



# NEWS & NOTES

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Resident's Association

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Next W.P.D.R.A. Meeting to be held in the Wonga Park Hall, 8.00 p.m.,  
Friday, 8th May, 1981.

## RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

At the Annual General Meeting of this Association held on 10th April,  
the following Office Bearers were elected for the year April 1981 to  
April 1982.

President	M. Blunn
Vice-President:	A. Aird
Secretary	J. Buist
Treasurer	T. Van Wegberg

Committee:	J. Upton
	G. Harrison
	V. LeFrancke
	J. Kenwright
	J. Aird
	R. Hodgson

The meeting expressed it's thanks to the outgoing Office Bearers for  
the work done for the community in the past year.

The Resident's Association monthly meeting is the place where you can  
hear what is going on in the district and the place where you can put  
your grievances to Lillydale Councillors who regularly attend. If  
you are not a member now is the time to join (\$3 for an individual, \$4  
for a family), but whether you are a member or not you are always  
welcome at our monthly meetings held in the Wonga Park Hall at 8.00 p.m.,  
on the second Friday of each month. (Membership form attached at the  
end of this Newsletter).

\*\*\* Since the Hall will be under repair for the May meeting, we will  
use the Community Cottage in Old Yarra Road.

## PROPOSED CHANGE IN LILLYDALE & HEALESVILLE SHIRE BOUNDARIES

On the 29th and 30th April, the Local Government Advisory Board heard

proposals to change Shire boundaries. These hearings were at Alexandra and Healesville and the submittals were that Healesville's East Riding (Toolangi area) would transfer to Shire of Alexandra. In retaliation for this loss Healesville asked for transfer of a substantial part of Lillydale North Riding to Healesville Shire. At date of writing no decisions are available but irrespective of the finding of the Local Government Advisory Board the final decision rests with the State Government.

The part of the North Riding up for transfer represents 28% of the shire land mass but is sparsely populated, with 460 ratepayers and \$168,000 in rate revenue.

The loss makes little or no difference to Lillydale Shire's fixed and administrative costs so that the change, if agreed, will result in some increase in our rates to recover the \$168,000 loss of revenue.

Your Association has made a submission to the Local Government Advisory Board supporting Lillydale Council's objection to the change.

Members of your Executive attended a meeting of the Lillydale Shire Ratepayers Association held at Wandin on the 25th April. They are also objectors to the scheme. At this meeting strong representations were made for the retention of the present North Riding boundary with Healesville and speakers made the following points:

- .. The area has been part of Lillydale Shire for 110 years and it's inhabitants regard Lillydale as their natural focus for business.
- .. The towns of Coldstream and Gruyre are split down the middle under the proposal.
- .. Councillors present said there was a proposal to amalgamate the remainder of Healesville with Lillydale. This could be done with very little cost to Lillydale Shire administration and a 100% elimination of the present Healesville administration costs.
- .. The North Riding residents are the sacrificial lambs who are being used to return Healesville to viability should it lose it's East Riding to the Alexandra/Yea Shire.

#### WONGA PARK HALL

The Hall, including Supper Room, is closed for three weeks from the 27th April to permit maintenance works including the restumping of the main hall.

#### PARK AND SPORTSGROUND MANAGEMENT

On the 8th April, a meeting under the Chairmanship of Lillydale Council and attended by three representatives of each of the organizations using the area, determined that a Management Committee to co-ordinate overall matters for the area be formed. One representative from each organization should comprise this committee and it's object should be overall management of the area and it's jointly used facilities. Matters such as water supply, sewerage, lighting and placement of operations, using the council prepared concept plan as a general guide, would be

basic jobs of this committee. To enable each organization time to appoint it's delegate it was agreed to hold the first meeting on the 27th May, 1981.

### DIFFERENTIAL RATING

Cr. Smith reported that a motion was to be put before Council requesting that they submit to Government by deputation a proposition for differential rating in the Shire using Town Planning Zones as a basis. This to be for a trial period of 5 years.



### BURCH FAMILY MEMORIAL PRE-SCHOOL

Our theme in keeping with seasonal changes has featured Autumn fruits, flowers, seeds and leaves. Our highlight has been the visit to Mr. Upton's orchard. As an introduction to this we took an earlier walk to seek out acorns and see some of the local cows and their calves.

Developmental work from these experiences has been our group projects about the orchard visit and the making of our own apple juice and stewed apple.

The children enjoyed decorating their own hard boiled eggs and Easter baskets. Camping holidays and visits to friends and relations were enjoyed during the Easter break, we hope our friends in Wonga Park had an enjoyable and safe Easter.



