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DEADLINE FOR NEWS & NOTES is the last Friday of the month.
April deadline will be Friday 30 March 1990.

CONTRIBUTIONS may be left at the P.O. Store in Jumping Creek Road.

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DEVELOPMENT IN WONGA PARK

At the Residents' Association February meeting, a meeting of approx 40 people vigorously discussed development in Wonga Park and resolved that the Association objects to any further commercial development in Wonga Park, and the following developments in particular.

Rock Store

There was some uncertainty as to exactly what is happening at the Rock Store, however it is in a Residential Development Zone under the Shire's Planning Scheme and any commercial use of the site is illegal without a planning permit and no planning permit has been issued yet to use the land for commercial purposes. It appears that the activity and earth moving carried on there is far in excess of that required by landscaping of the area and the advertising signs are excessive for advertising a landscaper's business.

Extra Shops at Post Office Store

The owner of the building at the Post Office Store has a permit allowing up to 150 metres of retail floor space which the current shop appears to be. However, the building itself is substantially larger and the open area beneath has now been fitted out to "shop" standard. It appears that so long as these areas are used for the purposes of storage, etc, they are acceptable. The land on which the building is constructed is now zoned "commercial" under the Shire's planning scheme and the Council can grant permits for an extended retail area subject to complying with the planning scheme's car parking requirements, etc.

Beagley's Extensions and Excavations

The owner of Beagley's applied for a planning permit to extend Beagley's store in December 1988 and received a letter in reply that no planning permit was required for the proposed development and was not in a position to issue a permit. Early in 1989 the new planning scheme came into effect and the proposed extensions became illegal without first obtaining a planning permit.

The owner has carried out substantial excavations on the site which appear to be endangering the neighbour's property. The owner of the store is unable to obtain a building permit for the extensions (including a retaining wall for the extensions as he now needs a planning permit (which is unlikely to be given) for the extension. In the meantime nothing is being done about the excavation, the owner blaming the Council for not issuing a permit and the Council blaming the owner for not applying for a permit for a retaining wall separate from the extensions to the building. Apparently the Council does not have emergency powers to retain the excavations itself.

Reserve Road Restaurant

The owner of land at the corner of Reserve and Davis Roads has applied to the Council for a permit to construct a restaurant on the land. The zoning allows the Council to grant a permit for up to a 120 seat restaurant ancillary to a commercial winery and the Council has written to the owner requesting evidence that a commercial winery is operating on the land.

In support of its resolution that the Association objects to any further commercial development in Wonga Park, the Association has organized a petition to the Shire of Lillydale which has been circulated around Wonga Park preceded by a letter explaining the reasons for the petition and which petition will be presented to the Council. The Association has also written to the Council requesting it to do all in its power to see that a retaining wall is built to secure the excavations at Beagley's and remove the threat to the neighbouring properties.

RECONSTRUCTION OF YARRA ROAD

The Council staff have prepared plans for the next stage of the realignment and reconstruction of Yarra Road and subject to ratification by Council, a Council officer will attend the next meeting of the Residents' Association and display the plans. All residents interested in the realignment of Yarra Road, and in particular the effect it may or may not have on the trees along Yarra Road, are urged to attend.

LIBRARY VAN

The library van's hours at Wonga Park have been reduced and the van now leaves at 5.00 pm instead of 6.00 pm as a cost cutting exercise. Unfortunately the bulk of the library van's business used to be done during this hour. The Residents' Association has written to the Council requesting that the closing time be changed back to 6.00 pm. However, anyone disadvantaged by the early closing is also urged to write or telephone the Council, lodging a complaint.

CELLULAR TELEPHONE STATION

Telecom is planning the construction of a cellular telephone station in Wonga Park but at present its proposed location is unknown.

BLACK SPRINGS ROAD

The Council has determined to investigate ways to close Black Springs Road at Brushy Creek permanently. Apparently it was temporarily closed some years ago but local residents removed the barriers and improved the causeway. Residents further up Blacksprings Road are complaining about the dust caused by the through traffic and the Council cannot afford to construct a proper bridge across the Brushy Creek and seal the full length of Black Springs Road.

PAYNTER ROAD

Residents at the western end of Paynter Road have approached the Council for the sealing of approx 200 metres of the road at its western end to reduce the dust problem in the area. The Council is unable to seal this stretch of road until proposed drainage works are constructed and has agreed to use a dust suppressant treatment to temporarily alleviate the problem. The Council will write to all the residents in Paynter Road for their views on a road construction scheme.

