

WONGA PARK NEWS & NOTES



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THE NEXT MEETING OF THE RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, 11th DECEMBER, AT THE COMMUNITY COTTAGE

NEW CHAIRMAN OF W.P.D.R.A.

At our November meeting, Mr. John Upton was elected as Chairman of this Association for the remainder of the Association's year. John is well known in the area and has been in the forefront of community projects over many years, we wish him well. Mike Blunn has now indicated that he will be overseas until sometime in 1982.

YARRA RIVER PARKLAND

After years of negotiation the State Government has bought a 154 hectare strip of river frontage to link Wittons Reserve with Jumping Creek Reserve. The cost is about \$500,000. The proposal includes picnic areas, overnight camping and associated facilities such as toilets, barbecues and walking tracks.

TRAIL BIKES

Provision for those youngsters who insist on riding noisy trail bikes is still an objective of this club and of Lillydale Council. Cr. Alan Smith reported that several attempts to find a suitable venue had been made by Council Officers. A club already formed operates in Colchester Road, Kilsyth. Before it will offer substantive help the Council requires that a properly constituted club be formed with parent Office Bearers. Very few parents are prepared to give time to this project for their children, after

Trail Bikes (Cont.)

four years of effort by Council. Tip sites are regarded as good potential but sites such as Wittons Reserve have been banned by the Regional Planning Authority.



LACK OF PLANNING

In Wonga Park subdivision of land into building blocks has been on the conventional off the top of your head process of quarter, half and one acre blocks. No thought has been given to the capacity of an unsewered and hilly area to absorb the drainage outflow of such high density living. It is not sufficient to say that elaborate septic systems ensure a clean outflow. The fact is that some outflow is clean and some is polluted and often it flows downhill as it must onto other properties. The effect is to pollute dams and have detrimental effects on drainage of orchards and other properties. The subdivider is required to pay Lillydale Council a substantial sum for overall drainage but in the past this has not been attempted except for roadside drains and the like.

In their 1981/82 estimates Lillydale have announced their intention to commence a proper underground drainage scheme in Wonga Park. These drains along the downhill boundary of subdivided land will comprise a deep trench filled with rubble and sealed on top by a fabricated capping. It is hoped by this method to pick up underground water that is a great nuisance to orchardists and others. A typical example will be along the back of subdivided blocks on the north side of Jumping Creek Road between the Post Office Store and Homestead Road.

WONGA PARK RESERVE

Cr. Alan Smith reported that \$30,000 has been allocated for the Reserve in the 1981/82 estimates. This includes \$18,000 for landscaping. Details will be submitted to the Park Management Committee.

----- Committee of Management Wonga Park Sporting Complex -----

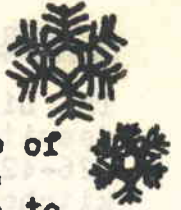
A meeting of this Committee will be held on December 8. Representatives of each organization concerned will be advised by telephone before that date.

LILLYDALE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

The new Chief Executive Officer of Lillydale Council is Mr. George Bray who will take up duties shortly.

PRE-SCHOOL

The Burch Family Memorial Pre-School will cater for a third group of children next year. Additional staff will be provided and the children will come mainly from the Chirnside Park area.



VICTORIAN 150 YEARS OF SETTLEMENT

Lillydale Shire has formed a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Shire President, Cr. Maddocks, to make submissions to the Victorian Government for a suitable memorial within the Shire to celebrate this occasion. The Victorian Government has tentatively granted the Shire \$30,000 for this activity.

This Association was represented at the initial meeting of the Committee at the Shire Offices last week. Suggestions made to the meeting included the restoration and completion of the original Shire Offices which would be used for preservation of historic material or other suitable purposes, a competition for a suitable piece of sculpture to be erected somewhere in the Shire.

Some research had been done on the sculpture proposal, it being suggested that models would be judged next year and the winner commissioned to do the piece in local stone in time for the 150 year celebrations.

