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WONGA PARK NEWS & NOTES

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All are welcome to the next meeting at the COMMUNITY COTTAGE, WONGA PARK, 8 pm Friday, 11 AUGUST

OBITUARY

ALBERT AIRD

Former Wonga Park orchardist and a leading participant in many service organisations in the area. Born 5 November, 1913 on a Ringwood orchard located where the Eastland Shopping Centre now stands. Died 2 August 1995 aged 81 years at Don-Wood Nursing Home surrounded by his family. His widow Jean is still an active and involved member of the Wonga Park community.

Albert was very much an individualist and a very active man. He loved walking and he and Jean were prominent members of the Melbourne Walking Club. Winter did not deter them and they donned skis and became enthusiastic cross-country skiers during the 1930's. Albert's love for the high country was reflected in his membership of the Mountain Cattlemen's Association.

Albert's diversity of interests were impressive, an accountant by profession, he rose to senior executive

level in the finance area of Mobil Oil Australia. During the 1960's he purchased a cherry orchard on Yarra Road in Wonga Park.

Albert's involvement in community affairs was broad and deep. Charter member of the Lions' Club of Ringwood, President of the Board of Management of the Ringwood Technical School, helped form the 6th Ringwood Scout Group, Treasurer of the group of people who built the Dickson Crescent, Uniting (Methodist) Church, North Ringwood. And when John Upton asked Albert to join the Wonga Park & District Residents' Association he did and fulfilled the roles of President, Secretary and Editor of 'New & Notes' at various times over the years. Also he was a member of the Wonga Park Hall Committee.

Both Albert and Jean have been staunch supporters of both the Association and community of Wonga Park and for many years were the mainstay of this Association. Albert's efforts are still greatly appreciated and he will be sorely missed. The Wonga Park & Districts Residents' Association send their condolences to his widow Jean, their children and grandchildren.

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**WONGA PARK COMMUNITY ART AND CRAFT FESTIVAL
SATURDAY 11 NOV 95, 9am - 4pm**

Write in your diaries Saturday 11 November for the inaugural Wonga Park Community Festival. Bring the family, bring friends, bring the neighbours, bring people who have never heard of Wonga Park.

It will be great fun, be part of it.

Possibly the skiing season and the footy season should be over by then! So there will be no excuse for not coming.

The proposed location of the Festival is Old Yarra Road with the Wonga Park Hall as a focal point and the Community Cottage another focal point at the other end of the Festival strip.

Craft, food and drink stalls will be located on Old Yarra Road between the Hall and the Cottage with the possibility of some activities slipping over into the sports grounds, maybe the Cricket grounds and the Tennis Club surrounds.

Hopefully traffic would be kept to a minimum during the Festival hours.

**PARTICIPATION, PARTICIPATION, PARTICIPATION
NEEDED. . . HELP THE FESTIVAL**

The Residents' Association invites community groups and individuals to participate in the Festival. If you are interested in any aspect of a festival please contact the Festival Co-ordinator, Glenda Ballinger at 9722 1624 as soon as possible.

There will be plenty of scope to participate in the Arts and Craft stalls, food stalls, any relevant visual display, musicians, buskers, amusements, something that you would consider worthwhile to the Festival.

There may be a painting display and consideration is being given to awarding a \$100 prize. At the moment the main issue is to obtain display boards on which to hang the paintings. If you have any ideas or contacts please phone Glenda Ballinger at 9722 1624.

The Festival organisers appreciate all the assistance offered to help make the Festival a success. The City of Manningham is supporting the Festival.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL FUND RAISER
Rev Herald Sun Ball Bonanza**

Wonga Park Primary School would like help from the Wonga Park community to collect tokens for the Rev Herald Sun Ball Bonanza. Tokens can be found on Rev Milk containers and daily in the Herald Sun newspaper. By collecting the tokens the School will be able to buy some much appreciated sports equipment.

Wonga Park Village Newsagency, Goodfellows and The Wonga Park General Store have generously offered to be Collection Points for the tokens. So "Team up to Support School Sport" in Wonga Park. Thank you!

**WONGA PARK COMMUNITY HOUSE TERM 3
PROGRAMS STILL OPEN**

Enrolments for Term 3 programs have been strong. Some programs are still open and by contacting Linda Hay, Cottage Co-ordinator on 9722 1944, you will be able to enrol and with a friend if you like. The available programs are held during the day (except where night is indicated) and the dates available are:.

Thurs 10 Aug	Decorative Painting Finishes workshop
Wed 16 Aug	Baskets of Flowers workshop
Sat 19 Aug	Pastels workshop
Mon 21 Aug	Tole Painting Beginners
to 11 Sep	(for 4 weeks each Monday night)
Mon 21 Aug	Victorian Tassels
Wed 23 Aug	Victorian Tassels (night)
Sat 26 Aug	Introduction to Handwriting Analysis workshop

The Draft Road Strategy of the City of Manningham is on display at the Wonga Park Community Cottage on Old Yarra Road. Please come along and peruse it.

**ANTI-CANCER COUNCIL - DAFFODIL DAY
FRIDAY, 18 AUGUST 1995**

Daffodil flowers and buttons will be sold for \$2 from Monday 7 August at the Wonga Park Village Newsagency to raise funds for the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria to continue programs in cancer research, education and patient and family support. Daffodil Day can change attitudes and provides hope for cancer sufferers. Today 50% of cancer patients recover.

