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DEADLINE FOR NEWS & NOTES is the last Friday of the month. February Deadline will be Friday 25 January 1991.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Executive and Members of the Residents' Association extend warmest best wishes to everyone in the community for a Very Merry Christmas and a Safe & Happy New Year

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Residents' Association is a forum for local residents to discuss issues affecting the area. There was no meeting of the Association in November as only the Committee turned up and perhaps it is time once again to review whether or not the Association has run its course.

Although attendance at meetings over the past year have been encouraging (there are usually about 12 at each monthly meeting), those who regularly attend still consist of only a very small number of concerned residents.

The obvious conclusion from this is that the majority of residents are either satisfied with the current state of things such as roads, level of development, community facilities and so on in the area, or don't care.

In the same way, there have been very few contributions for News & Notes over the past 12 months, with the only regular contribution coming from the Community Cottage. News & Notes is available for any group that wishes to let the community know what they are up to and is distributed through the three local stores at no cost. But if the community does not utilise this newsletter, then there seems little point continuing with it.

The last meeting of the Residents' Association for the year is to be held at the Community Cottage, 8.00pm Friday 14 December 1990 and there are still a limited number of copies of the booklet 'The History of Wonga Park' which are available for \$5.00 each at any meeting of the Association.

WONGA PARK COMMUNITY COTTAGE, Old Yarra Road, 3115

Christmas came to the Cottage on Monday 26th November, when the Decorated Gift Boxes and Cards and Christmas Topiary Trees were being made. The last two workshops for the year will be another Christmas Topiary Tree Workshop on Monday 3rd Dec. and the Christmas Table Centre Workshop on Monday 10th December.

The 'Becoming More Positive' group are now looking towards their 1991 goals and we are waiting for feedback from the 'Survive With Your Teenager' class.

There was a wonderful aroma on Wednesday 14th November, when our spinning group led by Jean Aird had a breadmaking day. The stove in our new kitchen was christened and the results added kilos to some of us who couldn't stop eating.

Term 1 for '1991 seems so far away right now, but look out for our program being postal dropped on 21st January. Enrolment day will be on Wednesday 13th February. Hopefully you will find something to interest you. Don't wait for something to be offered, call in or phone Linda on 7221944 and suggest a class you would like to do. Perhaps you and some friends would like to meet at the Cottage once a week or monthly for whatever reason - swap ideas etc.

VANDALISM

The Community Cottage has again had unwelcome visitors who this time decided that breaking a few windows was fun. This is the third time in as many months that the Cottage has been broken into and vandalised and it is not only the Cottage that has suffered in this way. With daylight savings and school holidays over the next couple of months, it would be a safe bet to assume that this sort of vandalism will continue, or even increase, over that time.

I can't imagine anyone other than children deriving any pleasure out of smearing vegemite on walls or urinating on telephones, so it is pretty obvious that kids are involved.

This sort of vandalism obviously ends up as a liability for everyone in the community and we all end up paying for it, one way or another.

The Community Cottage organised a meeting a few months ago for any parents or kids who may be interested in forming a youth group, but no-one turned up.

RAINFALL

In November 56 mm (2.24 inches of rain) were recorded. This makes the total for the first eleven months 866.50 mm (34.66 inches).



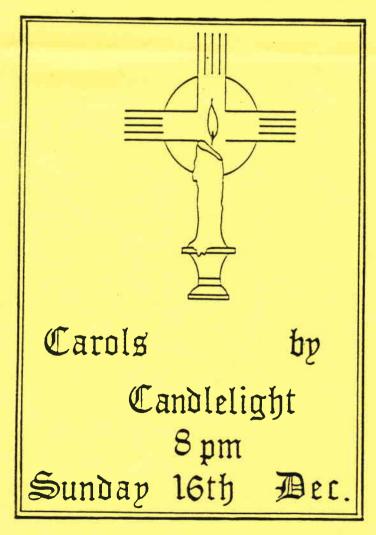
Jull Gospel Church, Parra Road, Wonga Park, 3115.

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

We wish to extend to you a warm invitation to our annual CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT. We feel sure you would enjoy this family time, with our Sunday School children also taking part to entertain you, on 16th December.

You could also have a lot of fun meeting our Youth Group in this year's Musical, which is a light-hearted version of the Christmas story - "WISE GUYS AND STARRY SKIES" is studded with some great songs, on Sunday 9th December.

May we also, as a congregation, wish all the residents of Wonga Park a very happy Christmas and a very prosperous 1991.





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