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**WONGA PARK & DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**8.00pm FRIDAY 12 APRIL 1991**  
(Prior to April Meeting)  
Community Cottage, Old Yarra Rd

It is that time again when we elect office bearers for the coming year. As well as the election of a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, membership fees are now payable. It would be encouraging, given the low attendance rate at meetings in the past year, if more than a handful of Wonga Park residents could make the effort to attend. The Association is only as good, or as useful, as the residents that make up its membership.

The family membership remains at \$5.00 per year, which is mainly used as a contribution to assist in the printing and distribution of News & Notes each month - with a circulation in the Wonga Park area of around 400.

The Residents' Association has existed for many years and has a good relationship with the local council. Meetings discuss any issue relevent to residents, such as roads, bus service, subdivision, commercial use of land etc., and a councillor regularly attends meetings to keep us informed of what Council is up to.

News & Notes is available as a medium for any group or individual in the community that may wish to contribute an article or a piece of news and have it distributed to local residents free of charge. Similarly, any individual or group can sponsor an edition of News & Notes for just \$20.00.

Once again the Community Cottage has been vandalised. This time, sometime over the Easter break, a mud brick storage shed at the rear of the Cottage was mindlessly damaged. Nothing of value was kept in the shed, moreover, nothing of real value is stored in the Cottage itself.

Unfortunately, the Community Cottage will soon have to meet the first \$200.00 of any insurance claim and the same \$200.00 excess will apply to all Council-owned facilities managed by Committees of Management as detailed in the following article which appeared in the Lilydale Express (2 April 1991).

What these means is that those volunteer groups that run and manage our local facilities must incorporate this charge into their membership and/or usage fees as a direct result of any vandalism that may occur.

It might be a good idea for any residents that find they are driving past the Cottage, the Kindergarten, School and so on late at night or over long weekends, to just keep an eye out for anyone hanging around and make the effort to call the Police if anything suspicious is seen.

LILLYDALE Council would be "penny pinching out of orphans' pockets" by making management committees pay the first \$200 of all insurance claims for damage to public buildings, according to a councillor.

Cr Kristine Broom (West Riding) said if the council adopted the proposal it would be doing the same as it was accusing the State Government of - trying to raise funds every way possible, regardless of ill-will.

However, her colleagues dismissed her call for the council to bear a greater cost of damage claims.

Acting on the advice of shire staff, the council voted to make

management committees pay the first \$100 of the insurance excess this financial year and \$200 from October.

The council argues the facility users rather than ratepayers should bear the cost.

The proposal had been under review since February.

A report prepared by shire staff stated community groups had borne less than eight per cent of expenses arising from property loss and damage.

It stated that committees had been asked to review their hire fees to compensate for the change.

And it said committees could benefit through other projects if

they were less reliant on council to pay for damage bills.

While the reform is likely to disturb some committees, the council has delegated authority to shire staff to consider hardship cases where payment could seriously hamper that group's activities.

The change will be reviewed in 12 months.

Cr Broom told last week's council meeting it would create unnecessary ill-will among community groups. She said many of them had trouble raising funds to operate let alone pay additional insurance costs.

Cr Ray Yates (South Riding) said the insurance was not the crux of the matter, but the worries many volunteers had about maintaining the properties.

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### WONGA PARK PRE-SCHOOL

**FETE 11 MAY - WONGA PARK HALL  
9.00 to 3.00**

- Food:** Devonshire Tea, Sausage Sizzle, Cake Stalls, Home-made Jam, Pickles, Chutney etc.
- Children:** Pony Rides, Lucky Dips, Face Painting, Clay Mould Painting and much more.
- Bargains:** Craft Stalls, White Elephant Stalls, Plants, Garage Sale stalls.

**Prizes to be Won:** Raffles, Spinning Wheels, Lucky Envelopes.

Come along and have a great family day. You can leave Mother's Day shopping until then and get a wonderful present. You can have a stall for yourself for only \$15.00. Have your own Garage Sale Stall and sell any old books, toys, crockery (anything you wish) or a Craft Stall.

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# WONGA PARK COMMUNITY COTTAGE Old Yarra Road, 3115



Our first term for 1990 was a great success, with lots of new skills being learnt as well as lots of enjoyment. If you haven't visited the Cottage lately call in and see us. ENROLMENT DAY FOR TERM 2 is on TUESDAY 7TH MAY 9am - 12 noon, 2.30pm - 4.30pm and 7pm - 8pm. Look out for our green program to be delivered soon. It includes:-

POSITIVE THINKING - 6 week course. Neville Seaborne will help you explore your inner potentials. Including techniques to assist personal success, growth and communication skills and improvement of self image.

PRE SCHOOL LITERACY - 6 week course. Tutor Jane Dovey will assist parents who want to help their children to read..

LEARNING HOW TO LEARN - A Saturday workshop for men, women, young and old - for anyone who would like to find an easier, more enjoyable way to learn. Includes an explanation of how the two sides of the brain function, a multisensory diagnosis of the ways in which you learn to determine, whether sight, sound or touch is your strongest sense. Visualizations and relaxation to increase the effectiveness of your brain.

ASTROLOGY - Another Saturday workshop - reinterpreted by a woman will study the 12 signs of the Zodiac with a feminine perspective.

PRE SCHOOL MUSIC GROUP - Children and parents share in the fun of musical games, songs and instruments.

PERSONALISED FITNESS CLASSES - Learn how and why you benefit from exercises whilst doing them. Qualified fitness consultant will teach how to measure, monitor and program your own fitness level.

STEP - Small group designed for parents to develop skills to help in dealing effectively with childrens behaviour.

Also, BASIC CAR MAINTENANCE, talk on WISE CONSUMERISM by Kate Hammond from The Consumer Centre, talk on NATURAPATHIC TREATMENT OF MENOPAUSE, SMOCKING, RIBBON EMBROIDERY, POTTERY, CHINESE COOKING, LEADLIGHT AND VARIED CRAFTS. ..JAZZ BALLET and much more..

The Cottage AGM will be on the 30th April at 8pm. Please come and support what we are doing.