

NEWS & NOTES

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Next Meeting: Fri 8 March 1990 8.00 pm at the Community Cottage

DEADLINE FOR NEWS & NOTES is the last Friday of the month.
April deadline will be Friday 29 March 1991.

CONTRIBUTIONS are welcome and may be left at the Store in
Jumping Creek Rd Cnr Dudley Road.

This month's newsletter is sponsored by:

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WONGA PARK CHIROPRACTIC CENTRE
Cnr Dudley & Jumping Creek Rd

OPEN DAY
SAT 16 MARCH 12-4pm

Please feel free to come and browse and have your questions
answered by Chiropractors Dr LINA BATTISTI & Dr TANIA LAMB

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RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

On behalf of the Residents' Association, I would like to thank
Kerry Taushke who has decided to step down as Editor of News &
Notes after considerable service. Her help and skills over
the past few years have been greatly appreciated.

Future enquiries about articles for the next edition of
News & Notes or Sponsorship offers, can now be directed to the
Secretary.

The Annual General Meeting of the Residents' Association will
be held prior to the normal April Meeting on Friday 12 April
1991 8.00pm at the Community Cottage. As always, there is an
open invitation to residents to come along and participate,
with the annual membership fee remaining at \$5.00 per family
per year. Fresh blood on the Committee is always needed and
appreciated.

The March meeting will be held at the Cottage 8.00pm on
8 March 1991 and a limited number of the booklets 'A History
of Wonga Park' are on sale for \$5.00 at the meetings.

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Reconstruction of Yarra Rd between St John's Rd and Dawes Rd
has finally started, as per the signs erected a couple of
weeks ago, but I don't like the chances of it being completed
by the date showing on the signs. Anyone that has to use
Yarra Rd daily will be extremely grateful when this
overdue reconstruction is finally completed.

Launders Avenue will be sealed shortly following requests from residents who the majority of which, much to the Shire's surprise, are not objecting to the financial contributions required. A small grant has also been obtained from Vic Roads to assist with the costs involved.

Announcements of applications for increased use of land for commercial purposes will be appearing within the next month as the Shire has accepted a proposal for the purposes of exhibition from the owner of the Store on the corner of Jumping Creek Rd and Dudley Rd and an alternative proposal from the owners of the Goodfellows shops. Given the reassurances that we have had from the Shire in the past, it is disappointing that they have now conceded to examine proposals for all three shop sites, including possible development on the Beagley's site.

The Wonga Park Overall Development Plan, which was examined by an independent review panel last year, has been abandoned. The panel concluded that the ODP was too limited, in that it only looked at residential land in an area in the centre of the township and did not address the issue of future commercial or recreational use. These issues were considered to be already adequately covered by existing zoning and planning provisions.

The Met is carrying out a survey of the transport needs of residents in the Outer East and the Shire's response to this survey will strongly support extension of the existing bus service to the Wonga Park area.

Residents of Ryland Crt (off Brushy Park Rd) have approached the Shire with a proposal to purchase the land set aside in their street for recreational purposes. There are numerous similar blocks dotted around Wonga Park that are the result of a requirement of developers who subdivide land to provide a proportion of the development to be set aside for recreational purposes.

The Shire is currently compiling a data base covering Council owned reserves which will provide an inventory of each site and its physical assets (flora and fauna). This database could assist in community tree plantings etc.. in identifying the extent and type of indigenous plants and trees in particular reserves.

More community tree planting days are planned during arbor week for the area behind the bus shelter at the corner of Jumping Creek and Yarra Roads, and for Penderal reserve.

New playground equipment has been installed in the playground area next to the Wonga Park Hall, and revegetation of the area following the recent tree planting program is coming along. Unfortunately, until the plants grow to a more hardy size, most of the area around the hall has to be hand mown. The recently installed fences also make the area much harder to keep maintained.

**WONGA PARK
COMMUNITY COTTAGE
Old Yarra Road, 3115**



GREAT NEWS - the Cottage is being used as community venue more often so far this year, with people dropping in and phoning for information not just from Wonga Park, but from surrounding areas. This is mainly due to use being open most of the week:

MON 9.15am-11.30am, & TUES, WED, THURS 9.15am-3pm.

Feel free to call in, we welcome the chance to respond to your needs and interests. Ideas for Term 2 program being planned now would be greatly appreciated. Anyone interested in helping at the Cottage or joining our Committee ? Its a way of having a say in your community.

Term 1 courses and activities have already started but we still have vacancies in the following:-

Smocking for beginners workshop - Mon 4 March 9.30am-11.30am
Mrs Rabbit pincushion workshop - Mon 18 March 9.30am-11.30am
Scribble paint workshop - Mon 25 March 9.30am-11.30am
Italian cooking now Wed 6 & 13 March at 10am
Lined basket workshop Wed night 20 & 27 March 7.30pm-9.30pm

We were dissappointed that we didn't get enough families to run the pre-school music workshop on Thursday morning and are debating whether to try again on another day for Term 2. Some feedback from parents will be extremely helpful. Do you need it ?

Don't miss our Wine & Cheese Night on Friday 22 March (\$10 per person) - all enquiries and bookings on 722 1944.

That's all for now,

Linda Hay
Co-ordinator

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St Mark's Anglican Church, Wonga Park, is sponsoring an Easter presentation of:

"OLIVETTE TO CALVARY"

featuring the Maroondah Singers and guest artists at St John's Anglican Church in Toorak Avenue, Croydon on Sat 23 March at 8pm.

Admission will be by donation and includes supper and all Wonga Park residents and their friends are cordially invited.

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CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION classes are now being offered to children from Grade One to Six in the Northern Zone Parish of Edmunds.

For enquiries, contact:

Catheletic Co-Ordinator Glenda Coutts on 726 8231