home, Lot 27, Yarra Road. Supper is provided and everyone is most welcome to attend.

A second date to remember for Playgroup is Tuesday, 24th March, there will be a JIGSAW PARTY. If you are looking for novel toy ideas to keep the children entertained, then go along and see the exciting range Jigsaw have to offer. The party is at Deidre Robinson's, Lot 27, Yarra Road, Wonga Park. It starts at 8 p.m., supper is provided and everyone is cordially invited.

PARENT'S ASSOCIATION - Wonga Park Primary School

We are off to a good start to the new school year. The paper shed is open again Friday mornings 9.00 - 9.30. We will be pleased to have your old papers and magazines, either packed in super-market bags or ties in neat bundles.

On Monday, March 16th, we are having a JEANS SALE in the Art Room at the school. Well known brands will be sold at cheap prices. Plenty of jeans for children and adults on sale from 11.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. Open to all.



PARENT'S ASSOCIATION (Cont.)

Our second fund raising event is a cooking demonstration by Metropolitan Research, with ideas for interesting and economical meals. Product samples available, samples to taste and a basket lunch to finish the morning. Tickets \$2.00 -- ring Judy 722-1584.

FETE -- Yarra Road Primary School

On Saturday, 4th April at 10.00 a.m., the Yarra Road Primary School is holding their Annual Fete. There will be stalls of all sorts of goodies for sale including a display of crafts made at our own Community Cottage, these will also be available for purchase.

So come along one and all and join in all the fun and have a great day at the Yarra Road School Fete.

"THE GOOD NEWS CLUB"

The "Good News Club" has started up again at a new time of 2.00 - 3.00 p.m., Sundays at the Wonga Park Primary School.

Parents, the Sunday School is being organized by the Warranwood Community Church which is Interdenominational. If you want any further details, then give Rosemary Goulding a ring on 876-2743.



NEW BEGINNINGS

St. Mark's Church, Wonga Park, is now on it's own.

On 1st February the close relationship with St. John's Anglican Church, Croydon, came to an end. Bishop James Grant commissioned Reverend N.H. Graham (Father Bill) at the 9.30 Service on 22nd February. You are a unique church, said Bishop Grant - you have a part time priest-in-charge and a small but very enthusiastic congregation.

Bishop Grant spoke about the role of the church in the community, and how pleased he was that St. Marks was still carrying on the tradition started by the founder members 61 years ago.

Father Bill is very active and has a wealth of experience in all aspects of Church Ministry. He sees this new opportunity as a time to:

- .. develop teaching within the church.
- .. encourage families to attend church together.
- .. conduct baptism and confirmation classes.
- .. counsel people with marriage and family problems.
- .. develop Christian fellowship within the community.

The Good News from God is a simple message, says Father Bill, but alas somehow between our childhood and the present that message may have lost it's meaning to many. Come along and join us at St. Mark's -- you'll be made very welcome!

COMMUNITY COTTAGE

There are vacancies in all classes at the Wonga Park Community Cottage. A warm welcome to all new comers!

It costs \$5.00 to join the Cottage each term. Some classes charge \$2.00 per session.



MONDAY -- Art 1.00 - 3.00 p.m. Jan 722-1784
Lead Lighting 1.00 - 3.00 p.m. Amy 836-2693

TUESDAY -- Pottery 1.00 - 3.00 p.m. Jane 722-1784
Yoga & Creative movement for Children.
Children under 10. 4:15 - 5:15 at the Hall
over 10. 5:15 - 6:15 at the Cottage

WEDNESDAY -- Keep Fit 9.00 - 9.45 a.m. Rae 722-1417
Yarn Crafts 11.00 - 3.00 p.m. Sue 722-1619

THURSDAY -- Yoga for Adults 10 - 11 a.m. Dianne 844-3846
Macrame & Crochet 1 - 3.00 p.m. Christine 722-1455

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The 1981 series of **HOW TO'S** sponsored by the Community Cottage is due to start this month. With these classes we aim to provide a friendly social morning that has a purpose - an opportunity to meet people as well as to learn a new skill. Attend as many or as few as you wish. Dates and topics will be advertised both in News and Notes and the local stores. New faces always welcomed.



Sew Stretch Fabrics - Tuesday 17th March 9.30 - 11.30 a.m.

Join us at the Community Cottage for a demonstration of the tricks of sewing stretch fabrics. Rae will share with us her experience and ideas for making individual and fashionable T-Shirts, Windcheaters, Track-suits and leisure suits.

Morning Tea is provided. Cost 50 cents.

Coming soon: Basket weaving, Hand puppets, Coffee mornings BUT reserve the following date, Tuesday, 14th April for Patchwork.

WONGA PARK RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Residents are reminded that the Summer Fire Restrictions are still in force and will continue until 30th April, 1981 unless amended by the Country Fire Authority.

For information about Fire Restrictions: DIAL 11540.



The Brigade is gratified by the community's response to the Fire Restrictions - however, extra care must be taken during March and April to keep Wonga Park fire free.

WONGA PARK RURAL FIRE BRIGADE (Cont.)

Since 1st December, 1980, the Brigade has turned out to 15 fires:-

Within Brigade Area: Grass/Scrub (6), Incinerator (2), House (1); Assistance to neighbouring Brigades (3); Support Forces to major fires (3) - Alexandra, Rowville and Healesville.

Biennial Meeting

All members are advised that the Biennial General Meeting and Election of Office Bearers will be held at the Fire Station at 8 p.m. on Friday, 3rd April, 1981.

Training

Wednesday evening training will be held between 7 and 9 p.m. on the first Wednesday only of March to October. Training is also available between 9 and 10.30 a.m. every Sunday morning throughout the year.

Licence Endorsements

Congratulations to Phil Hartley, David Miller and Theo van Wegberg who recently obtained their heavy vehicle licence endorsements.

RAINFALL



February was a very dry month with only 22mm (88 points) of rain being recorded. Of this 19mm fell on February 5th. The total rainfall for the first two months of the year is 54.50mm (2.18 inches).



Last month's answer:

The horse travelled around a circular track, when training. The legs adjacent to the fence described a larger circle than those inside the track.

Now for this month's mindbender:

'When I throw a pair of six-sided dice,' said Paul Puzla, 'it is of course possible for me to obtain any number from 2 to 12. 'But a certain total number is likelier to appear more often than any other.' Can you name that number?

DEADLINE NEXT ISSUE: Friday, 27th March, 1981. Contributions can be left at the Post Office or with the editor, Denise Goodwin, by the above date. Thankyou.