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Next Meeting: 8.00 p.m. Friday 14th May 1993 at the Wonga Park Community Cottage

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting for the Wonga Park and District Residents' Association which was due and advertised to be held on Friday 2nd April 1993 was cancelled due to poor attendance, the night of the meeting having to be changed to avoid Good Friday. The A.G.M. will now be held at 8.00 p.m. on Friday 14th May 1993 immediately prior to the usual monthly meeting.

All members of the public are welcome, and encouraged, to attend. At this meeting the Office Bearers for the following year will be nominated and elected and after the formalities of the A.G.M. the normal monthly meeting will be held.

JUMPING CREEK ROAD

Councillor Louise Joy of the City of Doncaster and Templestowe attended our last meeting and listened to resident's concerns about that Council's end of Jumping Creek Road. One of these concerns was lack of white edge lines on that section of the road and it was noticed that the initial white edge lines which were limited to the approaches on each side of Jumping Creek Road have been extended to the whole of that section. Residents thanked the Councillor for the recent work that has been carried out on this stretch of road but pointed out that the recent spray seal put on that section of the road has not remedied the very uneven base and requested that the Council include in its long term road works program the substantial improvement of the road to at least the standard of that part of Jumping Creek Road to the east of the municipal boundary.

LAUNDERS AVENUE SHOPS

In accordance with the recommendation of the Town Planning Panel the owner of the shopping centre in Launders Avenue submitted plans for a substantially smaller enlargement to the existing shopping centre there. After hearing input from affected residents amendments have been made to the plans to address their concerns and the Legal and Administrative Committee recommended to the Council of the Shire of Lillydale that the proposed extensions be incorporated in the Lillydale Planning Scheme.

The plans show a supermarket of 461 m² and the five existing shops totalling 238 m², and parking for 64 cars. A paved forecourt is proposed on the western side of the complex. Parallel parking has been increased in width, kerbing has been deleted from the loading bay, two disabled parking bays have been included and a 3 metre wide landscape strip has been proposed for the northern and western boundaries to overcome some of the concerns of the adjoining owners.

WONGA PARK WETLANDS

The Shire of Lillydale has prepared a concept plan for the long term development of the reserve between Upton Court and Hartley Road including the three ponds and a copy of it is attached to this month's edition of News & Notes for your information. Funds have been allocated for this financial year to repair the breaches in the middle and upper ponds and to 'lower the level of the water in the lower pond. It is anticipated that the other works shown on the concept plan will be some time off due to more pressing claims on the Shire's funds. However it is good to have a plan showing how the reserve will eventually be developed as funds become available.

COUNCIL NOTES

At its meeting on Monday 19th april 1993 the West Riding Committee of the Shire of Lillydale recommended to full Council that:-

- (a) the Wonga Park Community Cottage, at its own expense, replace the security light at the front of the cottage with an exterior fluorescent fitting to discourage theft of the globe and that an additional exterior fluorescent fitting be installed on the underside of the eaves at the north-east corner of the annexe;
- (b) the Council offer to contribute an amount of \$250.00 towards the cost (estimated at \$340.00) of the installation of an energy efficient high pressure sodium floodlight to increase the light at the car park adjacent to the Wonga Park Community Cottage and that the light be mounted on the south-west corner of the annexe;
- (c) that staff investigate the ownership and the intent of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources concerning the development of Wittons Reserve and also the possibility of forming a "Friends of" group for the area;
- (d) that a fresh application to build a church in St. Johns

Avenue near the corner of Yarra Road be refused on the grounds that:-

- (i) the proposal is contrary to the objectives of the zone in that it would constitute an intrusion into a Rural Residential area;
- (ii) the proposed development is incompatible with the existing character of the area;
- (iii) the proposal will prejudicially affect the amenity of the area; and
- (iv) the proposal is contrary to the orderly and proper planning of the area; and
- (e) a report be received and noted that the Administrative Appeals Tribunal has upheld an appeal against the granting of a permit for an extension of the Plant Growers of Australia wholesale nursery in Brushy Park Road Wonga Park, the tribunal being of the view that the intended use was both non residential and non rural and was consequently out of character with the other uses in the zone - the Tribunal did indicate that it might be possible to for a rearrangement of the proposal to contain the desired plastic green houses on the existing nursery land and confine the uses on the additional land to office buildings, tube stock growing and storage and possibly shade houses constructed of appropriately coloured shade cloth.

HORSE OWNERS - BEWARE

The following horse rugs were stolen off horses' backs sometime between 6.00 p.m. Saturday 24th and 7.00 p.m. April at the corner of Yarra and Dawes Roads Wonga Park

- 1 Weeatherbeeta green/blue trim paddock rug 6ft 3in.
- 1 Weatherbeeta blue/red trim paddock rug 5ft 9in.
- 1 light canvas rug
- 1 summer neck rug
- 1 blue canvas neck lined rug
- 2 satin bibs

Anyone with any information about this theft, please contact Lilydale Police on 735 1066.

RAINFALL

In April 16.50 mm (66 points) of rain were recorded bringing the total for the first four months of the year to 240.50 mm (9.62 inches). It was the driest April since the present records were commenced in 1964. The previous driest april was in 1981 when there were 26mm (1.04 inches) of rain.

