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S.E.C. PRUNING OF TREES

Are you concerned about the severe pruning of trees by the S.E.C. under and near power lines? Do you feel that this year it has been excessive? If so come to the next meeting of the Residents' Association where John Ward, Customer Operations & Services Manager of the S.E.C. Ringwood will listen to residents concerns and both explain the S.E.C.'s policies and advise what avenues are open to concerned residents.

VANDALISM

It has been reported to the Residents' Association that motorised vandals have been driving around the ovals and the grassed areas of the reserve and residents have been requested to keep an eye open for any such vehicles and if possible to take a note of the vehicles' registration Nos. and to report them to the police.

HIGH DENSITY SUBDIVISION:

The Residents' Association, and the Shire of Lillydale, made submissions to the Independant Panel hearing submissions in connection with Amendment SR1 relating to all planning schemes, whereby high density (about 10-12 blocks per acre) subdivision would be allowed in Residential Development zones (as Wonga Park is zoned) in the outer suburbs of Melbourne as of right should not apply to the Wonga Park area. These submissions have been accepted by the panel and it has recommended that Wonga Park be excluded from this effect of the amendment.

COUNCIL NOTES

At the West riding Committee meeting held on the 16 March 1992 the Committee recommended to Council as follows:-

Recreational Motor Vehicle

To grant a permit to allow the owner of a $10\frac{1}{2}$ acre property in Holloway Road Wonga Park for the use of a recreational motor vehicle on the property subject to a variety of conditions some of which are quite restrictive.

New Shop

That the planning permit for the shop on the north-east corner of Jumping creek and Dudley Roads be amended to allow the single existing shop be altered to enable the establishment of two separate shop facilities. This would not involve any increase in the available retail floor area of the shop.

Request to Reseal Eastern End of Gatters Road

In response to a petition to Council for the sealing of 1.2km of the eastern end of Gatters Road to a low standard costing \$2.20 per square metre at the cost of the petitioners, the committee has recommended that the petitioners be advised:-

- that the recent sealing of Gatters Road (North) at an estimated (a) cost of \$3,800 was undertaken as a trial to test the cost of maintaining a lightly trafficked sealed road (80 vehicles per day) that has been constructed with minimal crushed rock pavement;
- that whilst council appreciates their offer to fund the cost of (b) sealing Gatters Road East, the cost of sealing the road to an acceptable standard is estimated to be \$70,000; and
- that in view of the current demands on Council finances, it (c) is unlikely that the project will be funded in the foreseeable future.

Cricket Club Lease of Ovals

In connection with the leasing of the Wonga Park ovals to the Cricket Club the Committee recommended that:-

- Council reaffirm the commitment of an earlier Council to allow the (a) Wonga Park Reserve to be available to the Cricket Club rent free on a 30 year term (15 years plus 15 years);
- Council accept the proposal of the Wonga Park Cricket Club, whereby (b) Council will pay \$7,500 per annum to the club, which will undertake the following maintenance - oval cutting, surround cutting, fertilising, oval repairs, wicket coverage, oval rolling, top dressing and cleaning of toilets subject to the following conditions - the \$7,500 be adjusted annually in accordance with movement in the CPI, Council will maintain the car park and all fencing, Council will collect the garbage for three times the household garbage rate, plan to be attached delineating leased areas, standard of maintenance to be defined in the lease and reviewed every three years, Council to have ability to undertake maintenance not completed by club and to bill club for same and that water by measure be paid by the club.

Report on Sealing Government Roads

Council staff reported to the west riding committee on the sealing of unsealed government roads in the Wonga Park area and the following are list of unsealed government roads in a descending order of priority based on traffic volumes: -