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

Well it's May already and nearly half the year already gone, Christmas lists here we come!

We have had requests for a night session of aerobics but unfortunately do not have a tutor. Is there anyone who might be interested or know of anyone that is available?

We still have some vacancies in our day/night courses. Please call or come in to see if there is anything that might be of interest to you.

We trust that you all had a safe and restful first term break and that the children (more to the point Mums) are happy to be back at school!

WONGA PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Meets 2nd Friday of every month at 8.00pm at the Cottage. All welcome.

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.

ST MARK'S CHURCH

Services are on Sundays at 9.30am each week, and anyone is welcome. I am pleased to say that the Sunday School Program is now underway and we hope to have more details about programs for teenagers and the very young in the next 'News & Notes'

WONGA PARK COMMUNITY COTTAGE is celebrating Neighbourhood House week from the 11th to the 17th May 1997 (that's why the balloons have been out the front just in case anyone was wondering!) It is also Volunteers Week, which is very appropriate as Community Houses can't exist without volunteers.

My phone number is 9722 1407 if anyone has queries about Bible Study, Prayer Groups or just on social life.

Thanks Vic Mitchell, Warden.

Our Committee of Management is made up of people from the community who value the existence of the Cottage. Our current members are very low and we really need your help! So if you like helping people, would like to make a difference in our community and enjoy meeting interesting people, please feel free to call us or drop in and have a coffee and a chat.

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

We will be at Eastland Shopping Centre on Friday 16th May by the fountain with Mark Somers who will be abseiling from the roof. There will be bellydancing demonstrations and lots lots more. Please come and join in the fun!

WONGA PARK SCOUT GROUP

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



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MANNINGHAM STEPS TO SUSTAINABILITY



Have your say on the future planning of Manningham! The Manningham community is made up of individuals with different needs, tastes and lifestyles. Some needs are common to all (eg open space, a place to live, access to services). The planning system provides a level of control necessary to make sure basic needs are met and community resources are used effectively and equitably.

The role of the MSS is to provide a vision for the future use and development of land in Manningham. It will form a major component of the new planning scheme. The MSS will directly influence the zoning of every property in the municipality.

Whether you are a resident, community interest group, business operator, developer or investor, you can find out about the planning reform program and let Council know what you think about land use and development in Manningham.

Workshops will enable you to gain an understanding of The Natural Step model for sustainability (a framework for Manningham's planning reform process), you will have a direct say in the future planning of their local area. Workshops are being held for the Mullum Mullum Ward at the: Warrandyte Community Centre
Thursday 15th May at 7.00 - 8.30pm
168-178 Yarra Street, Warrandyte.

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FLORA'S POINT OF VIEW



AUTUMN ORCHIDS Terrestrial orchids were once plentiful in Wonga Park. Now, if you are keen to see these intricate, beautiful little flowers, you need to look carefully among grasses and mosses under trees and shrubs in roadside reserves or in Warrandyte State Park.

The Yarra Brae section of the Park below the Scout Camp - follow Clifford Drive and walk down to the track along the river - is a good place to start looking now for the Autumn Bird Orchid (*Chiloglottis reflexa*). It likes sandy soils in moist shady situations. The reddish or olive-green flowers look like a baby bird with its beak open waiting to be fed.

Books which will help you identify orchids are Tony Bishop's Field Guide to the Orchids of NSW and Victoria and Flora of Melbourne compiled by the Society for Growing Australian Plants Maroondah Group.

I have just heard about some excellent work being done in Wonga Park by the City of Manningham Conservation Officer, Steve Ray and his team.

They have recently run a workshop for local business managers, on waste minimization. Inspired by a speaker from The Body Shop and a philosophy that says 'You can be doing ecological good while doing economically well, the managers were encouraged to come up with their own ideas about waste management in their shops, factories, restaurants etc.

There has already been a very worthwhile idea from Carol about the possibility/feasibility of replacing a septic system with a composting system.

