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WONGA PARK NEWS & NOTES

DEC/JAN 1996

All are welcome to the next meeting at the COMMUNITY COTTAGE, WONGA PARK at 8 pm Fri, 8 Dec.

THE PRIMARY SCHOOL CENTENARY

Congratulations to all concerned. The event was a great success. We all thoroughly enjoyed it.

THE WONGA PARK COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

The Organising Committee of the WP Residents' Association, in particular Glenda Ballinger and Joy Gow, were very pleased with their first attempt at organising the Community Festival. The Residents' Association thank them for their marvellous effort, indeed they displayed outstanding organising skills to create a great community day where people from Wonga Park and nearby districts could come and browse around the stalls, watch a potter at work on the wheel, listen to local schools singing and playing musical instruments, go for a ride on a Harley Davidson or pony ride or purchase indigenous plants from the Residents' Association information stall.

Our own Wonga Park CFA put on tremendous demonstrations all day. Please don't forget our CFA

unit do a great job throughout the year, but particularly during the summer, and please contribute generously to their donation drive. Check with your accountant it may be tax deductible. Special thanks goes to Matt Harrington, of Harrington Electrical Contractors, for organising the electrical side of the Festival. Without you Matt and your able staff the Festival would not have made much noise at all.

The Manningham Council is commended for their financial commitment which lifted the Festival concept off the ground. Thanks to the staff of the Works Management, Open Space Planning and Arts & Cultural Development offices for the time and effort put into organising the day and setting up stalls on Parks and Reserves, Heritage and Curb Side Waste.

Our thanks go to all the youth groups that participated in the Festival and particularly to the two young clowns Stacey and Michael who did a great job all day.

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YOUTH NEWS

Congratulations Aaron Taylor, Queen's Scout Aaron, a member of the 1st Wonga Park Scout Group was recently presented with his Queen's Scout Award by the Governor Mr. McGarvie at Government House, Melbourne.

The Award is that a achieve in Section of Movement worn with those have level of



Queen's Scout the highest award teenager can the Venture the Scouting and this badge is great pride by all Venturers who attained this high achievement.

Wonga Park Youth Group Action

A large group of Wonga Park youth met at WP Community Cottage on Friday 24 November at 7.30 p.m. It was good fun and more are planned.

Students Apply for Austudy Now

Kevin Andrews, our Federal Member, urges students in his electorate to lodge 1996 Austudy application forms as soon as possible to avoid financial stress. The Austudy Guide 1996 outlines the benefits available through Austudy, listing those who qualify and how to apply. The Austudy Guide can be obtained from the CES or school careers advisers.

Wyena Pony Club Christmas Break-up

Wyena is the nearest Pony Club to Wonga Park in the City of Manningham and many of the riders of the Club live in Wonga Park and the surrounding districts. Wyena competes in the Northern Metropolitan Zone of the Pony Club Association of Victoria and has a long record of successes in State Zone Games Championships. 1995 has been a rebuilding year for the Club with an intake of many talented junior riders and the continued development of the intermediate and senior riders.

The Christmas Break-up competition for Wyena Pony Club riders comprised Games races (flag & barrel), jumping and best rider competitions. The weather was warm and windy and everyone had a great

time. The best riders on the day were:

Senior rider	Sophie Ritchie
Intermediate rider	Emily McKellar
Junior rider	Ben Ind

Also Ben holds the record for the most dunks (with assistance) into the horse trough on the day!

The winners of the annual 1995 awards were:

Best eventer	Liana Bertrand
Best presented	Joanne Aird
Most improved	Luke Barker

Congratulations to the winners and all Pony Club riders for a great effort during the year, and a very special mention should go to the parents. These are the hard working people who provide the support team essential for the enjoyment and success of the riders and the Club.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

The Christmas Services to be held at the Anglican Church of St Mark, Wonga Park are:

Sunday 24 December at 7.00 p.m.

A Christmas celebration with a children's presentation and carols followed by a Eucharist.

Monday Christmas Day 9.30 a.m.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS AND A SAFE AND SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR FROM ALL OF US AT THE WONGA PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

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