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THE NEXT MEETING OF THE WONGA PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER IN THE COMMUNITY COTTAGE AT 8 P.M.

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It was reported to the Association that the Reserve Development Committee has endorsed a plan submitted by its representative from the kindergarten to cover the open drain between the kindergarten and the tennis courts and to construct a barbeque area and adventure playground thereon. It is understood that the Shire approves the development in principle and that it will be costed and considered by the Council. It is expected that it will have a low priority and that it will be some time before work is commenced if it is adopted.

The Association was advised by Cr. Robyn Barker that the proposed toilet block near the netball courts has been recommended to proceed. She did not know when work would commence but expected that it was likely to be between now and next winter. It appears also that internal toilets for the hall will also go ahead in the near future.

#### WONGA PARK HISTORICAL NIGHT

A Wonga Park Historical Night is to be held on FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER, 1983 at 8.00 p.m. at the WONGA PARK HALL. Guest Participants will be:

Mr. Gwyn James  
Mrs. Dot Smith  
Mr. Les Read  
Mr. Fred Renton  
Mrs. Margaret Boyer

Films and slides will be shown. Bring your own photographs and other items of historical interest. Please give your support to this evening by attending with your family and friends. **ADMISSION FREE.** Tea and coffee will be served. Please bring a plate. The evening is sponsored by the Wonga Park District Residents' Association.

#### RAINFALL

During September 94 mm (3.76 inches) of rain were recorded. A total of 194 mm (7.76 inches) of rain fell during August and September to bring the total for the first nine months of the year to 580.50 mm (23.20 inches). The average annual rainfall for Wonga Park is 828 mm (33.12 inches).

COMMUNITY COTTAGE (Old Yarra Road opposite tennis courts)

Contact: Sue Couper 722 1738  
Robyn Dennis 722 1461  
Jenny Upton 722 1446

The next meeting for the Wonga Park Community Cottage will be held on Thursday 3rd November at 10 a.m. A friendly welcome for all.

Wood 'n' Gifts: This month Kathy Harrison will show her extensive and exclusive range of wooden giftware at the Cottage on Thursday 13th October at 1 p.m. Nature alone governs the growth and graining of woods and no two trees, even of the same species, are alike. This is why each piece of Wood'n'Gifts woodware is an original that cannot be duplicated at man's will. This is a great chance of early Christmas shopping at competitive prices with a huge range of excellent gifts such as toys, chopping boards, kitchen accessories, bathroom wear and a range of wooden classics, e.g. hand turned pedestals in several finishes, mirrors, clocks and trays. Kathy also carries an interesting range of sea shells at very reasonable prices. Bankcard is welcome and will not be charged to your account until the day of delivery, usually three weeks after ordering. Afternoon tea will be provided. Ask a friend to come along, it will be an enjoyable afternoon.

Leadlighting: Have you ever admired stained glass and thought you would like to try your hand at this art that has a thousand year history? Now is your chance! There are just a couple of vacancies left in this limited class. Our dedicated tutor, Amy Adams, will guide you through the various stages of creating a stained glass piece. Amy has practically every book available on stained glass for inspiration, designs, etc., and some great ideas for Christmas presents. By contacting 836 2693 after 6 p.m. Amy will gladly give further details of this fascinating craft.

Art Group: Tuesday mornings postponed until further interest shown.

Pottery: Vacancies still exist in day and evening classes. For many people, working with clay has become a kind of therapy, a safety valve, a way to rediscover some of the basic qualities of life otherwise submerged in a machine-dominated world. Our enthusiastic potters Mrs. Leigh Wills (day time) and Kerryn Barr (evening) teach all the techniques of this craft, inspiring their students to make successful pottery which can be put to practical use or displayed with pride in their home.

Aerobics: With the summer months not too far away now is the time to join in the fun working out with Jane Fonda. The up-tempo music forms the basis for a series of carefully structured exercises which utilize each part of your body in specific sequence. Whether you're 15 or 50 with the help of the Jane Fonda Workout Tape and a little hard work you can achieve a well-proportioned healthy body - not to mention the outward glow that comes from feeling good inside. The aerobics group begins at 9.15 a.m. sharp every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and the 'beginners' workout lasts approximately 35 minutes. We are feeling the benefits already and when we've mastered the beginners stage it's hoped that at least one day per week will be devoted to the advanced level. Cost for non-members 50¢ per day - members free. If Lady Di finds time to do it, so can you!

Toy Library: The Toy Library has been operating at the Cottage for a year now and has proved to be a worthwhile venture for our young Wonga Parkians. The toys, jigsaw puzzles, story-telling tapes and other creative activities are of excellent standard and quality. The subscription for twelve months is \$11 for one child or \$14 for two or more children. If you are interested in becoming a member please ring Jenny Upton on 722 1446. The next Toy Library day is Tuesday 11th October from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and open every following fortnight.

