

# NEWS & NOTES

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Next Meeting: 8.00 p.m. Friday 9th September 1992 at the Community Cottage

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## WONGA PARK VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTRE

On Saturday the 31st October (Cup Day Weekend) the Wonga Park Village Shopping Centre will be celebrating its 5th birthday from 10.00 am. It will be having a fun day with lots of giveaways. There will be prizes to be won with tickets available from Goodfellows for the two weeks preceding the birthday.

## DAMS ON UPTON RESERVE

At its September meeting the Council of the Shire of Lillydale referred the recommendation of its staff that the breaches of the two upper dams on the Upton Reserve be repaired and the level of the lower dam be reduced to one metre to the "estimates committee", which committee will consider the funding for this project along with all other projects and may or may not approve it for funding during the next Council financial year.

## CUP DAY WEEKEND

On Saturday the 31st October 1992, to coincide with the Wonga Park Village Shopping Centre's fifth annual birthday celebrations, a group of twelve local artists will have an exhibition and sales of their work at the Wonga Park Hall from 10.00am to 4.00pm and local community groups will be holding stalls on the reserve adjacent to the Wonga Park Village Shopping Centre. The primary school is planning a performance by either its choir or band, the Wonga Park Jazz Ballet will perform also at 12.30

the Friends of the Warrandyte State Park will be selling billy tea and damper and have a face painting stall and there will be various stalls run by the kindergarten, church groups, the school and others.

### WONGA PARK ROADSIDES

Last month two members of the Wonga Park Consultative Committee toured Wonga Park with Richard Jensen of the S.E.C. with a view to ascertaining which roadsides in Wonga Park were suited to having "bundled cables" installed to avoid further massive pruning of trees by the S.E.C. and to enable replanting of roadside trees to take place. It appears that Wonga Park may be in line for receiving a substantial increase in the provision of bundled cables to protect some of our roadsides. At its August meeting, the West Riding Committee of the Shire of Lillydale considered a report from its staff regarding the revegetation of roadsides in Wonga Park in which it was stated that it is proposed to formalise arrangements between the Residents Association and Council regarding the collection and propagation of seed and cuttings with residents collecting seed, the Council's nursery propagating the seed and the residents planting out the roadsides with the indigenous plants.

### COMMUNITY COTTAGE

Lookout for our SPRINGTIME/CHRISTMAS green program for the 4th term, which will be postal dropped late September. ENROLMENT DAY is on TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER. There is an exciting variety of courses and workshops, we hope you find something to take part in. If you are hesitating phone Linda on 722 1944 to discuss or call in on enrolment day when most tutors will have their crafts on display and will be pleased to talk to you.

Are you going to THE MELBOURNE CUP or a wedding? Come and make your own hat. Learn how to do bookkeeping, typing or creative writing in a friendly environment. Make your own Christmas gifts or just Learn How to Relax. For men and women who need an afternoon out, try our Friday afternoon Cards, Scrabble, Bridge and Chess. If you would like to know more about us and what we do come to our VOLUNTEERS INFORMATION LUNCHEON at 12.00 noon on 29th October, perhaps we can help each other.

### JAPANESE EXCHANGE PROGRAM - CAN YOU HELP?

Wonga Park Primary School teaches Japanese language from Grades 1 - 6. To supplement this program, we would like our school to be involved in an exchange program through which we would host a visiting exchange student from Japan.

However, to participate in this program we need to arrange accommodation for the student with host families. So if you live in the Wonga Park area and are interested in being a host family, even for a short period of time, or if you would like more details on the role of a host family, please contact Bill Tyrell on 722 1325. Any offers of assistance would be greatly appreciated.

### BUS SURVEY HELPS IMPROVE SERVICES

Local bus operator Invicta will survey residents of Croydon Hills and some areas of Wonga Park to help improve its Telebus service in those areas.

John Usher, managing director of Invicta, said that the Telebus service was introduced to Croydon Hills about a year ago.

"One of the big advantages of Telebus is that we can fairly easily alter the service to meet people's local needs, but we need feedback" he said.

"There has been a lot of development, and we want to make sure the Telebus service we provide meets the needs of local residents as much as possible" John said.

There will be two surveys, one on the bus for present passengers, and one distributed to residents.

### PRIZE FOR SURVEY RETURNS

John Usher said "The PTC are backing the survey, and are offering a trip for two to Mildura as a prize to encourage return of postal survey forms. As well, Invicta will give home pick up travel vouchers for each returned postal survey".

Both surveys will run at the end of the September and early October, and will cover school holiday as well as school term times.

"All of us at Invicta look forward to a good survey result and lots of useful comments, because we want the Croydon Hills/Wonga Park Telebus to be as good a service as we can make it" John Usher said.

For further information ring John Usher or Frank Mercuri on 735 3400.

### MONTHLY RAINFALL

In September (to the 26th) 179 mm (7.16 inches) of rain were recorded bringing the total for the first nine months of the year to 647 mm (25.88 inches). This is the wettest September since the present records commenced in 1964.