

# NEWS & NOTES

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Next Meeting: 8.00 p.m. Friday 11th September 1992 at the Community Cottage

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## DAMS ON UPTON RESERVE

The committee of two representatives of council staff and four interested residents has recommended to Council that Council repair the upper two dams and lower the level of the bottom dam, and Council will consider this recommendation at its next meeting with a view to either approving or not approving its reference to the next round of budget estimates. If approved the project will then be considered by the budget estimates committee along with all the other projects in the pipeline and will either be approved and funded for next year or deferred until there are available funds.

## CAR ACCIDENTS IN WONGA PARK

It has been noted that there have been a substantial number of car accidents in Wonga Park, some quite serious and potentially life threatening. Unfortunately these accidents are not reported to the relevant authorities unless someone is either killed and injured, and it would appear from official records that our roads are much safer than they are. It was suggested at the last meeting of the Residents' Association that residents should report any accident they see to the Shire of Lillydale and its exact location so that the shire becomes aware of the danger spots on the roads in Wonga Park and is able to take appropriate action as and when funds become available.

## WANTED.....UNDER 16 CRICKETERS

The Wonga Park Cricket Club is very keen to hear from any young people interested in playing cricket this coming season. Registration day for all junior players will be held on Sunday 13th September 1992 at 1.00 p.m. at the club rooms. If you have any queries please contact John Schlueter on 722 2004.

## FOR YOUR GARDEN

Grevilleas....."Cousins of the Banksias"

Both Grevilleas and Banksias belong to the ancient family of plants which includes Proteas, Hakeas, Waratahs, Lomatias and Persoonias (something to add to your list of useless information!)

Now that you are providing copious winter nectar for Honeyeaters with thickets of Hairpin and Silver Banksias, we'll give Grevilleas an airing. Apart from being great providers of nectar all year around, they provide an understorey to your Wattles and Gum trees. Remember, thick planting gives birds a safer shelter than the isolated bush in the middle of a lawn, and the pricklier they are the better little birds like them. However, for your own comfort, it might be wise to keep the "pricklies" away from pathways.

Here are a few "prickly Grevillea" suggestions:-

Grevillea Rosemarinifolia (Rosemary Grevillea) which incidentally is a local.

Grevillea "Clearview David" and other hybrids such as Grevillea "Poorinda Queen"

Grevillea Juniperina and Grevillea Rivularis

Now for some "softies"

Grevillea Shiressii (needs plenty of room) and Grevillea Jephcottii both have green flowers.

Grevillea Lavandulaceae (all forms), Grevillea Speciosa, Grevillea Buxifolia, Grevillea Arenaria, Grevillea Longistyla "Hybrid", Grevillea Victoriae and the big flowered Grevillea "Robyn Gordon" and Grevillea "Pink Surprise".

Your local Australian plant nursery will advise you I'm sure.

One of my favourite and most useful books while I was planting my garden here in Wonga Park was "Grow What Where" by the Australian Plant Study Group. It is still in print.

And some food for thought: I offer you a lovely quote from Graham Pizzey's "A Garden of Birds".....

"A native garden now goes beyond a mere preference for this or that shrub or tree, and requires a considerable degree of knowledge, taste and perception. The application of these is leading to the formation of a whole new Australian gardening aesthetic, and it is starting to have an enormous influence on the diversity and numbers of native birds in Australian towns and cities."

So keep planting, reading and learning and grouping your plants to form that "whole new Australian gardening aesthetic"!

Flora Anderson

## MONTHLY RAINFALL

In August 67mm (2.68 inches) of rain were recorded bringing the total for the first eight months of the year to 464.50mm (18.58 inches).

# WONGA PARK COMMUNITY COTTAGE Old Yarra Road, 3115



Our FIRST AID IN THE WORKPLACE LEVEL 1 course saw the Cottage childcare workers and Co-ordinator, Wongaroo Child Care Centre workers and staff from Wonga Park Pre School gaining their certificates. It is a comforting thought.

Wonderful aromas as well as lots of laughter came from the kitchen during the breadmaking sessions.

There should be a lot of less stressed and less aching people around after our classes in BASIC MASSAGE with Graham Drake.

Our widening variety of childrens activities have been extremely popular this term with Pre School Music led by the lovely Lisa Rickard, Childrens Painting and Drawing and Calligraphy for Children with Nola Patane, ever popular Jazz Ballet with Tilly Fankhauser and Drawing and Painting for Teenagers with Jason Williams.

Jack Cockrofts' OIL PAINTING classes both day and night are still going strong and Dianne Calleja and mother Judy can't keep up the demand for Dried Flower, Embroidery and craft classes. The HEAL YOUR LIFE group are achieving personal development with the guidance of Julie Croom.

Many exciting workshops and classes coming up in 4th Term. Our focus will be on learning ideal gifts and cards (small as well as more expensive) to give for presents, as Christmas will catch up with us all at the end of Term.

ENROLMENT DAY will be an open day, with tutors having displays and demonstrations of arts and craft etc. See Judys' embroidery and Diannes Topiary Trees etc. and Lornas beautiful hats for Cup Day or weddings. The date to remember is 13TH OCTOBER.

An invitation to our next committee meeting on Thursday 17th Sept at 10am is extended to everyone. This will be followed by a luncheon. Spring could be the time for you to get involved.