

The Wonga Park Resident's Association has, I believe, successfully completed another year's activities and the elections for new office bearers will be carried out at our next meeting. On reflecting on the year's activities I can only wonder at the effort and dedication that has kept the Resident's Association together over the past few years. In the face of a general lack of concern regarding the future of Wonga Park, people like John Upton, Harry Box, Mr. & Mrs. Aird, Peter Robinson and a few others have worked tirelessly to make sure that the Resident's Association has remained as a forum for Public Opinion in Wonga Park. I believe that without their efforts a lot less would have been achieved in our Wonga Park. This year our relationships with the West Riding Councillors have been excellent and the Councillors, ably led by Cr. Smith, have evinced a new interest in Wonga Park. As a by-product of this renewed relationship a combined West Riding Resident's Committee has been formed and a far better understanding of the Ridings problems in total has been experienced by all concerned.

Our petition for the installation of Gas supply has now been finalised and is ready for presentation to the Minister. The committee's thanks go to the people who spent so much time in it's preparation. Many other areas of concern have also been attacked such as the state of our roads, lighting and vandalism, we have not been successful in all areas and the new committee will have a number of projects to keep them busy during the next year.

One of the most heartening features of the year was the collection of names by a number of young people to form a petition to present to the Council. The purpose, to ask the Council to consider the installation of a bicycle track. The effort and initiative shown by these 10 year olds is, I believe, an example to many of our older residents.

I could not finish my report without complementing the Editor of News and Notes. Denise, who works quietly without fuss or bother to make sure that News and Notes comes out every month, deserves the thanks of everybody in Wonga Park.

My personal thanks to the committee and especially to Cr. A. Smith for his untiring efforts on behalf of Wonga Park.

Mike Blunn
President.

MATTERS OF INTEREST ...

Brushy Creek Drainage Scheme

To date no decision has been reported on this very costly scheme. The problem of Brushy Creek flash flooding is caused by run-off from the highly built-up areas near the source of the stream. The scheme offers limited benefit to areas such as Mooroolbark but no benefit to Wonga Park. If it is agreed to accept the scheme all properties in the Brushy Creek watershed would be subject to the annual M.M.B.W. drainage rate of 1.4 cents in the dollar on the NAV of the property.

Park Management

The Shire of Lillydale has called a meeting at the Wonga Park Hall at 8.00 p.m. on 8th April, 1981, to discuss formation of a joint Management Committee to control the Wonga Park Sporting Ovals and other facilities in this area. Three representatives of each group involved have been asked to attend. The object of the meeting will be to decide whether to form a committee and if a committee is formed to decide it's personnel and functions. Those present will also be asked for comment on the currently circulating draft development plan for the area.

Gas for Wonga Park

Last meeting of the Association agreed to submit the petition even though all residents have not yet signed. The petition will contain 230 signatures. The Lillydale Council advises there are 780 houses in Wonga Park, a substantial number of new building blocks arising from release of new subdivisional land by the M.M.B.W., and a greatly improved water supply.

Road Improvements

Congratulations to Lillydale Council, they have at last sealed the section of Brysons Road from St. Johns Road across Jumping Creek to Hillcrest Road.

Hall Improvements

The Hall Committee have resolved that hall equipment such as trestles and seating will not be loaned and taken from the hall. There has been at least one instance very recently when trestles and seats have been borrowed without reference to the Hall Committee.

A number of improvements are being undertaken in the near future including the re-stumping of the main hall. Lillydale Council have arranged with a contractor to do this between 27th April and 15th May. All users, including users of the supper room, are advised that the hall will be completely closed for this period. Mothers using the main hall entrance for access to the Infant Welfare Centre should discuss the matter with the Sister.

Other renovations and improvements include repair of piano - including a lock on the keyboard, erection of signs over front door and replenishment of cups etc., in the kitchen.



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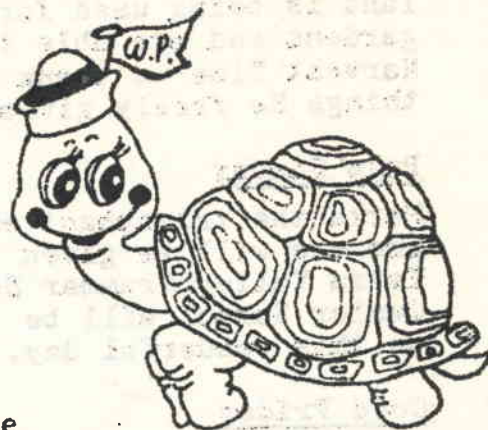
Bill and Kerry Tauschke, of Paynters Road, on the birth of their beautiful little daughter, Corrina Fleur on the 2nd March, 1981.

