

WONGA PARK - NEWS & NOTES

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

GRAPE GRAZING WEEKEND SUCCESS

Many thousands participated in the Grape Grazing over the weekend and found the tucker and the wine wonderful. Of particular note was our own Kellybrook Winery and just 'round the corner the Yarra Valley Hills Winery. It was a great promotion for the Yarra Valley wineries, an absolute winner, can't wait until next year. P.S. it's the reason why the News is late this weekend.

CLEAN UP DAY SUNDAY 5 MARCH

Congratulations and thanks to those residents and friends of Wonga Park that were involved in the Clean Up Day and whose efforts made the day such a success. Particular thanks go to the organiser of the clean up in the Launderers Avenue area, Mrs. Leonie Blowes. A group of 24 volunteers rolled up their sleeves and had a very busy time filling 20 bags of rubbish in 2 hours. A number of these volunteers were a group of Sydneysiders visiting Melbourne who had approached the Shire of Yarra Ranges to assist in the Clean Up Day activities. The Shire suggested they contact Wonga Park which they did and helped clean up the rubbish around Launderers Avenue. The rubbish included dumped bags of household garbage which is surprising considering the very good garbage collection service provided by the Shire, an old oven and a large number of beer bottles discarded near the cricket club pavilion, and many broken bottles are still there to be picked up and removed.

An issue that the Residents Association may wish to pursue is to approach the City of Manningham for the placement of permanent garbage receptacles in the area between the Wonga Park Shopping Centre and the sporting and community facilities on the opposite side of Launderers Avenue. The Clean Up Day volunteers found a large amount of rubbish, such a food wrappers, drink containers, etc., had been casually dropped in this area.

If you are interested in these issues come along to the Residents' meeting next Friday night and perhaps the President or Secretary or Captain of the Cricket Club would like to attend this meeting to discuss the disposal of bottles in the club area.

CITY OF MANNINGHAM UPDATE

1. New Chief Executive Officer Selected

Adam Kempton, the Chairman of Commissioners was pleased to announce the appointment of Bob Seiffert as C.E.O. of the City of Manningham commencing in early March. Bob sees his first task as the implementation of the major reforms required by the Local Government Act and identified the general issues concerning

the City to include roads, rates, economic development and the environment and stressed his approach will be sensitive to local representative concerns.

Bob is an engineer with an honours degree in Civil Engineering from Melbourne University in 1968 and has professional qualifications in municipal management. He is active in local government advisory committees, professional associations and has been given an award for excellence in Local Government Engineering.

He has had wide experience in municipal government, as the Acting C.E.O. of the Nillumbik Shire. Prior to that he was C.E.O. of the City of Knox since 1992, serving 130,000 people with 1,000 staff and an annual budget of \$60 million. He was also Shire Engineer at Rylstone, NSW and Shire Engineer of the Shire of Cobram.

Bob Seiffert would be glad to attend a Residents' meeting and speak to the concerns of the residents regarding the City of Manningham.

2. Groups of Individuals approached for views

Recently the City of Manningham used the market research firm of Newton, Wayman & Bourghesi to approach individual residents of the City of Manningham for ideas to be included in the new 3 year Corporate Plan for the City. The Residents' Association of Wonga Park has not been approached possibly because our views are well known to the City.

The individuals have been selected from throughout the City not just Wonga Park and were placed into 5 groups called Focus Groups: 3 based on age (young, middle and senior), and 2 representing business interests. 4 of the 13 individuals in the Middle Age Group were from Wonga Park and the questions asked of them at a discussion meeting were:

- why do you chose to live in this area?
- what type of things do you want maintained?
- what values do you want maintained?
- what role do you want the City to play?
- what do you want the City to be involved in over the next 3 years?

3. The Bib Stillwell Action Group

Come along to the meeting on Friday night to hear the current update.

WONGA PARK 95 Music & Performing Arts Festival

Three days of music and assorted performances at Clifford Park over the Labour Day weekend. What have you heard of this event? The open letter to residents (did you receive one?) from the organiser mentions "I would like to thank you (the Wonga Park residents) for your moral and spiritual support in allowing this event to take place in your community" stretches the credibility of the reader. It is hoped that the event has been well organised and controls are in place to ensure the Labour Day Weekend is enjoyed by all the community.

WONGA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL CENTENARY 11 NOVEMBER, 1995

The WPPS is casting the net for information, names and addresses of past pupils and teachers, photos or any memorabilia that would be of interest. The Roll can be inspected at the Wonga Park Village Newsagency & Post Office and any information can be left with Margaret there or at the Primary School itself.

FEBRUARY WEATHER STATISTICS Temp Max 39.0 Min 9.0 Rain 15 mm