A date to mark in your diaries is Sunday June 1st for 'Envirofest' at Westerfolds Park to celebrate World Environment Day. Run by City of Manningham, City of Banyule, Nillumbik and Parks Victoria, their motto is 'There's no such thing as garbage'

Flora Anderson

LIBRARY VAN

This wonderful community resource is available on Mondays between 5.00pm - 6.00pm at the Wonga Park Hall.

WONGA PARK NETBALL CLUB

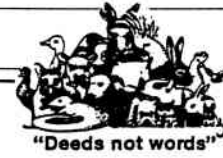
is run by a terrific team of dedicated ladies and coaches. If you are interested in playing netball, please contact Pam Naughton (President) on 9722 1511

APRIL WEATHER STATISTICS:

MIN TEMP: 2.6

MAX TEMP: 29.5

RAIN: 32.5mm



WONGA PARK MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH CENTRE.

Total birth notices for April was 4. Total new babies for 1996/97 is 27.

The new Mother's Group will start 8/5/97 at Warrandyte. Cathy Kiss from City Of Manningham facilitated a meeting at the Wonga Park Hall on 1/5/97 to discuss Playground facilities and their future development.

There has been one case of Whooping Cough in Warrandyte of a young baby, luckily she is making a good recovery.

The next immunization session is on Wednesday 14th May 1997 at 9.30am

A big welcome to Jessica born 27/3/97, Dylan born 28/3/97 and Christy born 4/4/97.

Cheers, Vikki Tonisson - Maternal & Child Health Nurse

WONGAROO CHILD CARE CENTRE

Wongaroo aims to provide a secure and welcoming environment that fosters the well being of children, families and staff who use or are involved with the centre.

We provide a safe, clean, nurturing and stimulating environment that offers creative and imaginative play experiences that promotes the development of the individual child.

We offer a fortnightly program that is based on observations of each child and on the whole group of children in each room. We then plan experiences and activities, structured and child initiated, which will develop and extend their knowledge, skills and interests in all areas of development.

The children are given every opportunity to explore, experiment and discover both their indoor and outdoor environment here at Wongaroo.



Joke:
Q: Why did the boy throw the clock out the window?
A: Because he wanted to see time fly.

WILDLIFE

As the dark nights are now upon us, it is often distressing and confusing when one hits and injures native wildlife as we drive along the road.

If this should happen to you and you are left with an injured native animal you might be interested to know that your local vet will usually administer care free of charge.

For larger animals i.e kangaroos, wombats or any native animal you are unsure of handling, please contact the Warrandyte Ranger on 9844 2659.

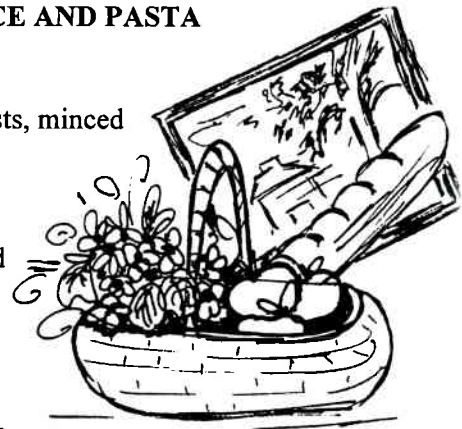
RECIPE OF THE MONTH

As the cold winter months approach us, we go searching through our old favourite cook books for something new and exciting. Well search no longer, below is a yummy dish to warm the coldest of cold nights.

SPICY CHICKEN SAUCE AND PASTA

Serves 6

- 1 kg skinless chicken breasts, minced
- 1 large onion, diced
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 capsicum, finely chopped
- 420g can tomatoes
- 4 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 dessertspoon oregano
- 1 dessertspoon basil
- 1 dessertspoon sambal olek
- 2 tablespoons cold pressed olive oil
- 3 cups water



Brush the base and sides of a saucepan with oil and heat. Add garlic and onion and saute until onion becomes clear. Add chicken mince and brown, then add all the other ingredients and simmer for 3 hours. When mixture reduces add a little more water.

Rapid boil pasta, (herb & garlic or tomato fetticuni) accordingly to directions.

Serve hot with spicy chicken sauce.

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