



# NEWS & NOTES



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**NEXT MEETING :** Friday, 9th July, 1993 at the Community Cottage 8.00 p.m.

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If anyone is interested in placing an advertisement in the News & Notes, you can now do so at a cost of \$1.00 for one line advertisements. Enquiries to the Editor.

## HORSE RIDERS

Notice attached



## To all our Local Organisations

Please let the Broader Community share your news, and contribute to News & Notes.

## RAINFALL

To 26th June we had 70.50mm (2.82 inches) of rain bringing the total for the first six months of the year to 360mm (14.40 inches).

We had rain on 16 of the 25 days.



Anyone interested in Wonga Park Badminton Club - Contact Mrs Robyn Rosendale on 735-5495.

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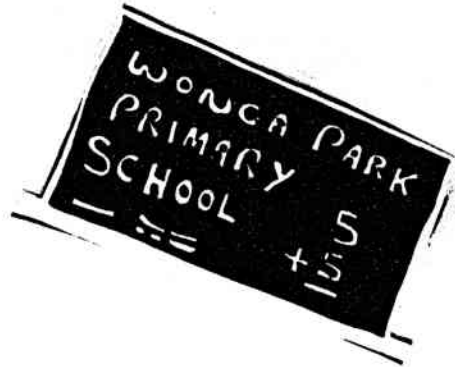
## *Have you noticed the improved gardens at the school?*

The children, teachers and parents have been replanting the gardens. A visit to the school by Kevin Heinze has motivated our Junior Horticulturists who are having a 'Walkathon' on July 2nd, to raise money for extra gardening equipment.

The children and School Community would appreciate the assistance of someone who may be able to come to the school on occasions to work with small groups of children in planting and caring for the gardens.

AND where are the children when they are not gardening, they are in the library reading. The refurbished and restocked library was opened on June 15th, by Lorraine Elliott. The children are appreciating the new books and equipment and borrowing is frantic.

The Wonga Park P.S. will be represented at the State Finals of the Primary School Cross Country by **Abbey Eeles, Julia McCarthy and Lauren Windsor** who have successfully completed at local, region and some levels to qualify.



We're saving Coles docket for a new computer. Any Coles shoppers with spare orange docket can leave them at the school office to help us reach the required total.

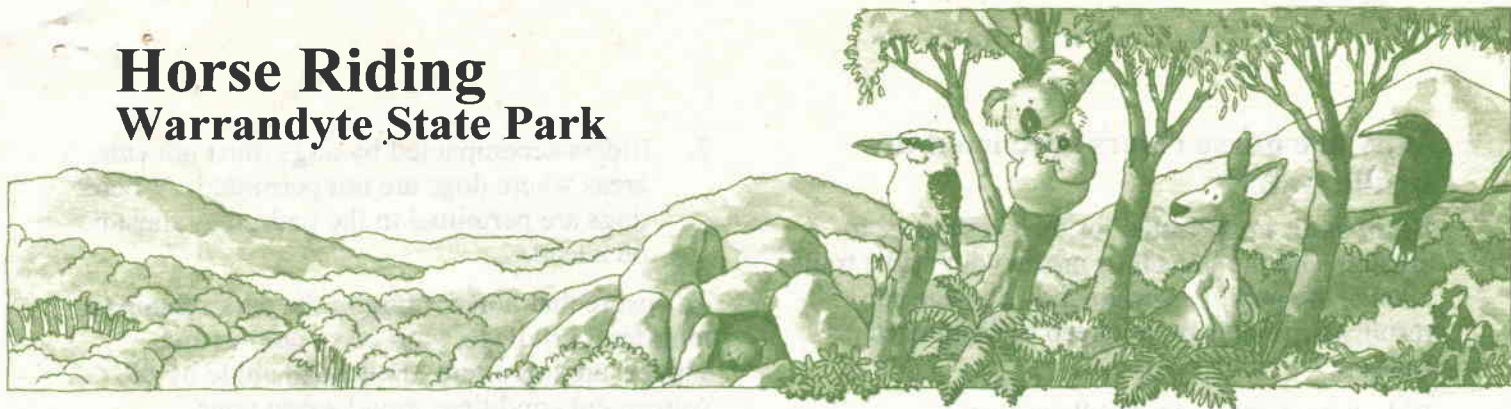
W.P.S. school has been selected to be an 'Associate' School of the Future. This means that Wonga Park will enter the program in 1994.