NEW VICAR FOR ST MARKS

The congregation at St Marks Anglican Church welcomed the Rev Dixon Kenney, his wife Wendy and their three children at their first service on February 4.

Dixon comes to St Marks with a breadth of experience that includes extensive parish life and counselling work as well as experience in the workforce as a computer instructor. The Kenney family replace the Rev Darrell Paproth, his wife Beth and family who worshipped at St Marks for four years. Their leadership and connection with the Bible College at Lilydale provided strong spiritual growth and warmth within the parish congregation. We are grateful for their Christian ministry over the past four years.

St Marks Sunday morning service is at 9.30 am. Sunday School is held during service times. Prayer and Bible Study is held every second Thursday evening. The Teenage Youth group meets every second Friday evening under the leadership of Mark and Robin Jenkins who are currently studying at the Bible College. Regular Ladies and Mens nights are part of the parish activities as well as a variety of other social functions.

Rev Dixon Kenney can be contacted on 873 4476. He encourages any member of the Wonga Park community to share with him at any time.

CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Catholic Religious Instruction classes starting Tuesday 6 March in Northern Zone areas. Primary classes 1 - 6.
Enquiries please contact Glenda Coutts 726 8231.

RAINFALL

In February 80 mm (3.20 inches) of rain were recorded. Following a very dry January the rainfall for the first two months of the year is 83.50 mm (3.34 inches).

COMMUNITY COTTAGE

The Wonga Park Community Cottage has been in operation for ten years and throughout that time, it has had an important role in our community. The building, now the Community Cottage venue for many leisure activities, classes and meetings, was built around 1950 by Alan Bickford for his family. It was situated on an orchard which extended through to 'Coolibah'. In 1978 the Lillydale Council purchased the cottage and some adjoining land to form part of the Recreation Reserve, and in February 1980 a meeting of interested local residents formed an interim Management Committee. It was first used as a meeting place for local residents and skill sharing was the main activity.

The first official AGM took place in April 1981. All the past and present committees should be very proud of its success, as their achievements have been our community's gain. As a result of ten years of experience the Community Cottage has been able to formulate goals that indicate its direction:

- To be a non-profit, non discriminatory based centre.
- To develop a sense of community belonging.
- To provide a range of services for the diverse needs of the individual and family, including mutual support.
- To be a referral and information centre.
- To encourage social and community development.
- To be a reflection of the community's needs and directions.

Over the past ten years the Committees of Management have continued to develop the above aims to be appropriate to the changing community, and all current activities of WPCC reflect and encompass these aims. As we live in an expanding and changing community, we are convinced that a part-time co-ordinator would be essential in helping us to achieve our goals and adequately provide the services to residents and user groups.

We are happy to announce that we have been granted funding for a part-time co-ordinator for 1990. We would like to thank everyone involved in this achievement, specially Kristine Broom, Alistair Lee Archer and Michael Fieldew.

As it is the 10th Anniversary at the Cottage, we are planning to celebrate this occasion by a free community BBQ and bush band, with funding provided by the Shire of Lillydale. All the community groups in the area, including the school, will be participating in a variety of ways.

Keep this date free! SUNDAY 18 MARCH, 11 - 3 PM.

