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"FOR THE COMMUNITY,
OF THE COMMUNITY,
BY THE COMMUNITY."

Welcome back to the second edition of the Wonga Park News & Notes. Judging from the overwhelming

response of the first edition everybody was pleased to have this wonderfully informative newsletter back.

A big thank you to the following for their kind donation towards the first edition:

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An anonymous Wonga Park Resident	\$ 20.00

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Don't forget that you are quite welcome to place one line advertisements for \$1.00 per line and for articles over 100 words a donation to the Cottage would be greatly appreciated.

WONGA PARK COMMUNITY COTTAGE.
As Term one for 1997 winds down it is rewarding to see all the beautiful items that have been made by people. One of the most popular statements of class participants is "When I took it home and showed everyone they couldn't believe I had made it". We hopefully have something to tempt you to join us in Term Two's program, to be delivered towards the end of April. For those who like arts and crafts this includes **Achieving in Pastels** with Nola Clark, **Making Teddy Bears, Dilly bag or Sewing bag** in easy applique, **Victorian Ribbon Rose Box, Ribbon Rose Picture, Cottage Topiary Tree**. For those who want a little excitement there is **Night Caving** and **Night Canoeing**. No time to spare?

Then slow down with **Self Awareness and Meditation** or **Keeping Calm Technique**. What about **Discovering Your Unique and Intrinsic Self** professional workshops with Pam and Peta? Lots of popular **New Age W/shops, Low Fat Vegetarian Cooking, Walking groups, and Bellydancing** for fun and fitness. For mums with little ones who are looking for activities **Mini Maestro Music W/shops** have now changed to Wednesday mornings. Don't forget that we now offer **Occasional Care** on Monday and Friday mornings 9.00am to 12 noon at very reasonable rates - \$9 per session, \$4 for the second child.

Just a reminder that enrollment day for our great classes and workshops is Tuesday 29th April 1997, 9.00am - 3.00pm and 7.00pm - 8.00pm

WONGA PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
One of the original aims of the Wonga Park and District Residents' Association (WPDR), when it was formed in April 1964, was to produce a plan to bring about controlled development of the land in the Wonga Park area. At that time Council operated under an Interim Development Order. It was not until late 1965 that all land, other than two small allotments, was zoned rural. All development was then frozen.

The WPDR, after a series of public meetings, presented Council with its preferred planning proposal mid 1966. Council considerably pruned the submission and exhibited it in early 1967 to allow for public comment before forwarding it to the Town and Country Planning Board as Lillydale Shire Planning Amendment No 4.

For the next three years Amendment No 4 was shuffled between the Town and Country Planning Board, the MMBW, the SEC, State Rivers, the Local Government Department and the Shire of Lillydale, finally emerging in February 1970 with the signature of the Minister for Local Government.

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WONGA PARK GENERAL STORE & CAFE

70 JUMPING CREEK ROAD, WONGA PARK 9722 1911

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Residents Assoc cont.

The modified Amendment No 4 declared a Residential Development Zone of 510 acres around the intersection of Yarra Road and Jumping Creek Road. From this Amendment Council prepared a Concept Plan for Wonga Park.

Wonga Park Concept Plan (some points of interest).
2 basic zones: K type minimum 1/2 acre - 267 acres
S type minimum 1 acre - 253 acres

- . A Shopping Centre with provision for 16 shops opposite public hall on the corner of Launderers Avenue.
 - . A Primary School site in Dudley Road considered too small so provision was included to relocate School to a 5 acre (2 hectare) site in Yarra Road adjacent to proposed Shopping Centre. No secondary school was provided for.
 - . The 3 1/2 acre site around the hall was to be used for a Library, Infant Welfare Centre, Elderly Citizens Rooms etc.
 - . The Dudley Road School site was considered ideal for an additional Pre School Centre. K type development (6 persons per acre) was to be mainly west of Yarra/Dudley Roads but to include areas along.
 - . S type development (3 persons per acre) was to be east of Yarra/Dudley Roads.
 - . Total population planned for 2360 persons.
- Please note: On the original map Yarra Road continued all the way to Homestead Road and the creeks were intended to become parklands.
- NB: Sourced from an addition of News & Notes July '71

The next WPDRA meeting is to be held on Friday 11th April 1997 at 8.00pm at the Community Cottage incorporating the AGM. All is welcome.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS - MULLUM MULLUM WARD

Congratulations to our local representative Matthew Harrington for his great effort in the recent Council Elections. While Matthew did not win a place on Council, he should be very happy with his result. Our new Councillors are Lionel Allemand (Donvale) and Patricia Young (Warrandyte). Congratulations to them both.

