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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, 8 SEPT

WONGA PARK COMMUNITY CRAFT FESTIVAL SATURDAY 11 NOV 95

The Wonga Park Hall on Launderers Avenue will have many interesting craft stalls displaying local craft works between 9 am and 3 pm on Saturday 11 November. A classical guitarist will be playing at various times throughout the day on stage at the Hall. Craft displays will be presented by craft tutors at the Wonga Park Community Cottage at various times during the day.

It sounds like a very pleasant way to spend a couple of hours with the family or friends on that weekend, particularly as the main event of that weekend is the Centenary Celebration of the Primary School. This year the Craft Festival is designed to be complementary to the Primary School's Centenary, hopefully creating a heightened sense of celebration for the Wonga Park community.

Generously some groups and individual businesses within Wonga Park have donated their services for the Festival, however, Glenda Ballinger, the Festival

Co-ordinator, requires more full-on support from the community to make this Festival a success. Give her a call on 9722 1624 with your suggestions or services. Let us work together make the weekend a success!

THE REGIONAL STRATEGY PLAN HAS EVAPORATED

At the end of August the Hon. Rob McLellan, MLA, Minister for Planning, stated that the Regional Strategy Plan as applied to Wonga Park had evaporated. Now Wonga Park has no Strategic Plan safeguards.

The Minister went on to mention that anything that needs to be done by concerned Wonga Park citizens should be undertaken and implemented before the Commissioners finish their term in office. The Commissioners would be more objective towards Wonga Park concerns than any newly elected Council for the City of Manningham. In any new Council election Wonga Park would only be able to muster a small proportion of total votes in the City of Manningham and consequently would not be represented on Council.

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WALK THE BUSH TRAILS
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SEE
THE MAGIC MUD HOUSES

The Residents' Association should address this situation as soon as possible. All residents dissatisfied with this development should attend the next Residents' Association meeting to voice their concern and seek an appropriate approach.

CENTENARY BOOKLET ON HISTORY OF THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

An extract from the "Only My Best" booklet, the soon to be published history and memories of the 100 years at Wonga Park Primary School, reads as follows

"During the War, 1941 approx., part of our School's War effort was to collect the scrap metal, rubber tyres and batteries, and store it at the School until collected. My father loaned us his horse and wagon to collect this material from the district. We collected tons of the stuff!"

John Upton (past pupil - Wonga Park PS)

The Wonga Park Primary School will be celebrating its Centenary on the weekend of 11 and 12 November this year. The Program of Events will soon be available in local shops. If you know of anyone who no longer lives in the district but would be interested in attending, the organising committee would be grateful if you could give those interested persons a copy. Alternatively, you might ring Dawn Tapper (phone 9722 1325) or the Primary School (phone 9722 1793) to pass on their names and addresses.

There will be displays of all kinds of historic memorabilia and the organising committee would appreciate the loan of any old photos, medals, furniture, knick knacks, toys, etc., that reflect times during the past 100 years at Wonga Park. If you can help please phone Dawn Tapper or the School on the phone numbers above.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG WONGA PARK GYMNAST

Her name is Cassie Barr, she is 12 years old and a Grade 6 student at Oxley College. Cassie is a Level 9 gymnast which means she competes against girls three or more years older than herself. She competes for the strong Bulleen Gymnastic Club. The Club placed 4th overall in the National Club Championships recently held in Adelaide.

On the 27 and 28 August Cassie competed in the Victorian Championships for National Levels. This was

the 2nd Trial to determine who would represent Victoria at the National Levels Championships in Brisbane during the week commencing 18 September.

Cassie's performance was outstanding and she was selected in the Victorian team, finishing 2nd overall, 2nd on bars and achieved a score that automatically places her as Level 10 gymnast as of 1 January, 1996.

Congratulations Cassie. Wonga Park is proud of you and wishes you good luck in the National Championships in Brisbane this month.

INTERESTED IN A BUS RUN BETWEEN WARRANDYTE AND WONGA PARK?