Information Sheet

Amendment L66 to Lillydale Planning Scheme
Wonga Park Overall Development Plan

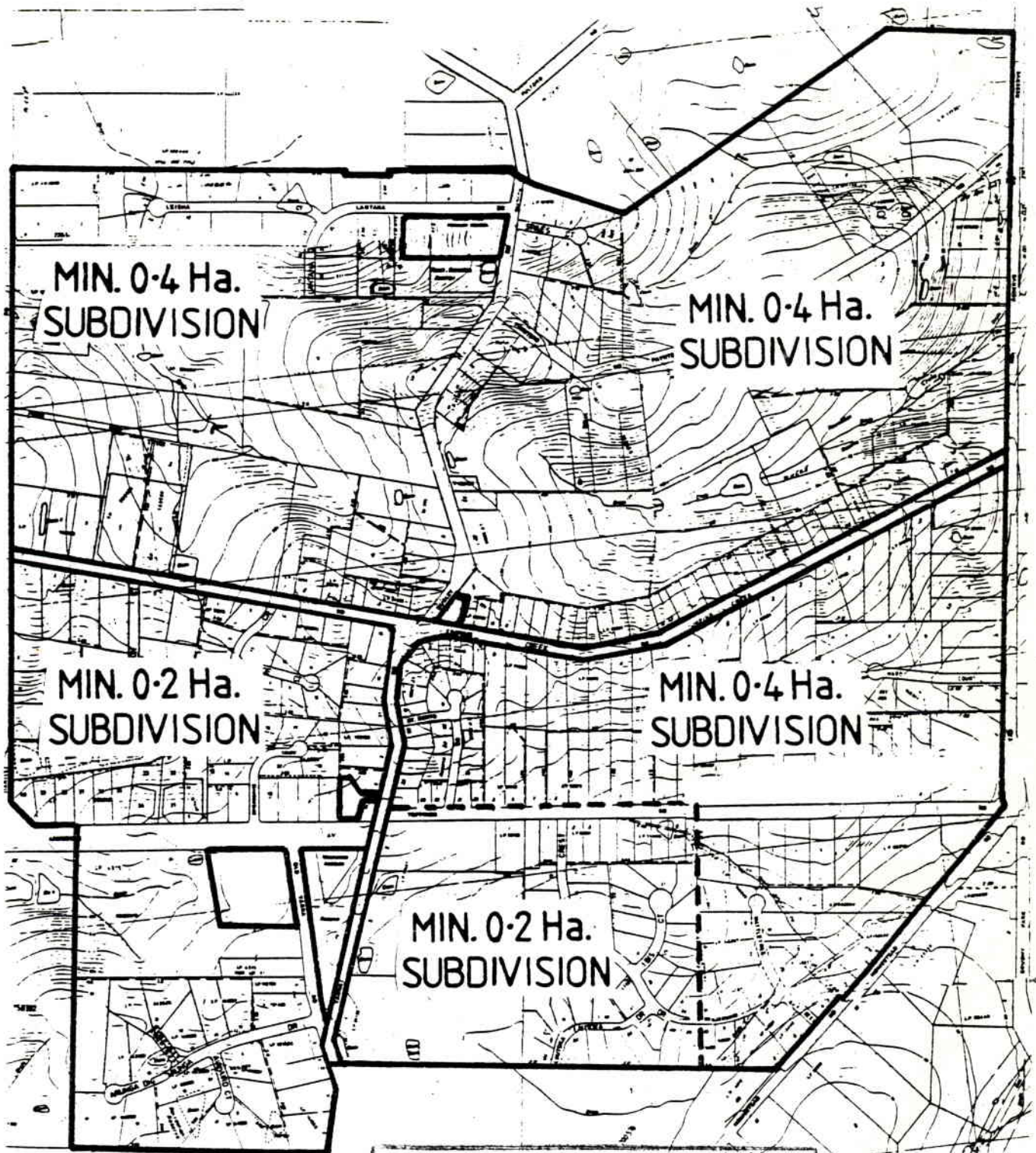
The Wonga Park Overall Development Plan (O.D.P.) is designed to limit the size of allotments in the Wonga Park residential area to the minimum sizes shown on the plan.

By inserting the O.D.P. into the Lillydale Planning Scheme the plan will gain statutory effect which was not the case with the previous policy plan for Wonga Park.

Any future changes to an O.D.P. in the Planning Scheme will have to be fully advertised to residents of the area.

All submissions/objections on the plan should be directed to Amendment L66 to the Lillydale Planning Scheme by the 6th April 1990. Objections will be considered by Council and possibly an independent panel.

WONGA PARK OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PLAN.



EXHIBITION

COPY

- ZONE BOUNDARY
- - - - POLICY BOUNDARY.



YOU ARE INVITED TO
WONGA PARK
COMMUNITY
COTTAGE'S



10th Birthday Barbecue
Sunday 18th March 11am - 3pm
cottage car park old yarra rd

FREE:

BARBECUE, SALADS, BREAD AND FRUIT

BYO CHAIRS, DRINKS AND HATS

BUSH BAND PLAYING FROM 12.30 - 2.30 PM

OPEN HOUSE AT THE COTTAGE WITH DISPLAYS AND INFORMATION FROM :

THE WONGA PARK AND DISTRICTS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

WONGA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

WONGA PARK PLAYGROUP

WONGA PARK GUIDES AND BROWNIES

WONGA PARK SCOUTS AND CUBS

AND STORYTIME FROM THE BURCH MEMORIAL PRE-SCHOOL

SEE THE WORKINGS AND HAVE A WANDER THROUGH THE WONGA PARK FIRE BRIGADE
AND WONGAROO CHILD CARE CENTRE.

BRING YOUR RACQUETS, BALLS AND SHOES FOR A FREE GAME AT THE WONGA
PARK TENNIS CLUB (11am-3pm)

COME ALONG AND ENJOY YOURSELVES AND FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU!

THE WONGA PARK COMMUNITY COTTAGE COMMITTEE OF MANAGMENT

