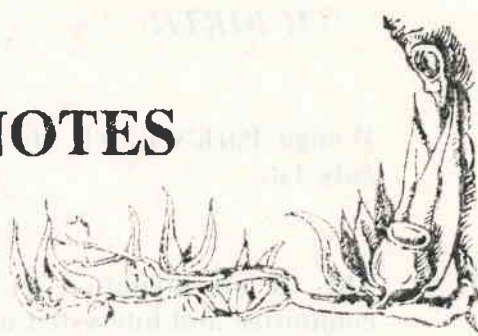


## NEWS & NOTES



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Next Meeting : Friday, 13th May, 1994 at the Community Cottage 8:00 p.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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## 20TH BIRTHDAY

Wonga Park's Burch Memorial Kindergarten celebrates its 20th Birthday on July 1st.

This is an invitation to all Wonga Park people - past pupils, parents, committee and interested local residents to share our special anniversary.

A celebration Anniversary Dinner will be held at 'Kellybrook' on Friday July 1st - 7:30 p.m. - 5 course meal and wine inc.

Followed by a 'Back To' Open Day on Sunday, July 3rd between 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Sausage sizzle and Devonshire teas available.

Contact Sue Fenton - Social Secretary on (03) 722-1871 for your table booking \$36.00 per person or for any information

## TALKS ABOUT BUSHLAND

More than 270 private properties in the shire include valuable bushland registered as sites of natural significance under the Regional Strategy Plan.

Hundreds of other people live next to public reserves which are valuable habitats to a wide variety of animal and plant species.

The Upper Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges Environmental Council is striving to help land owners manage and appreciate the value of their remnant bushland. It will run a free workshop on sites of natural significance at Lillydale Lake on Saturday, May 7, from 9a.m.

Topics will include the value of remnant bushland, birds and insects of the area, management of bushland and how to attract native animals to your property.

This is the seventh workshop run by the environmental council for land owners in the Yarra Valley and Dandenongs.

Bookings are essential. Further information from Jenny Francis on (03) 755-1398 or the Upper Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges Authority (03) 735-3888.

// Sorry this issue is out too late for this date, but brochures explaining 'Sites of Natural Significance' are available at our three stores. //

## **RABBITS**

### **MIDDLE YARRA REGION RABBIT ACTION GROUP**

Material on information available from Wonga Park General Store, Wonga Park Cellars and Goodfellows for people interested in how to learn about Rabbit Control.

There will be a number of workshops and the Resident's Association is endeavouring to have a Guest Speaker at a later meeting.

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

Our last meeting was well attended and Owen Goodie's presentation was most interesting. Owen is employed by the Shire of Lillydale as a Conservation Officer and spoke about plans from Wittons Reserve and environmental issues in Wonga Park.

The subject of rabbit eradication was discussed and as we are all aware of the rabbit population in Wonga Park it was interesting to learn about the "Middle Yarra Region Rabbit Action Group".

Co-ordinated by Fay Valcanis, the Group have prepared some information which is too bulky to photocopy, but copies are available as stated above.

It seems that with co-operation by neighbours and persistence we can overcome our problems with rabbits.

Unfortunately, we have no rainfall figures for you again. Perhaps someone has time and the facilities to share these figures with us.

As Wonga Park grows and develops it is important that we, as residents, can contribute positively and work with our Shire to keep such a special place, special.

A recent example of residents and Shire working together for positive results

is the Jumping Creek Road Working Group Committee.

A report is included in this issue of News & Notes.

Local Groups and Organisations are reminded that their contributions to News & Notes are welcomed and may be left at the General Store.

A community get together is being planned and ideas are most welcomed. A Country and Western Night in the Hall? A formal Dinner Dance? What shall we do? Please let us have your ideas.

### ON A LIGHTER NOTE - JOKE OF THE MONTH

Q. What do you get if you cut off the arms and legs of a rabbit????

A. Cotton Balls

JUMPING CREEK ROAD RESIDENT WORKING GROUP  
REPORT ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

The efforts of Jumping Creek Road Resident Working Group members have culminated in a draft report which has now been adopted by the Shire of Lillydale.

Residents may recall that as a result of last year's Wonga Park Public Consultation meeting, a resident working group was formed by Council to address the various traffic issues raised by residents regarding the function and operation of Jumping Creek Road, Wonga Park.

The Working Group has since met regularly, and last month presented its report to the West Riding Committee of the Shire of Lillydale. The report outlined the Group's activities and categorised the various issues into short-term, medium-term and long-term depending on funding implications and/or the need for wider public consultation.

In adopting the Working Group's recommendations, The West Riding Committee and full Council has allocated funds within the current budget year for the following works:

- \* Installation of large graphic advisory signs designed to highlight the dangerous nature of the road at the following locations:
  - (i) 50 metres east of Hartley Road (2 signs)
  - ii) Double sided sign on the northern road reserve between No's 218 and 204 Jumping Creek Road
- \* Installation of smaller signs at the fatality locations:
  - (iii) 400 metres east of Hooper Road (2 signs)
  - (iv) 270 metres west of Hartley Road (2 signs)
- \* Installation of truck overturning warning sign in Jumping Creek Road on the west side of Dudley Road
- \* Installation of yellow raised awareness bars in Jumping Creek Road on the west side of Dudley Road (on the crest) for east-bound traffic.

While these works (totalling an estimated \$4,600) are to be carried out as soon as possible, Council also resolved that the medium-term improvements detailed in the report be budgetted for implementation during the 1994/95 budget year.

As recommended by the Working Group, Council will also approach the City of Doncaster & Templestowe requesting the installation of two (large advisory) signs 50 metres east of Potters Cottage, and a "fatality" sign each side of the bridge.

Council will shortly notify affected residents accordingly and include a copy of the Working Group's complete recommendations. In the meantime should you wish any further information please contact Lucynda Baggio at the Shire Offices on telephone 735 8333.

# WONGA PARK COMMUNITY COTTAGE Old Yarra Road, 3115



Term 2 classes are under way and a couple of successful workshops have been and gone. However there are some vacancies in courses not yet started:-

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It is **Neighbourhood House Week** May 15th-21st and as our philosophy is to be a reflection of our community's needs we are asking you to respond to our question "What do you want the Cottage to be?"

At a time when Libraries, Community Health Centres and other organisations are offering what Neighbourhood Houses have a reputation of being good at, are we still providing something for you? How can we expand our services?

The Cottage is about to organise a networking meeting with others in the community - **Your feedback will be welcome.**

Thank you, hope to see you soon

Linda (Co-ordinator)



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