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GOODFELLOWS SUPERMARKET/CHEERS BOTTLESHOP WONGA PARK

WONGA PARK VILLAGE IS CELEBRATING THEIR 3rd BIRTHDAY on 10 NOVEMBER.
*** COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FUN ***

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BOOKLET - HISTORY OF WONGA PARK

Back in 1984 a sub-committee of the Residents' Association spent many hours compiling and producing a booklet on the history of the area. It represents a record of the history and development of the buildings and places that have been significant in the growth and changing face of the community. A short while ago it was discovered that there are still 126 of the booklets available for sale and you can buy one at any of the regular Wonga Park & District Residents' Association meetings held on the second Friday of each month. The booklet is not fancy, but the information it contains is worth much more than the \$5.00 purchase price. There are no plans to reprint the booklet, so when these are all sold, they will become unavailable.

RESERVE ROAD - SPEED LIMIT

The Association wrote to the Lilydale Council back in July requesting that the 100 kph speed limit in operation along Reserve Road be lowered. The section of Reserve Road is used by joggers, cyclists and horse riders, and is narrow with a steep drop into the Reserve. In reply, the Council advised that, as the section of road is in a rural area, any reduction in the speed limit is not considered appropriate. Council also considers that reducing the speed limit alone would be unlikely to slow vehicles down and that, as the road carries less than 200 vehicles a day, the police would be unlikely to expend resources in enforcing the limit.

WONGA PARK VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTRE IS 3 YEARS OLD

To celebrate, we are having a party on Saturday 10 November with great deals in all shops. Twiggy the Clown will be appearing with balloons and lollies for the children. There will be a sausage sizzle and wine and cheese tastings.

Wonga Park Jazz Ballet will be performing at 12 noon, followed by \$100 food hamper draw and consolation prizes. Tickets available at Goodfellows/Cheers with every \$5 of goods purchased. You must be present for the draw.

Wonga Park Brownies will wash your car while you shop, proceeds to Brownies. Wonga Park Primary School participated in a colouring competition sponsored by Goodfellows and each participant won a tree. Their pictures are on display at the Centre. The Shopping Centre staff are also grateful to Wonga Park Girl Guides for delivering their brochures and to the Wonga Park Scout Group for mowing the grass around the Centre.

WONGA PARK RESERVE

Two working bees at Wonga Park Reserve have set the scene for an increasing awareness among residents of our indigenous flora.

Sue and Murray Couper have been setting a good example for years on their property in Freyne Road where they maintain 20 acres of Red Box, Red Stringybark, Peppermint woodland and its associated understorey of wattles, orchids, lilies and wallaby grasses.

On public land such as roadsides, it is the tiny plants of the understorey which suffer first with trampling, soil disturbance and weed invasion.

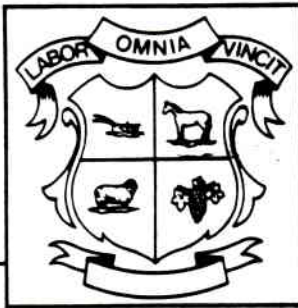
The first working bee, on September 30, tackled the weed problem, Sweet Pittosporum being the target. A word of explanation may be necessary for those of you who may be wondering why our enthusiastic team removed a tree with such sweetly performed flowers. Sweet Pittosporum (*Pittosporum Undulatum*) is an Australian plant but does not belong in Wonga Park bushland. Its natural home is in the wet forests east of the Dividing Range from Brisbane to Western Port in Victoria. But, its use as a garden plant, and then the help of the European blackbird, have caused it to spread far beyond its natural habitat. The deep shade given by Pittosporum causes the loss of understorey plants and, as species diversity is one of the aims of bush regeneration programs, Pittosporum should be removed. It is also thought that Pittosporum produces chemicals which poison understorey plants.

The weeders were delighted to find Wax-lip Orchids, Love Creeper, Apple Berry, Tiger Orchids, Grass-trees and Bitter Peas flowering in the Reserve. By the way, if you would like to see the small Grass-tree (*Xanthorrhoea Minor*) at its best, Sue Couper says they are looking lovely right now at "Cathella".

The second working bee on Sunday October 6 was also a great success and Leeanne would like to thank those who participated. 240 trees and shrubs were planted and Geoff will make sure these are watered and maintained through their first summer. Another working bee is planned for the end of November. Keep up the good work!

RAINFALL

In October 97.50 mm (3.90 inches) of rain were recorded, bringing the total for the first 10 months of the year to 809 mm (32.36 inches).



SHIRE OF LILLYDALE

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10th October, 1990

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: SAFE TRAIN PROJECT

I write to extend an invitation to you to attend a public meeting to discuss the involvement of the Shire of Lillydale and the Lillydale community in the Safe Train Project.

As you are probably aware, the City of Croydon initiated the Safe Train Project some twelve (12) months ago to provide safe travel to the city for young people on Saturday nights. The Project has been an outstanding success, not only providing safe travel for a significant number of young people, but also resulting in a measured reduction in vandalism to MET property and rolling stock, along with a decrease in personal assault and violence.

Given the success of the Project, Council believes it appropriate for the Shire and the community of Lillydale to consider extension of the Project to encompass Mooroolbark and Lillydale stations to provide safe travel for the younger residents of the Municipality.

A meeting to discuss this matter is to be held on Thursday 1st November, 1990, 7.30 p.m. at the Shire Offices, Anderson Street, Lillydale. At the meeting Alan Murnane from the City of Croydon will be on hand to outline the success of the Project to date and to answer any queries that may arise. An aim of the meeting will be to seek community involvement on a Co-ordinating Committee to encourage community participation as 'platform volunteers' at Mooroolbark and Lillydale stations on Saturday nights.

If you, or a representative of your organisation is able to attend this important meeting, please contact the Shire's Youth Services Development Officer, Brenton Hancock, on 735 8421 to advise of your attendance.

Yours sincerely,


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