**Rosemary Bates**  
**Tel: 722-1225**

Please ring if you want help.

# Horse Riding

## Warrandyte State Park



**There are a number of areas in Warrandyte State Park where you can ride a horse. However, all riders must first obtain a copy of the Horse Riding Agreement from the park office.**

Warrandyte State Park has been set aside for the long-term protection of flora and fauna communities. The Agreement helps to preserve this unique area and also enable it to be enjoyed by the public.

### **What is the Horse Riding Agreement, and how does it work?**

The aims of the Agreement are to reduce the environmental impact riding can cause, and also to monitor the number of riders in the park.

Horse Riding Agreements can be obtained by contacting the Warrandyte State Park office on 844 2659. Before Agreements are issued, riders must complete a horserider's questionnaire, designed to ensure riders are aware of the agreement conditions. The cost of Agreement administration is \$10, which must be renewed annually to enable staff to monitor the rate of park usage.

Riders registered at the park will be given a copy of the Agreement and a corresponding numbered tag. Agreements are not transferable and can only be used by the registered rider. Tags must be worn on the right cheek strap of the bridle while you are riding in the park.

### **Where can you ride?**

There are a number of designated horse riding trails or bridle trails in Warrandyte State Park. Maps showing their location are available from the park office. The trails are all signposted with this sign:



Tracks not suitable for horse riders are signposted with this sign:



These tracks have been set aside for other users and are unsuitable for horse traffic. By keeping to the bridle trails you will be playing an important part in the long term protection of our park.



## **Why are horse riders restricted to bridle trails?**

Bridle trails are selected for their resistance to erosion and the links they create with bridle trails outside the park. Environmental damage can result when riders do not keep to designated trails.

Riders are restricted to bridle trails to:

- \* prevent soil erosion
- \* minimise the impacts of trampling, grazing and soil compaction
- \* minimise the introduction and spread of noxious and environmental weeds
- \* protect waterways
- \* protect sensitive areas
- \* minimise potential conflict with other park users.

## **Riding conditions**

Riders are reminded that while on the Bridle Trails they must abide by the following conditions:

1. Riding is only permitted on **designated bridle trails**
2. Riders must ride slowly when other park users are present
3. Horses must not be ridden in a dangerous or reckless manner
4. No jumps or other obstacles are to be constructed
5. Riders must keep their horses under control at all times, and must not leave them unattended or unbridled
6. Riders must wear a safety helmet at all times.

7. Riders accompanied by dogs must not enter areas where dogs are not permitted. Where dogs are permitted in the park, they must be on a lead.

To ensure that horse riding in the park remains a long-term privilege, your co-operation and support are important. Failure to abide by the Agreement conditions could cause your Agreement to be revoked.

Please also observe general park regulations which have been drawn up to protect the environment and the welfare and enjoyment of park users. For example all native plants, birds and animals in the park are protected. You can help repair some of the damage horseriding can cause by being involved in weed removal or track maintenance days. Contact the ParkCare Officer for details on 844 2659.

## **Further information**

The National Parks Horse Riding Code has more information on horse riding in parks. Copies of the Code are obtainable from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources free of charge.

If you have any questions about horse riding in the park, or about the riding Agreement, please contact:

**Warrandyte State Park**  
**P.O. Box 61**  
**Warrandyte 3113**  
**Telephone: 844 2659**

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