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

Well it's already the fourth edition of New & Notes (even though it is a bit late) and we would like to

thank all the people who are readily contributing articles of interest. We would like to take this opportunity to remind everybody that you are all very welcome to place articles and that you do not have to necessarily belong to any particular Club or Group, all you have to do is have them at the Community Cottage by the last business day of each month !.

WONGA PARK COMMUNITY COTTAGE
Term 2 was a great success with our new tutors being very popular. Robyn Henschels 'Low Fat Vegetarian Cooking' was met with the comment 'we must have her back'. Consequently Robyn will be doing 'International Low Fat Vegy Cooking' next term. Gayle Toscano our new 'Wool or Ribbon Embroidery' tutor won a following with her professionalism. Carol Meades 'Beginners Leadlight and Copperfoiling' students are also coming back for more next term after a rewarding first term. 'Pastels' tutor Nola Clark is coming back for a Thursday afternoon workshop and another Saturday workshop. Gaye Ireland has everyone making cuddly 'Teddy Bears' day and night.

'First Aid In The Workplace Level 1' saw 15 people receive their Certificate and due to demand Elvie will be offering 'Level 1 and/or 2 in Term 3. The Cottage Quilters are a friendly industrious group still meeting fortnightly on Thursday nights. If you would like to join them, but have not learnt yet, our lovely Wendy Cox will be teaching 'Patchwork - Flying Geese Wallhanging' (not geese, but a traditional pattern, come and see the display) on Monday nights for 5

weeks. On offer for Term 3 **only** on Wednesday afternoons is 'Understanding Our Legal and Political World' provided by the Victoria Law Foundation. This course will include understanding of Government, our Constitution, the voting system, State and Local Governments, Commons Laws, a visit to the Victorian Parliament and Law Courts.

Look out for our Term 3 Program, week beginning 7th July ENROLMENT DAY TUESDAY 15TH JULY

We have some enthusiastic local mums, who are working towards building up our childcare. They have already acquired a beautiful cubby house which is now in place (with help from some Dads) They are looking for a slide, swings, toddlers pool, garden setting, ride ons, blackboards etc in safe condition that your children have outgrown. We would love to hear from you if you could help.

BURCH MEMORIAL KINDERGARTEN
Kindergarten has enjoyed another busy and productive term and we are all amazed at how quickly our year is flying by. Our children have matured in confidence so that we are working together in the most co operative and delightful way. We have enjoyed many special events this term including a visit from the wonderful play specialists at Monash Medical Centre, an exciting trip to the park on the London Bus, an art exhibition of our childrens work and we are concluding our term cooking gingerbread people - just the thing to munch on a cold winters day!

Our new ramp access to our centre is almost completed - we plan to replant the area to maintain our centres attractive setting. Outdoor renovations in the playground are underway and thanks to our enthusiastic parent group our kindergarten continues to be a wonderful garden of opportunity for our young children to explore, learn and grow.

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Enrolment enquiries are welcome. Please contact Anne at the Centre on 9722 1639. Enrolment forms are available at the Centre. Session Times for 1998 Kindergarten four year old are as follows:

Group 1	Group 2
Monday 8.30am - 12.00pm	Mon 1.00pm - 4.00pm
Tuesday 8.30am - 12.00pm	Wed 8.30am - 12.00pm
Thurs 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Thurs 8.30am - 12.00pm
<u>3 year old kindergarten.</u>	
Wed 1.15pm - 3.15pm	Friday 9.15am - 11.15am

MANNINGHAM LOCAL ENVIRONMENT ASSISTANCE FUND 1997/98

\$40,000.00 L.E.A.F. PROGRAM PROVIDE HELP FOR THE GREEN WEDGE LANDOWNERS

Individual landowners or groups within the non urban zones of the Mullum Mullum Creek, are invited to apply for funding (to to \$2,300.00 per property), that will assist in the protection and enhancement of landscape qualities and environmental characteristics of their land.

Application forms and additional information may be obtained from Council's Economic & Environment Planning Unit by contacting Bill Mallinson (Environmental Education Officer) on 9840 9338 or Maria Rico (Strategic Planner) on 9840 9467



Applications forms must be received by Friday 15th August 1997.