Each year the Principal at Warrandyte High School receives numerous enquiries from parents of Grade 6 students at Wonga Park Primary School about the possibility of establishing a bus route between Wonga Park and Warrandyte. The bus would run between Wonga Park's Yarra Road and Warrandyte Road via Jumping Creek Road.

Warrandyte High School is an excellent school and commuting to and from by students living in Wonga Park should be made as easy and safe as possible.

Questions that need to be addressed are: whether a specific school bus is proposed to run twice only each school day, whether a general community bus similar to the Yarra Road bus service is preferred, the extent of the route and the impact on Jumping Creek Road traffic, a local tourist road which carries heavy through traffic during peak hours.

Robyn Flynn of 9 Leisha Court, Wonga Park (phone 9722 1559) would be interested to learn whether there is sufficient support within the wider Wonga Park community for such a bus service.

MEETING OF WONGA PARK HERITAGE ADVISORY GROUP

The meeting will be held at the Wonga Park Primary School on Saturday, 2 September from 1 pm - 4 pm to collect data of historical events, places and personalities of Wonga Park.

Any residents that have any interesting and relevant information that they consider useful to the Heritage Group are invited to attend. The Group is eagerly

AUGUST WEATHER STATISTICS Temp Max 23.7 Min 1.7 Rain 63.0 mm

awaiting the publication of the Primary School's Centenary booklet "Only The Best".

Manningham City Council is funding consultants to gather and prepare heritage information concerning the Wonga Park district. The Advisory Group is made up of Wonga Park residents who have been requested to be members by the Council.

WONGA PARK COMMUNITY COTTAGE SUCCESSFUL TERM 3 PROGRAMS

The Cottage's focus on working together with the community has helped create a successful response to the Term 3 programs.

Term 3 has produced many fascinating learning experiences and beautiful craft work. "Walking for Well-being" proved immensely popular with several groups being formed and if you are interested in joining please phone Linda Hay at the Cottage on 9722 1944. In addition there are vacancies left for 3 workshops coming up:

7.30-9.30pm	Wed. 6 Sept.	Victorian Tassels	\$9.50
9.30-11.30am	Mon. 11 Sept.	Intro. to Aromatherapy	\$4.00
7.30pm	Wed. 13 Sept.	Gardening in Wonga Park	\$4.00

Enrolment Day for Term 4 is Tuesday 10 October, please note it on your calendar.

WONGA PARK COMMUNITY DISCUSSION ABOUT THE NEEDS OF OUR YOUTH

This initiative is to get interested people together to discuss programs and services that the Wonga Park community believe should be provided for our young people. This is supported and sponsored by the City of Manningham.

There are Orange Survey forms at the local Wonga Park shops and Community cottage. Please fill them in and return to:

Linda Hay, Co-ordinator
Wonga Park Community Cottage
P.O. Box 5046
Wonga Park 3115

or deliver them by hand to

Wonga Park Community Cottage
Old Yarra Road
Wonga Park 3115

ROAD MAINTENANCE IN WONGA PARK

The very wet winter has caused the Council to hold back road maintenance for certain periods until the roads dried out a little to enable the repairs to take hold.

Also it is good to see Council responding quickly to the residents' requests to widen the pavement on the dangerous blind bend in Bryson Road on the Freyne Street side of the Jumping Creek. The editor believes that heavy trucks should be detoured away from Brysons Road, the pavement is too narrow in parts, the gutters are broken and deep. A serious or fatal accident could happen at any time.

The Wonga Park Advisory Group has requested Council to investigate the intersection at Yarra Road and Bryson/Homestead Roads. Several serious collisions have occurred there recently. The intersection is not obvious when approaching from Homestead Road.

HARD RUBBISH COLLECTION DATE SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

The collectors ask that the rubbish be placed in a convenient pile on the nature strip on Sunday, 3 September for collection during the period 4 to 8 September (Monday to Friday).

Phone 9735 8333 (Shire of Yarra Ranges, ask for Waste Management) for OK items but basically they include any furniture, fittings, white goods, noxious weeds and vines. No car wrecks or garden refuse.

Please read the notice overleaf.