The Shire committee is open to suggestions by individuals or groups. This Association would be pleased to submit any local ideas to the next meeting of the committee.

FOOTPATHS

Our continuing request for footpaths in parts of Wonga Park where children walking on roads is a danger have had a negative response from Council. The request under particular discussion was for a path along Yarra Road from Brysons/Homestead Roads to the new Sporting Complex now under way.

LILLYDALE HOSPITAL FORD LAZER CAR RAFFLE

This raffle is to assist funds for extention of Lillydale Hospital and will be drawn on December 22nd. If you have not bought your tickets contact either Stores or Jean Euist (722-1583) or Albert Aird (722-1242).

HISTORY OF WONGA PARK

Mr. John Upton has been appointed as this Association's representative on the research committee. Any information you have can be directed through him.

LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE

Any changes in the Bookmobile routing and hours will be made next February. If you would like the Wonga Park times changed contact Council either personally or through this Association. Remember you have alternatives of Chirnside Park or the main library in John Street, Lillydale.



SHOPFRONT 18

The Lillydale Unemployed Self-Help Group are still in operation despite the recent axing of funds from the Government (phone 726-4295). They are requesting donations of a large range of kitchen utensils, electric stove, partitioning material, garden tools, carpenters tools, ladders, mechanics tools, etc. Their address is 18 Winyard Drive, Mooroolbark. A full list of items specifically required is with a letter held by and available from Jean Buist.

DOGS

It was reported to our last meeting that the basic rule of two dogs for each household still applies but permission to keep more than this number has been granted in specific circumstances. The Ranger is available from 5.30 a.m. to 9.30 p.m., to meet calls for dog nuisance etc. His after hours number is 735-5177.

ROAD SIGNS

Congratulations to Croydon Council on their prompt action in placing a clearer "Wonga Park" sign at the corner of Yarra and Plymouth Roads.



CONGRATULATIONS to:

Christine and Ray Symons, Jumping Creek Road, on the birth of their little daughter Kate, on the 6th October 1981.

THE BURCH FAMILY MEMORIAL PRE-SCHOOL



Christmas here once again and what a busy time for all! The children will certainly enjoy all the festivity to the full.

We are off on our last excursion to have a picnic at a farm, an exciting bus trip as well to Dixon's Creek.

Luncheons are being organised for our new children and their mums, a good opportunity to get together before 1982.

Our children are getting very excited about their new ventures next year, we have had some of their expected teachers visit our Pre-School, and visits to local schools are under way.

We would like to wish every one a very "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year".

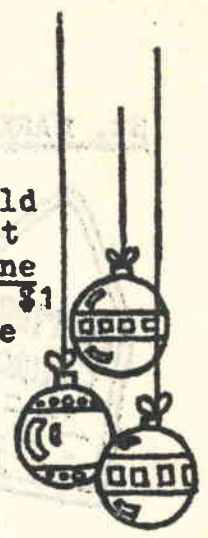


Yarra View, Paynes Road, Lillydale (very close to Wonga Park) has for sale a variety of goods suitable for Christmas presents. These may be obtained from the Sheltered Workshop at Yarra View between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4.30 p.m.

VISITORS WELCOME

WONGA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

HONOURY ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER



A concert involving all the children at the School will be held at the Ringwood Civic Centre, Karralike Theatre, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are now available at the School for anyone wishing to attend what will be a great night. \$2 for adults, \$1 for children over 4. Children at the School do not require tickets. All welcome to attend.

** We do need a pianist to accompany the singing at the Concert so if you can help us out please ring the School on 722-1325.

Thankyou to those members of the community who give us papers for the Paper Shed. The sale of these papers is giving us approximately \$400 a year.

The Shed will be closed during the school holidays. Last day, Friday, 11th December. We hope you can find somewhere suitable to store your papers until the Shed reopens next year Friday, February 5th, 1982.