JULY WEATHER STATISTICS Temp Max 14.4 Min 3.1 Rain 88.0 mm



WONGA PARK UPDATE

The transition of Wonga Park to the new City of Manningham is well under way. As with any move there will be issues which need to be addressed throughout the process. The Wonga Park Advisory Group has been established to advise the Commissioners on issues which affect the Wonga Park area and transition to Manningham.

This update sheet will appear for the next few months to provide ongoing feedback about issues raised by the Wonga Park Advisory Group and the overall transition process. Any queries by Wonga Park residents can be directed to the Wonga Park Advisory Group or the Council on 9840 9230.

HOME CARE SERVICES

After a few initial hiccups with Home Care Services, which have been fixed, Manningham City Council is providing the same level of service to clients as was delivered by the Yarra Ranges Shire Council. An initial assessment by Council staff indicates that all is going well. Any queries about Home Care Services should be directed to Rosemary McCormack on 9840 9228.

TIPPING ARRANGEMENTS

The Manningham City Council wishes to advise all Wonga Park residents that all existing services will continue to be provided by the Shire of Yarra Ranges. Yarra Ranges is continuing to deliver services to Wonga Park on behalf of Manningham City Council. Initial enquires about waste management can be directed to the contractors, Cleanaway, or the Waste Management Unit of the Shire of Yarra Ranges.

The Waste Management Unit at the City of Manningham can be contacted on 9840 9295.

ROADS

The upgrading of roads is undertaken on a needs basis, eg those in the worst condition or most dangerous, get priority attention. The traffic volume on a gravel road affects its condition and how often it needs attention.

The Shire of Lilydale had set a level of service for grading roads in the Wonga Park area based on providing safe conditions for motorists and pedestrians. The City of Manningham will continue to maintain similar conditions.

The draft Road Management Strategy has been recently released for public comment.

FERAL CATS

There is currently no law which recognises feral cats. There is therefore, no mechanism to destroy or impound feral cats. The City of Manningham recommends that residents take the cat to the Cat Protection Society or alternatively, contact the Cat Protection Society to request that they collect the cat.

The number for the Cat Protection Society is 9434 7155.

The City of Manningham is currently reviewing local laws to ensure that community views are well represented. The draft local laws will be open for public comment in August 1995.

HORSE RIDING STRATEGY

In April 1992 a Horse Riding Strategy for the City of Doncaster Templestowe was completed. Implementation of the strategy includes an ongoing program which addresses the needs of the horse riding community. As the Strategy was developed prior the local government amalgamations it does not include the Wonga Park area.

In order to reflect the needs of Wonga Park residents, the Horse Riding Strategy will be reviewed.

WONGA PARK HERITAGE STUDY

The City of Manningham has appointed consultants to undertake the Stage One, Heritage Search of the Wonga Park Heritage Study. The principle consultant is Dr Carlotta Kellaway, a well known historian. Richard Peterson who is the Heritage Advisory to the City, will make a substantial contribution throughout the study.



*Wonga Park Heritage Study
City of Manningham*

The project will be overseen by the City of Manningham's Heritage Advisory Committee which has the Wonga Park community represented on it.

The project will undertake an 'initial survey of post contact site to produce a comprehensive list of places of possible heritage value as a basis for setting priorities for heritage research and assessment of significance'.

Wonga Park Heritage Study Community Workshop

A key component of the Heritage Search is finding out what knowledge the local community has about the area. Your information is important material for the study to cover as much ground as possible.

A community workshop to bring you up to date on the study and to find out if you have a contribution to make. A workshop is scheduled for Saturday 2 September 1995, 1.30pm - 4.00pm. If you would like to attend please RSVP to Kay Toussaint, Economic and Environmental Planning on 9840 9434.

Enquiries about the Heritage Study can be directed to Sonia Rappell, Strategic Planner on 9840 9434.

PLANNING SCHEME

The Upper Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges Authority which administered the Regional Strategy Plan covering Wonga Park has been wound up. Council has written to the Minister for Planning asking whether it would be preferable to have the provisions

of the Strategy Plan incorporated into Manningham Planning Scheme. Council continue to be bound by the Regional Strategy Plan.

Work will commence on the consolidation of the Doncaster and Templestowe Planning Scheme and the Lilydale Planning Scheme, as it affects Wonga Park, into the Manningham Planning Scheme as soon as a response is received from the Minister.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Wonga Park and District Residents Association have been given a grant from the Municipal Recreation Fund to conduct a Festival on the weekend of November 4 and 5, 1995. It will involve local business people, crafts people, youth groups and community organisations. It is anticipated that the festival will develop into an annual "Wonga Park Community Arts and Crafts Festival" and be self funding after this year through rental from stalls.

Contact name for Festival: Ms Glenda Ballinger, Treasurer, Wonga Park and District Residents Association, 14 Arunga Drive, Wonga Park. Telephone: 9722 1624.

Wonga Park Community Cottage and Warrandyte Youth Services have been given a joint grant from the Municipal Recreation Fund to assist with conducting a three-day canoe trip on the Thompson River.

The project aims to target young people from Wonga Park to assist in the inclusion of this area in the new City of Manningham to provide a new service to the young people in this area, and to increase the links and opportunities for cooperation between Warrandyte Youth Services and the Wonga Park community.

The canoe trip will provide the young people with opportunities to participate in activities which contribute to an increase in self esteem and confidence, interpersonal skills, a sense of independence, interdependence, and leadership skills.

Contact: Ms Linda Hay, Wonga Park community Cottage, telephone 9722 1944.

Warrandyte Youth Services, telephone 9844 2985.

Any queries from Wonga Park residents can be directed to the Customer Service Desk 9840 9230.