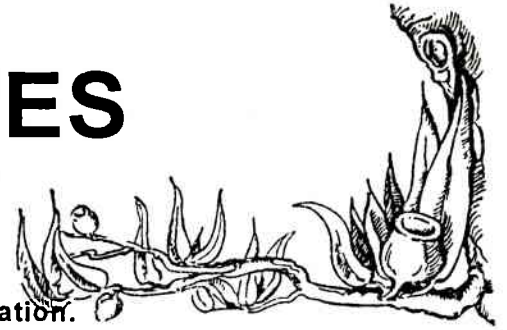




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Next Meeting : Friday, 12th November, 1993 at the Community Cottage 8.00p.m.

Contributions and items of interest are always welcome and may be left at the Wonga Park General Store on Jumping Creek Road, and need to be in by the last Friday of the month.

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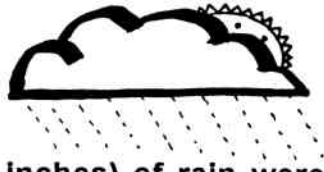
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In October 93.50 mm (3.74 inches) of rain were recorded bringing the total rainfall for the first ten months of the year to 743 mm (29.72 inches).

FIRE BRIGADE

The fire brigade is concerned that many residents of Wonga Park are not familiar with its procedures and, in particular, if the wrong number is called when there is a fire there can be a substantial delay before the trucks are called out.

Our fire brigade service is highly efficient, and if used properly, gives a rapid and high class service. Officers from the fire brigade will attend the next residents' association meeting at 8.00 p.m. on Friday, 12th November 1993, to give a short talk on the operations of the local brigade and how to access it quickly.

It is highly desirable that all residents have this information and keep the correct number by the phone as, at the time of a fire, it is too late to start enquiring about the correct procedure and the right number to ring.

1. Do you know how to get the fire brigade?
2. Preparing for the fire season.
3. C.F.A. summer restrictions.
4. Do you have a home evacuation plan?
5. Come along to the November meeting of the residents' association where a member of your Wonga Park Fire Brigade will give a talk on the above and answer questions.

JUMPING CREEK ROAD RESIDENT WORKING GROUP

The Working Group's recommendation that a 60 kph speed limit be introduced along the length of Jumping Creek Road has been formally endorsed by the Shire of Lilydale.

The Council has subsequently approached Vic Roads requesting that a 60 kph speed limit be introduced along Jumping Creek Road between Reserve Road and the joint Lilydale/Doncaster & Templestowe border.

Council has also approached the City of Doncaster & Templestowe requesting it lobby Vic Roads for the introduction of a 60 kph speed limit along Jumping Creek Road between Warrandyte-Ringwood Road and its municipal boundary.

If Vic Roads agrees to these requests, a continuous 60 kph speed limit will apply along the length of Jumping Creek Road.

The Working Group has to date identified the type and location of problems and has reviewed the resident submissions received in order to collate and priorities the problems to be investigated, and to determine the most appropriate action.

As previous outlined, upon the completion of a draft report outlining the Working Group' short to long-term proposals aimed at improving the operation and safety of Jumping Creek Road a public meeting will be held to enable comment by all effected residents. Such a meeting is not however, anticipated until early next year.

In the meantime, should you have any further queries please contact your Working Group representative or Lucynda Baggio at the Shire Offices on (03) 735-8324.

NEWS FROM WONGA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Walkathon held by the children in July raised \$1,000 for gardening equipment. A grand effort.

The school choir and orchestra have been busy doing "command" performances at Eastland, Goodfellows, the Kindergarten and various community groups.

Miss Williams is tireless in her endeavours.

The school concert held on Thursday, 16th September in the Yarra Valley Auditorium was a showcase for the multi talented children of Wonga Park.

All the children starred in acts they had adapted from stories or created themselves. Many of the children performed individually displaying their talents on the many instruments they learn at school (violin, guitar, piano, flute, keyboard).

The school orchestra and choir performed as well as the Warrandyte Combined Band which has members from the local schools. An enormous amount of effort went into the props and rehearsals and the children are to be congratulated on a very professional concert.

The teachers too, are to be thanked for all their hard work and encouragement of the children. The audience went home feeling very proud of the children and school.

Somers Camp. All the children that went away for the 10 day camp at Somers had a fantastic time.

CHICKEN NEWS

After six weeks of chickens in classrooms ChookLotto was held to determine which lucky families would become the parents of the surviving chickens.

Wonga Park Gamblers were very generous at the Games Nigh and left \$1,900 for the school to use on more academic pursuits.

SPORTS NEWS

On Monday October 11th, the children participated in the District sports. Our school came 3rd overall and 7 children continued onto the Morundah zone sports on Thursday 22nd October. In terrible conditions, all children did their very best and are to be congratulated.

Tim Bates will be going on to compete in the State Championships at Olympic Park in November. GOOD LUCK TIM!

Children and staff would like to thank Mr Jeff Clancy from the Wonga Park Bakery for helping with training for the Athletics Sports. His help was invaluable.

The parents and friends of the school did sufficient shopping at Coles to gain a computer. Printer and software fo the children.

COMING UP

The Life Education Van will be at the school in November. All children attend the van for a session and do follow up work in the classrooms.

The school is currently running the Parents as Tutors program. This program recognises the important role parents play in the education of their children. It aims to strengthen the partnership aspect of education between home and the school by taking parents through a series of 6 workshops where the focus is on how you can assist your child in the learning process.

