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All are welcome to the next meeting at the Community Cottage, Wonga Park at 8 pm Friday, 10 February, 1995.

SO NOW WE ARE PART OF THE NEW CITY OF MANNINGHAM!

As you are now aware Wonga Park was removed from the rest of the Shire of Lillydale when it merged with the Shires of Healesville, Upper Yarra and Sherbrooke and was annexed by the new City of Manningham (previously the City of Doncaster and Templestowe). In fact the addition of Wonga Park was the only significant change to the City of Doncaster and Templestowe. Also some of the residents of the previous city of Doncaster/Templestowe would like to change the name from Manningham to Doncaster. The Commissioners of the City of Manningham are reviewing these situations currently.

RESIDENT ACTION IS REQUIRED NOW

On Monday 23 January the new Commissioners from the City of Manningham called a public meeting to "Meet the Residents". Just prior to this meeting one local resident, Bib Stillwell, wrote to most residents stating his view and requesting support by returning a form. He received over 200 supporting replies within two days, and has since received over a hundred more.

After the Chief Executive Officer, Rodney Roscholler, introduced the Chairman of Commissioners, Adam Kempson, who in turn introduced commissioners Hector Davis and Danny Kong, Bib Stillwell was invited to address the gathering. He expressed his view that Wonga Park would probably be better served by remaining part of the Shire of Yarra Ranges. From the rather enthusiastic comments that followed it was obvious to the commissioners that a large majority of those present felt the same way.

RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP FORMED

It was decided that interested residents who felt strongly about this issue form a committee to investigate what could be done to reverse the Minister's decision. This meeting will be held in conjunction with our Association's meeting next Friday, February 10 at the Community Cottage on Old Yarra Road opposite the Tennis Club's club rooms. So we suggest anyone who wants to be involved come along and have your say.

CHANGES CAN STILL BE MADE

The point may be made that the Wonga Park and District Residents' Association does not represent the views of all Wonga Park residents, but it speaks for those concerned enough to come and have a say. If concerned residents ask for change the Association will actively pursue it. The Commissioners of the City of Manningham have an open mind towards change provided it is supported by a significant number of residents.

HOW WILL THE PREDOMINANTLY URBAN CITY OF MANNINGHAM TREAT WONGA PARK?

Issues raised by residents at public meetings include:

1. What happens to planning controls, especially the Regional Strategy Plan?
2. Loss of the use of a tip.
3. Mobile Library.
4. Who controls the hall and other community and sporting facilities.
5. Pre-school enrolment procedures.
6. Recycling collection.
7. Burning off is not permitted.
8. Tree preservation
9. Future subdivision (Doncaster has already been contacted by residents wishing to subdivide).
10. Rates - change from NAV to Site Value will penalise large land holdings but reduce most residential rates.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We would like to hear your views so we will set aside a portion of "News & Notes" for a 'Letters to the Editor' section. Please keep your letters to approximately 50 words and include your name.

THE MONTHLY WEATHER STATISTICS

	Nov94	Jan95
TEMP		
Max	33.0	35.3
Min	4.1	6.6
Rain (mm)	73.5	100.0