WONGA PARK PLAYGROUP

There will be a meeting of the Wonga Park Playgroup on Tuesday, 14th April, at 8.00 p.m. It's at Barb Vassallo's home, 34 Kenilworth Avenue, Wonga Park. Everyone is welcome to attend.

BURCH FAMILY MEMORIAL PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

Our Pre-School now has a full enrolment of 50 children who come from Chirnside Park, Lilydale, North Croydon, Warrandyte, Warranwood as well as Wonga Park. The children, under the guidance of our Directress Irene Cocking and Assistant Judy Hodgson, are settling in well to their new Pre-School routine, with various activities being introduced. Because of our long hot summer "Rock Pools" with the use of lots of water was introduced. Playing with water children can experience Concentration, Relaxation, Exploration, Texture and Appreciation.



Our Social Calendar for the year began with a "Spit Roast" on Sunday 29th March, which was great fun for all families involved.

Nesting Pardalotes:- Further on the item in February '81 News and Notes on these little tunnelling birds who chose a strange nesting site in a heap of sawdust - your Pre-School reports that late last year, an even stranger site was used. None other than the Pre-School sand-pit --- used daily by up to 50 children. However with due respect, the area was roped off, lest overhead feet disturb and trample the tunnel - about 2 ft. long. The nesting birds were last seen as we broke up for Christmas Holidays - we hope the ensuing quiet let them rear their babies in peace!

WONGA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Just a reminder that the "PAPER SHED" is open Friday mornings 9.00 - 9.30. We will be pleased to have your old papers and magazines, either packed in supermarket bags or tied in neat bundles.

Come To...



The "Good News Club" is held every Sunday at the Wonga Park Primary School from 2.00 to 3.00 p.m.

Parents, the Sunday School is being organized by the Warranwood Community Church which is Inter-denominational. If you would like further information then give Rosemary Goulding a ring 876-2743.



The following services will be held this month in the Church; all services commence at 9.30 a.m.

April 5th	Harvest Festival
" 12th	Palm Sunday
" 17th	Good Friday
" 19th	Easter Day
" 26th	Patronal Festival (St. Mark's Day)

Harvest Festival

We are very fortunate to live in a semi-rural area where some of the land is being used for primary production. Many of us have nice gardens and are able to grow vegetables for home consumption. At Harvest Time we thank God for the world, our food and the many other things He freely gives to us.

Palm Sunday

Marks the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The Palm Sunday address will be given by Reverent Stuart Taplin, Chaplain of the Yarra Valley Grammar School. Students from the Yarra Valley Junior School will be joining us to make "music and joyful sounds" on this wonderful day.

Good Friday

The day of our Lord's crucifixion. Join us and make this an opportunity to think about God's great love for mankind, and the sacrifice that Jesus made for our sake.

Easter Day

The day that Jesus rose from the dead and demonstrated that the promise of Eternal Life was a reality! Come and share this glorious day with us.

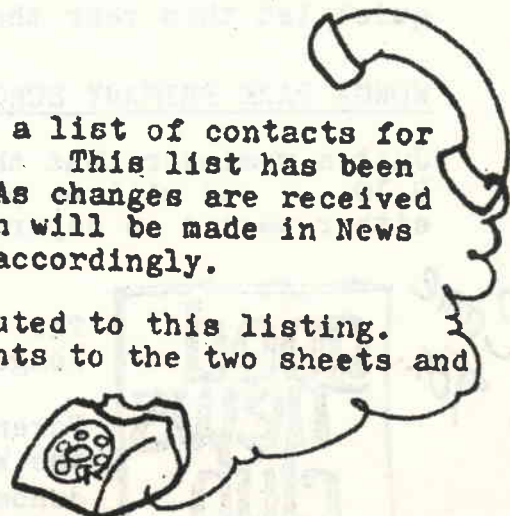
St. Mark's Day

The day of our patron, Saint Mark. The address will be given by Reverend Geoff Berger, St. Stevens Warrandyte. This is Reverend Berger's first visit to St. Mark's Church.