WONGA PARK GIRL GUIDES AND BROWNIES

Our Brownies are still very much in need of an Assistant to keep up the strength of their pack. If there is anyone who could help at their meetings on Wednesday nights, 4.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m., please contact their new District Commissioner -- Joyce Ebbs on 723-2602. If help is not found then there will be no choice but to put the Brownie pack into recess.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Ian Barr (Gatters Road) and Elizabeth Weatherley (Donvale), who celebrated their marriage on Saturday, November 14th, at St. Mark's Church, Wonga Park.



Brenda Styles (Dudley Road) and Jeff Henderson, who celebrated their marriage on Saturday, November 14th, at St. Johns Church, Croydon.

COMMUNITY DUPLICATOR

The Community Duplicator will be going into recess as from the week ending 18th December, 1981, and will resume on 2nd February, 1982.

Enquiries please phone 722-1618 or 722-1755.

St. MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

'Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet
Praise Him on lute and harp and with loud cymbols.'



Loud cymbols were much in evidence on the 22nd November when St. Cecelia's Day was celebrated and the new organ dedicated. All members of the congregation joined in music making with great gusto exposing never before seen talents with voice, cymbols, triangles and a variety of other 'music makers'. It was a joyful occasion for young and the young at heart.

The joyful theme continues during the Advent and Christmas season.

Sunday, 13th November - Advent Carol Service

A family carol service in which all can participate to be followed by morning tea.

Thursday, 24th December - Christmas Eve

Family Service - 8.00 p.m.

Friday, 25th December - Christmas Day

Holy Communion - 8.00 a.m.



All are welcome to come and share this happy and holy season.

COMMUNITY COTTAGE

A successful Market Day was held on Saturday, 14th November, with more than \$700 being spent at the various stalls, which included Woodwork, Pottery, Leadlighting, Leatherwork and Jewellery. The Art Class held an Art Exhibition and sale last weekend, with a very high class of paintings on display. Sales were satisfactory and encouraging and the favourable comments received from the many visitors has given the artists a great feeling of achievement. It has been decided to make the Art Show an annual event.

Anyone interested in joining any of the classes next year are encouraged to put their names down with the class teacher as soon as possible. We could also have two new courses available next year depending on numbers interested in attending, they are Jazz Ballet for adults and Woodwork. If you are interested please place your name on the list at the Cottage or ring Sue Couper on 722-1738.

WONGA PARK RURAL FIRE BRIGADE



Summer Fire Restrictions

A firm date has not yet been set for the declaration of the Summer Fire Danger Period in the Wonga Park area. Consequently residents should watch for the erection of the roadside warning signs. Notices will also be displayed at both Stores as soon as the declaration date is advised.



Wonga Park Rural Fire Brigade (Cont.)

The Brigade suggests that all residents should familiarize themselves with the details of the Summer Fire Restrictions before lighting any fire in the open.

Total Fire Ban

It is quite probable that a day of Total Fire Ban could be declared before the declaration of the Summer Fire Restrictions in the Wonga Park area.

For information about Summer Fire Restrictions and Total Fire Bans ring 11 540 or call at the Fire Station on any Sunday morning between 9-11 a.m. Please do not ring the Brigade's Fire Alarm number for this information.

IN CASE OF FIRE RING: 722-1288

RAINFALL

During November 95.50mm (3.82 inches) of rain were recorded. For the 11 months there have been 723.50mm (28.94 inches). The average annual rainfall for Wonga Park is between 31 and 32 inches.



The answer to last months puzzle:

The friends push the paper under a closed door, and stand on either side.

There will be no puzzle for December but look for a brand new mindbender in our next edition of News and Notes in February 1982.



As this is the last Newsletter until February, I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year and to say a special thankyou to all those who have helped with their contributions and services in getting this Newsletter to you.

See you all in the New Year.

Your Ed.

DEADLINE NEXT ISSUE: Friday, 29th January, 1982. Contributions can be left at the Post Office or with the Editor, Denise Goodwin, by the above date. Thankyou.