COMMUNITY COTTAGE (Contd.)

A reminder that the Cottage is available for hire as a venue for community meetings for a small fee. Mrs. Aird will be pleased to take bookings on 722 1242.

CLASSES OFFERED BY THE COTTAGE FOR TERM III:

MONDAY	<u>Aerobics</u>		9.15 a.m. sharp
	<u>Leadlighting</u>		1 - 3 p.m. (day) 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. (evening)
	Tutor		Amy Adams 836 2693 after 6 p.m.
TUESDAY	<u>Stretch Sewing Course</u>		9.15 - 11.15 a.m.
	Tutor		Judy Place on 722 1584
	<u>Toy Library</u>		Fortnightly
	Contact		Jenny Upton on 722 1446
WEDNESDAY	<u>Aerobics</u>		9.15 a.m.
	<u>Spinning &amp; Weaving</u>		11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Spinning wheels available for beginners.
	Contact		Sue Couper on 722 1738
	<u>Art</u>		1 - 3 p.m.
	Tutor		Jan Bissett-Johnson on 722 1687
THURSDAY	<u>Pottery</u>	DAY	1 - 3 p.m.
	Tutor		Mrs. Leigh Wills
	Contact		Chris Couper on 722 1647
	<u>Pottery</u>	EVENING	7.15 - 9.15 p.m.
	Tutor		Kerryn Barr on 722 1440 after 6 p.m. Electric potters' wheel available for use at Cottage and all firing done locally for very reasonable cost.
FRIDAY	<u>Aerobics</u>		9.15 a.m.

MUSIC EXAMINATIONS

The following students were successful at the conclusion of the year's examinations in music conducted by A.M.E.B. :-

BEVERLY ROWE	Pass Third Grade
ADRIAN FUNG	Preliminary 'A' First Grade High B
KATY FANKHAUSER	Preliminary High B and First Grade Credit
ALLISON FUNG	Preliminary High B
ERROLEEN FUNG	Preliminary High B

NATURE WALK ON YARRA BRAE

Despite inclement weather our family Walk With A Naturalist was very well attended and most successful. Our thanks for a very worthwhile experience must go to John Reid the naturalist, Bill Clifford of the National Parks Service and the Bissett-Johnsons.

DISCOVERY TRAIL

Research into suitable buildings and sites of interest is well underway. Did you know that Forest Gate (White Lodge) was once a quest house where actors and actresses took holidays; that the Post Office has been situated in three different localities; that there used to be a cannery in Launderers Avenue; and that there was once a shop in Old Yarra Road.

Perhaps you can help us - we are interested to know:-

- 1) Are there any ripple iron houses still standing?
- 2) The site of the mud house where Baishers lived.
- 3) If anyone has a can or a label from the cannery.
- 4) Are there any obvious remains of the old road built by Mr. Read?

.... and the sixty-four dollar question:-

- 5) Which is the oldest house in the district.

If you have any information, photos, stories or memories you would like to share please contact:-

Jill Drew	722 1808
Robyn Fankhauser	722 1730
Pam Fallon	722 1618
Lynda Hickling	722 1755

... or you would be most welcome at our next meeting 8.00 p.m. Tuesday 18th October at 22 Toppings Road.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH

More than 60 people joined in our Springtime Harvest Thanksgiving Service on 25th September enjoying liturgical dance and an outdoor celebration of Holy Communion. Our thanks for all donations of produce which were distributed to the Maroonah Alcoholics Recovery Centre and the Mission of St. James and St. John.

St. Francis Day - Blessing of Pets - Sunday 9th October at 9.30 a.m. Bring yourself and your pets. There will be a guest speaker from our local Animal Care Centre Blue Cross as well as a dramatization of St. Francis and the Wolf.

Believing & Belonging continues as usual at 4.00 p.m. on Thursdays for all school age children. All welcome.

WONGA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL (Dudley Road)

SPRINGTIME COUNTRY FAIR NOVEMBER 5TH 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Come one and all and join in the fun while supporting your local school. There will be:-

Plenty of entertainments - pony rides, kill the rat, wet sponge throw, football pass, disco, video games, lucky dips, silhouette, 10¢ throw, films, coconut shy etc.,

Plenty to eat - Ice cream, soft drinks, hot dogs, pies and pasties, donuts, fairyfloss, barbeque, devonshire teas,

Plenty to buy - cakes, gourmet food, arts & crafts, white elephant, books, sweets, plants, showbags, pre-loved clothes and toys,

Plenty to see - display of farm animals (11.30 to 1.30) local arts and crafts, fire brigade, children's art display and decorated saucers.

Advertising - There will be the opportunity for businesses to advertise their services over our P.A. System. For a donation of \$25 your business will be mentioned every hour throughout the day. Please ring David Cox 722 1209 after 7 pm.