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

May 3rd	Morning Prayer
" 10th	Holy Communion
" 17th	Morning Prayer
" 24th	Morning Prayer
" 31st	Holy Communion (special emphasis on Christian Unity)

### Informal Counselling

The Priest in charge, Rev. W.H. Graham, 161 Lincoln Road, Mooroolbark. Telephone: 723-4691.

A trained Counsellor is in the Church, Cnr. Toppings/Yarra Roads, usually from 9.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. each Wednesday and is available for pastoral consultation or general guidance.

### Christian Unity

Most of the churches use the time between Ascension Day and Whitsunday for special prayers for Christian Unity. On Sunday, 31st May, we plan an ecumenical emphasis to our service and hope members of other branches of the Church will join us in Payer and PERSON.

### Christian Education

We believe that active family participation in an active worship setting is important. Usually the service on the fourth Sunday of the month

will be directed specifically towards worship appealing to the "child" in all of us.

### Bible Study

In June we hope to arrange a series of Six Studies on Wednesdays either or both daytime and evening. Details later.

### COMMUNITY COTTAGE

The 1st Annual General Meeting of the Community Cottage was held on April 22, with Dr. Robyn Barker present to give us encouragement and praise for what we are doing, and a few pointers regarding the successful running of such a venture. Elections were held, and Chris and Sue Couper have been persuaded to continue their excellent work as President and Secretary, with Jenny Upton as Treasurer.



With a new term starting shortly, we are hoping to see some new faces at the Cottage. There are vacancies in all classes and a very interesting choice of crafts and activities being offered - many more of the local community could be enjoying these activities, and we are always open to suggestions regarding new classes.

The classes being currently offered are:-

- 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
- FRIDAY -- C.Y.S.S. (Community Youth Support Scheme)  
10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.\*\*

\*\* The Lillydale Unemployment Self-Help Scheme, which is C.Y.S.S., will be at the Cottage every Friday. They will have available resource material on employment, classes etc., and be able to re-emburse young people for fares used while seeking jobs.

### HOW TO

Make Hand Puppets, toys and gifts for children, Monday 15th June, 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. Keep this date free and watch next months News & Notes for details of materials needed.

The Cottage is available for meetings and provides a cosy and warm atmosphere that a large hall cannot offer. Bookings can be made by

phoning Sue Couper on 722-1738 or Chris Couper on 722-1647. The first meeting is free and thereafter a charge of \$1.00 is made to go towards our running costs.

WONGA PARK RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Elections

The following Officers were elected at the recent Biennial Election:

Captain	: Jim McKee	Apparatus	: Phil Hartley
1st Lt.	: Martin Francis	Asst.App.	: Peter Nunn
2nd Lt.	: Alan Upton	Xting Service	: Peter Reynolds
3rd Lt.	: Peter Robinson	Secretary	: John Greenwood-Smith
4th Lt.	: Jeff Forrest	Treasurer	: Theo Van Wegberg
Communications	: Ian McDonald		

The Brigade recently farewelled Brian and Judy Reynolds who are moving to Benalla.

<u>Fire Reports</u>	<u>1978-1979</u>	<u>1979-1980</u>	<u>1980-1981</u>
Within Brigade Area	18	14	25
Assistance to adjacent Brigades	4	6	7
Support forces to major fires	-	5	9
<u>Total turnouts</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>41</u>

The average number of turnouts in the 10 year period 1969-1979 is twenty per annum.

Training

Training sessions are held between 7.00 - 9.00 p.m., on the first Wednesday of each month; training is also available between 9.00 - 10.30 a.m. on every Sunday throughout the year. All members are asked to participate in the Brigade's training programme.

An open invitation is extended to all new residents of Wonga Park to register and train with the Brigade.

RAINFALL

As anyone who has tried to do any digging knows, April was a very dry month. Only 16.50mm (64 points) of rain were recorded. It was the driest April since 1976 when 13.50mm (54 points) of rain fell. In the first four months of the year we have had 159mm (6.36 inches).

DEADLINE NEXT ISSUE: Friday, 29th May, 1981. Contributions can be left at the Post Office or with the Editor, Denise Goodwin, by the above date. Thankyou.



Now for our May puzzle:

Two little green men land their UFOs in a field.  
 Scientists know that one of the visitors (but they have no  
 idea which) is from Truth Planet; while the other hails  
 from Fib Galaxy.  
 A scientist asks one of the green men: "Are you a truth-  
 teller?"  
 Visitor One replies: "Xxyrptlx!"  
 Visitor Two then exclaims: "He said yes, but he always lies!"  
 Which spaceman is telling the truth?

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Membership Application/Renewal

I/we, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

wish to join the WPDRA for 1981/82 and enclose cheque/money order for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subscription: Single \$3.00 Double \$4.00

Send to Mr. R. Yorke, Treasurer, WPDRA, c/- Wonga Park P.O., or bring to  
 Annual Meeting.