WONGA PARK FESTIVAL

Due to the lack of response and support for a Festival Committee in 1997, it is likely that the Wonga Park Festival will not go ahead this November. If you wish to help please phone 9722 1610

WONGA PARK SCOUT GROUP

Group Leader: Michael Green 9726 6395
CUBS: Wednesday & Thursday 7.00pm
SCOUTS: Tuesday 7.30pm
VENTURERS: Friday 8.00pm



WONGA PARK RESERVE Community Meeting

When: Thursday 1st May, 1997 @ 7.30pm
Where: Wonga Park Public Hall
(Launderers Ave Wonga Park)

A Management Plan is being prepared for Wonga Park Reserve. This Management Plan will detail the future development and management of the reserve. It will present details of a new play space for young children.

Manningham City Council would like to invite your input. All enquiries contact Cathy Kiss, Recreation Planning and Development Officer. Manningham City Council. Tel: 9840 9418

EASTERN EMPLOYMENT

Offers a free service to both employers and those seeking employment. Appointments can be made with Maria McLeod at the Community Cottage. For more information call 9213 6751

WONGA PARK PLAYGROUP

Well, with the end of first term approaching, we look back on many weeks of unusually hot weather. Our recently acquired sand pit has certainly been a winner with the children! Easter was celebrated this year with a combined group activity featuring a jumping castle. Thanks to 'Jack and Jill Bouncy Castle' for kindly donating it's use. The children decorated their Easter Baskets and were delighted to receive an egg from the 'Easter Bunny' (thanks to Geoff Russell).

Thinking ahead on ideas to occupy the children in the colder, wintry months? Why not come and have a cuppa with the local Mums and let your children enjoy the indoor play equipment and activities that playgroup can provide. Vacancies exist for sessions Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

For enquires contact: Sue Offer 9722 9435

JUST A REMINDER

that your Manningham City Council rates are due by Thursday 10th April, 1997. Don't be late!

MARCH WEATHER STATISTICS: MIN TEMP: 4.5 MAX TEMP: LOW 30'S RAIN: 26.5mm

WONGAROO CHILD CARE CENTRE

The AGM of the Wonga Park Community Child Care Co-Operative was held on Tuesday 18th March 1997. The office bearers are: -

Chairperson: Rod Dalrymple
 Treasurer: Marie Mann
 Secretary: Pam Snowball
 Social/Fundraising: Carol Mattiassi
 Membership Sec: Janine Shields
 Maintenance: Andrea Mathers
 Administrator/Staff: Pam Duggan



All children in the Centre have been busy with Easter activities and the Easter Bunny visited the Centre. The children in the kindergarten room were recently treated to a morning of theatre games, movement and music interpretation, presented by Caroline Allan from Theatre Follies. Computer Gym will be presenting a demonstration display at the Centre on Wednesday 9th from 4.30pm for any families with children aged 3-5 who maybe interested in the program that they will shortly be running from Wongaroo.



WONGA PARK MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH CENTRE.

Birth notices for March = 1. Total for the 1996/97 year is 24. The new mothers group for the mums in Wonga Park is almost finished. These mums will continue to meet each other and also attend the centre. The next new mums group will be combined with Warrandyte and Park Orchards and will start after the first term holidays.

The incidence of chicken pox seems to have settled down since the start of autumn. Council Immunizations are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month - 9th April for all children and also adults due for immunization.

A big welcome to Stephanie born 5th March 1997. Cheers, Vikki Tonissen - Maternal & Child Health Nurse.



Joke:

Q: How do you know when you are getting old?
A: When your back goes out more than you do!

WONGA PARK CRICKET CLUB

has tragically lost a great cricketer and coach but more importantly a great mate - Craig McKissack, who was killed on Yarra Road in the early morning hours of Sunday 6th April, 1997.