WONGA PARK COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

Attached to this edition of News & Notes is a list of contacts for various activities in the Wonga Park area. This list has been compiled for your information and use. As changes are received from the various organizations, notification will be made in News and Notes so that you can adjust your list accordingly.

I would like to thank all those who contributed to this listing. Unfortunately, we had to condense the contents to the two sheets and not the original booklet as planned.



WONGA PARK COMMUNITY COTTAGE

The Community Cottage, behind the Tennis Courts in Old Yarra Road, continues to hold many classes each week. We have Art, Leadlighting, Pottery, Keep Fit, Yarn Crafts, Yoga for adults and children, Macrame and Crochet.



The Lillydale Unemployment Self-Help Scheme, which is a Community Youth Support Scheme (C.Y.S.S.), will be at the Cottage on a Friday from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. They will have available resource material on employment, classes etc., and be able to re-emburse young people for fares used while seeking jobs.

Any queries ring: Sue 722-1738 or Chris 722-1647.

HOW TO

...Make Patchwork -- Tuesday 14th April, 9.30 - 11.30 a.m.

Bring along scraps of cotton material, one plastic ice cream lid, fine needle and cotton for hand sewing, contrast cotton for tacking, black lead pencil, pins, scissors, stiff paper e.g. old calendar paper and Christine will demonstrate the basic technique of making Patchwork. With a little imagination your Patchwork can be turned into all sorts of things such as bags, cushions, bedspreads, etc. Looking forward to seeing you. Morning tea provided. Cost 50 cents.

HOW TO

...Meet people without really trying.

Next month we intend to try something a little different. The Cottage will be open for you to call in for a chat and enjoy lunch with us. This will be an opportunity for you to relax and unwind after shopping.

Enjoy -- Pleasant company, soup and hot buttered toast.

When -- Friday, 1st May, 11.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Where -- Community Cottage

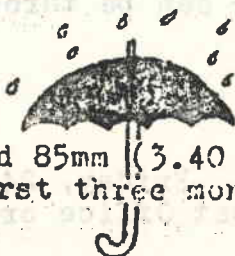
Please note this date in your diary and give some thought to coming along. Cost 50 cents.

WONGA PARK RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Residents are advised that the Summer Fire Restrictions were lifted at midnight on Friday, 27th March, 1981.

RAINFALL

The rainfall for March totalled 85mm (3.40 inches). This brings the amount recorded for the first three months of the year to 139.50mm (5.58 inches).



1ST WONGA PARK VENTURERS

On Saturday, 28th March, a very important occasion took place. This occasion was the Queen Scout Award presentation to Sue Clapham at Clifford Park. Attending the presentation was the Shire President Councillor Gersh, along with West Riding Councillors Lee-Archer and Barker. Also present was Clive Keetle, Lilydale District Commissioner along with members of the district team.

Wonga Park Venturers are very proud of Sue's award as it is the culmination in one's Scouting experience to achieve this award. Sue now goes to Government House on 2nd May to receive her certificate from the Governor of Victoria.

Our heartiest congratulations to Sue.

It should be noted that Sue's father, Mr. Ron Clapham was also awarded the Queen Scout Badge back in 1953, which makes a rather envious team of Father and daughter Queen Scouts which may not be seen again in Wonga Park.

With Brian Reynolds moving to North East Victoria, we welcome our new Venturer leader, David Miller and wish him well with our unit. Also, we welcome Janice Mitchell as Assistant Venturer Leader. With Rod Hall we have a good leadership strength.

We also say goodbye to Jill Robinson, due to her teaching appointment in Geelong, but look forward to her return maybe next year.

Future Activities --

April 5th -- Taganda Trundle (Pram Race).
Easter -- Hoadley Hide (Competition Hiking).



Here is the answer to our March puzzle:

The likeliest total from a fall of two dice is 7.
This is obtainable from six combinations: 1-6;
6-1; 5-2; 4-3; 3-4; 2-5.

No other number can be thrown in so many different ways.

DEADLINE NEXT ISSUE: Friday, 24th April, 1981. Contributions can be left at the Post Office or with the Editor, by the above date. Thankyou.