Children from Prep to Grade 6 have the opportunity of being involved in a two week swimming program beginning in November.



WHO DOES IT IN WONGA PARK

Entries for the annual publication are being accepted now. To advertise in this very useful community reference source please contact the school on (03) 722-1325.

We are now accepting enrolments for our Prep Class in 1994. Enrolment forms are available from school or the pre-school.

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1st WONGA PARK SCOUT GROUP NEWS

1st Wonga Park Scout Group has nearly completed a very successful and active year. Currently we have approximately 70 members in 3 sections (2 Cub Scout Packs for ages 8 to 11 years and 1 Scout Troop for ages 11 and 15). Since October 1st girls have been welcome to join the Group.

Cub Scout activities include Park Holidays, various outings and activities at Clifford Park.

The next large activity for eligible Scouts to attend is the Australia Jamboree in Perth at the end of 1994. Much fund raising has to be done in the next twelve months to assist all those attending.

1st Wonga Park also hopes to start a Venturer Unit (for ages 15 to 18) early to mid 1994.





PARKCARE SPRING WORKSHOPS - 1993

The ParkCare Spring workshops are designed for local people wanting to learn more about the bushland areas around the Middle Yarra Region.

Anyone can attend, and bookings will be taken on a first come first serve basis as places in each workshop are limited. **Bookings:** Phone ParkCare on 844 2659 between 9-4:30pm. If there is sufficient demand, further workshops may be arranged.

Cost: All workshops will be free for members of friends groups and ParkCare groups and will cost \$5 for others, except workshop 3 which is free for everyone.

1. Native Plants of the Middle Yarra Region. Thursday, November 4th. 7:30 - 9:30 pm.

This workshop will help you get to know the variety of plants which are found in the Middle Yarra Region. The workshop will focus on developing skills to assist you in identifying native plants using examples of basic plant groups from the Middle Yarra Region. Native plants suitable for gardens will also be discussed.

Workshop Leader: Flora Anderson

Flora has been a key member in a number of conservation and friends groups including friends of Warrandyte State Park. She has been actively involved in the production of the book "Flora of Melbourne" and her experience has led to an extensive knowledge of the native plants in the Middle Yarra Region.

2. Plant Identification of Warrandyte State Park and surrounding bushland. Sunday, November 7th. 2-4:30 pm

Join us in a walk through Warrandyte State Park to discover some special wildflowers which occur in this region. This field workshop will introduce you to the variety of plants which occur in the Middle Yarra Region. Find out what plants are found in the understorey and upper canopy of our bushland. A great follow up to Workshop 1.

Workshop Leader: Pat Coupar

Pat is a long-time field naturalist and an active member of the Friends of Warrandyte State Park. She has a thorough knowledge of the various plant communities in this area and was a key contributor to the book "Discover Warrandyte".

3. Herbicide Safety and Use for Volunteer Bush Regenerators. Saturday, November 13th. 10am- 5pm.

Herbicide users must understand how to protect themselves and the environment by handling and applying herbicides appropriately and safely. This short course introduces participants to the way some commonly used herbicides work, their fate in the environment, safe work practices and storage procedures. Participants will learn the correct and safe techniques in which to apply herbicides.

Workshop Leaders: Ray Jasper (Land Protection Officer, DCNR), Stephen Anderson (Ranger, WSP) and Fay Valcanis (ParkCare Officer).

Cost: free for all participants

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4. Ethics and Practise of Seed Collection.
Sunday, November 14th. 2-5pm.

Seed availability is critical for both nursery propagation and direct seeding to enable revegetation in natural areas. This workshop will cover the basic principles and ethics associated with seed collecting.

Seed collection is an interesting way to discover local plants of the Middle Yarra Region. By following some easy rules for genetic conservation seed collection can be carried out by almost anyone.

Workshop Leader: Darcy Duggan

Darcy is a long-time bush regenerator, working towards restoring the native vegetation in the Yarra Bend Park. He has experience in seed collecting and is also restoring the native plants on his property.

5. An Introduction to regenerating your home garden or bushland area.
Saturday, November 20th. 2-5pm.

This workshop will look at how to convert your garden or degraded bush areas to areas which support native plants and native wildlife which depend on them. Topics will include planning regeneration & revegetation projects, using indigenous plants in gardens, getting to know your environmental weeds and the damage they can cause.

Workshop Leader: Randall Robinson

Randel is an experienced horticulturalist and botanist who has over the years studied the vegetation communities and sites of botanical significance in the greater Melbourne areas.

6. Growing Native Plants from Seeds and Cuttings.
Sunday, November 21st. 2-5pm.

This practical workshop covers propagation of a range of local native trees and shrubs. Topics will include common seed treatment, sowing techniques and taking cuttings from plants.

Workshop Leader: Chris Rowles

Chris was active in building up the Knox Environment Society's indigenous plant nursery at the Ferntree Gully High School and has been revegetating his own bush block.

7. Butterflies and other Insects
Saturday, November 27th. 2-4:30pm

As the warmer months of the year approach, the familiar sight of butterflies and insects add both a splash of colour and interest in our gardens and the bush around us. Join us for a walk to get to know the butterflies and other insects which can be found in the Middle Yarra Region. This workshop will run in wet or dry weather so come prepared.

Workshop Leaders: Pat & Mike Coupar

Pat and Mike have been rearing butterflies and moths for many years. They have recently published "Flying Colours" which looks at the butterflies, moths and caterpillars of South-Eastern Australia. They are active members in several conservation and naturalist groups, including Friends of Warrandyte State Park.



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