Our deepest sympathy to Lisa and children Brittany, Samantha and Nikaela on the loss of Craig, a loving and caring husband and father.

A memorial service will be held at the Wonga Park Hall (Cnr Launder Ave & Yarra Road) on Wednesday 9th April, commencing at 2.00pm.



THE LOCAL ORCHARDISTS are very busy at this time harvesting their apples and pears.

Some have already finished their peaches and nectarines, some have late peaches and plums yet to be picked. Gravensteins, Delicious and Pears have largely been picked with Granny Smith, Fuji, Pink Lady and Lady Williams yet to come.

Unfortunately, terrible damage has been done by flocks of Rainbow Lorrikeets which local people enjoy feeding. These are flocking, nomadic birds and should keep moving on. However, when people feed them they stay in the district and descend on the nearest orchard. They bite open thousands of apples just to get the seeds. They are attacking the different varieties of apples just before they are ready to be picked. They are currently demolishing the Fuji crop. Orchardists used to think that the hail was the worst thing that could happen!

A CALL FOR WONGA PARK COMMUNITY SUGGESTIONS NETWORK VODAFONE MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION

Wonga Park is a hilly and beautiful area which makes it hard to find a mobile phone base station site that will provide good coverage in the area, while being 'environmentally friendly'.

After six months of consultation, Vodafone chose a site on Country Fire Authority land off Old Yarra Road where they proposed replacing the 17m wooden fire hose drying pole with a 25m steel pole, incorporating mobile phone antennas flush to the pole.

As the community of Wonga Park would prefer the site to be further away from pre schools, child care centres, playgroups etc, Vodafone is prepared to invite Wonga Park Community to offer suggestions for alternative sites.

Vodafone cont.

Suggested alternatives will have to be checked in detail from a radio coverage point of view by engineers, and need to fit in with the Vodafone cellular network.

Alternatives also need to comply with the Telecommunications National Code and still has to be considered as an option.

Your neighbours will have to be happy with suggestions as Vodafone does not want to simply shift the site and then find another part of the community objects.

Lodge suggestions by 10th April, 1997 to:
Mrs Shauna Beard on 9347 6100 or
Mr Gary Wallis, Planning Co ordinator, Vodafone during business hours on 0414 207 125 or in wiring to Contour Consultants, Level 1, 96 Pelham Street, Carlton Vic 3052.

FLORA'S POINT OF VIEW



On Saturday 5th April, readers may have noticed Wonga Park CFA burning the roadside reserve at the corner of Yarra Road and Lauanders Avenue.

This fuel reduction burn was the result of liason between the Fire Brigade, City Of Manningham Park Officers and Wonga Park Environment Group.

I look on this as an opportunity to write something about fire protection and fire as a management tool. Briefly, fire protection objectives are to: -

- . Protect life and property and other assets
- . Protect areas of natural and cultural value eg State Parks from the adverse effects of wildfire.
- . To allow for ecosystem management of significant flora and fauna eg. the Otway Fire Protection Plan addresses fire protection and management for the New Holland Mouse in Anglesea and the Ground Parrot at Carlisle.

Narrow strips of native vegetation such as the Lauanders Avenue roadside reserve are notoriously difficult to manage and quickly deteriorate with neglect. They are subject to pressures caused by close proximity to housing and urban development. So we see weed invasion and loss of species through changed levels in water and nutrients.

Fire is one of the tools used by land managers to maintain the quality of roadside vegetation, as competition of weedy species can be reduced and dormant seeds of Eucalypts, Acacias and Peas may germinate. Tuberos species such as orchids and lillies often re appear after fire.

So, although Saturday's burn was not intended as an ecological one, and was dampened by unexpected early rain, Jane Pammer is hoping to see the regeneration of species which have not been sighted for a while and that the weedy Brizasp has been controlled.

We appreciate the liason between CFA, Local Government and the Community.

Flora Anderson.

A **S FIRST TERM SCHOOL HOLIDAYS** are suddenly upon us the Cottage would like to extend to you and your families a safe and well deserved holiday break.

If you are lucky enough to be holidaying, please drive carefully, do not drink and drive and if taking lengthy drives please make sure you stop at the road side for a coffee break.

See you all next term.



Editors Note: If you have any clean jokes, poems etc. that you wish to share, please place in WPCC letterbox