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# WONGA PARK NEWS & NOTES

## FEBRUARY 1996

All are welcome to the next meeting at the COMMUNITY COTTAGE, WONGA PARK at 8 pm Fri, 9 Feb.

### WONGA PARK GIRLS FIRST IN KAYAK TEAM RELAY IN 1995 MURRAY RIVER MARATHON

The Murray River Marathon is raced over 404 kilometres, commences the day after eating Christmas dinner, the temperatures between Yarrowonga and Swan Hill are hot during that season of the year, the race lasts for 5 days and many Olympic paddlers are known to compete. Add to this impossible scenario the facts that a team entered the race with no racing experience, was formed just one month prior to the start of the race, practised on the Ringwood Lake and won their section of the 5 day race (which usually has a winning time margin expressed in seconds) by 15 minutes.

Well such a team did it in the 1995 Murray River Marathon and Angela Aird and Amy Bartold, two Wonga Park girls were major contributors in this team of 8 students from Tintern AGG School.

Congratulations girls, it was an absolutely outstanding performance. Wonga Park is proud of you.

Angela, a year 10 student at Tintern, tried kayaking for the first time in November 1995 and thought it was tremendous. Her enthusiasm and drive helped to organise a team of 8 girls from her school to enter the School Girls Relay Section for TK2 Kayaks in the Murray River Marathon. This excitement was focused into a winning combination by practice sessions on the Ringwood Lake directed by their coach Stephanie Russell from Compkraft Kayaks of 5/812 Mountain Hwy, Bayswater. The team called themselves the 'Tintern Taggers' and were sponsored by Ringwood Surf & Sailboard Centre of 291 Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood.

The important memories associated with the MRM were the opportunities to compete, meet and develop friendships with the other competitors.

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## **THE WONGA PARK COMMUNITY COTTAGE TERM 1 ENROLMENTS**

Enrolments are now being taken for workshops/courses for Term 1, 1996. The Enrolment Day is on Tuesday, 6 February 9am - 3pm & 7pm - 8pm. If you are interested in being a volunteer to help the Cottage or join the Committee of Management contact Linda Hay the Cottage Co-ordinator on 9722 1944.

## **WONGAROO CHILD CARE CENTRE**

The management of the Centre is proud to announce that Wongaroo has received a "Three Year Accreditation" standard from the National Childcare Accreditation Council. This is the highest accreditation level given by the Council and involves 52 principles covering interactions between staff, children and parents, nutrition, health, safety practices, centre management and staff development.

The Wongaroo Committee and Staff are committed to providing a quality program in a caring environment and with this accreditation comes the recognition that they are achieving these aims.

## **ROADSIDE RESERVES**

The City of Manningham has employed last year's contractor to provide the same level of slashing service this year and he has recently slashed along parts of Brysons Rd.

## **MANNINGHAM COUNCIL ROUNDUP**

Council recently approved funding up to \$5,000 on a \$1 for \$1 basis towards provision of signage, seating and replacement of bins at the Wonga Park Village Shopping Centre at Launderers Ave.

A contract has been approved with Ecology Australia Pty. Ltd., for a study of Sites of Botanical and Zoological Significance in Wonga Park.

Context Pty. Ltd. Has been engaged, at a cost of \$1,460, to conduct Stage 2 of the Wonga Park Heritage Study. Funding is available to preserve or restore items of Historical significance.

## **L.E.A.F. (LOCAL ENVIRONMENT ASSISTANCE FUND)**

\$20,000 has been allocated to help land owners in the "Green Wedge" to assist in the protection and enhancement of landscape qualities and environmental characteristics of their land. It is not clear whether Wonga Park is included in the "Green Wedge" as information papers distributed at the recent Manningham Council Meeting described the "Green Wedge" as comprising Park Orchards and Warrandyte, no mention of Wonga Park!

## **OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Council has called for nominations for community representatives on this new Committee. Contact Kristen Allen on 9840 9333

## **1996 VOLUNTEER DRIVE AT THE MANNINGHAM ART GALLERY**

The Manningham Art Gallery or Manningham Artspace as it is now named, is calling for volunteers with an interest in the visual arts and who are willing to assist the activities of the Artspace, which is located at the rear of the Municipal Offices at 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster. In addition the volunteers could form an autonomous group which would use Artspace as their base, they could set a social program, meet, chat, arrange special viewing evenings, arrange excursions to major city exhibitions and special gardens around Melbourne, and generally serve the community through a focus on the Arts. The volunteers may preview exhibitions, receive advance notice of events and are entitled to free or concessional entry to paid events regarding Artspace. If you are interested please phone Joan Blakey at Artspace on 9848 9735.

DEC WEATHER STATISTICS Temp: max 31.7 min 6.6 Rain 75.5 mm

JAN WEATHER STATISTICS Temp: max 37.8 min 8.1 Rain 60.5 mm