DANCING

Janine Dent of Janden Dancing School runs classes for Children in Jazz and Tap at the Wonga Park Hall (Launders Avenue) on Wednesdays at 4.15pm - 6.15 pm. Enquires please phone: 9723 7637

LIBRARY MOBILE VAN

In the May edition of News & Notes we unfortunately wrote the wrong day of this Library Van. Our sincere apologies and please find listed below the correct day and time.

FRIDAY 3.30PM - 6.30PM (Wonga Park Hall)

SHIRE OF YARRA RANGES

Green waste collection service.

GARDEN WASTE: Week beginning 11/8/97
HARD WASTE &: Week beginning 13/10/97 &
METAL WASTE 20/10/97

G GOBBLING UP THE GREEN WEDGE

THE RING ROAD - Vic Roads' Flat Black Future for Eltham and Warrandyte.

- . 19km of freeway
- . \$850,000.000 cost
- . more housing developments
- . more shopping centres
- . more traffic on feeder roads.
- . new industrial developments
- . an end of the Green Wedge

The Western Ring Road is nearly complete. Work on the Eastern Ring Road (or Scoresby Freeway) is due to begin in 1998. The section of the Ring Road through Eltham and Warrandyte (the 'Missing Link' or 'North East Access') could have construction commencing in January 2003.

If you would like to learn more about this important issue or make your views known through letter to the local papers, letters or phone calls to your MP and the Premier.

Contact Details: ARRO (Anti Ring Road Organisation)
PO Box 126, Warrandyte 3113
. Stephen & Fia Clendinnen 9844 3454
. Mark Gardner 9844 3799



WONGAROO CHILD CARE CENTRE

is having a Bush Dance on Saturday 19th July 1997 8.00pm till Midnight at the Wonga Park Hall - Launders Avenue.

The cost is \$20.00 per head (or \$45.00 per family - 2 adults and children). This includes a spit roast, salad, potatoes, bread, dessert, coffee/tea. BYO drink and glasses. Dress: Country & Western (optional)

Invite your friends and family or just bring yourselves to the Wongaroo major fundraiser for 1997 and a big fun night. Dance the night away to 'The Bush Brothers' band (instruction provided) or just come and socialise.

There will be a raffle and silent auction on the night. The fund raising target is \$1,200.00 to buy play equipment.

Enquiries: Tracey Weatherby 9722 1484
Carol Mattiassi 9723 1242

MAY WEATHER STATISTICS:

MIN TEMP: 2.0

MAX TEMP: 19.0

RAIN: 102mm

WONGA PARK MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH CENTRE.

Total birth notices for May was 4. Total new babies for 1996/97 is 31.

The weather is getting colder now so its important to keep the small children and babies warm especially when outside.

Hats that cover the ears are great, don't forget the babies feet and legs. If they feel cool or cold get some nice warm booties and leggings - not just socks.

Some babies are waking again at night because they are cold, especially at the age when they kick off their blankets. Jumpers or sleeping bags can help to prevent this.

A big welcome to Isabelle & Phoebe.

Cheers, Vikki Tonisson - Maternal & Child Health Nurse

WILDLIFE RESCUE



Over the last few weeks Julie Pryor (local wildlife shelter) has received two Tawny Frogmouths, both hit by cars. One has already been released, but the other was more seriously injured with a broken wing and is still under care.

Two more adult ringtail possums have been found this month attacked by cats, one died and the other was fortunate to survive the attack mostly unscathed, and has since been released.

Kangaroos have featured strongly this month. Julie received a call to attend one that had been hit by a car on Jumping Creek Road but when she arrived at the location the animal had gone - presumably recovered and hopped back into the bush.

Another kangaroo also hit by a car, was found in Johansons Road near The Common. Although he was still able to hop around, his cheek bone had been severley crushed and the unfortunate animal had to be put down.

The third kangaroo, a male, was found near Dudley Road having been chased by four dogs. He was suffering myopathy - a potentially fatal condition of the muscles brought on by stress. The roo was taken to Healesville where he has been receiving massage and therapy to his paralysied muscles. Although it is still early days he does seem to be responding to the treatment.

It has become increasingly obvious that the greatest threat to our native wildlife comes from the two C's - cats and cars. But they are not the real villains however, it is the thoughtless drivers and thoughtless cat owners who must take the blame for the unnecessary injuries and death of our precious native fauna.

Julie can be contacted on 97221117.

Two goats are busy eating garbage. One finds a roll of old film and chews it up. 'Did you enjoy the film?' the other goat asks? 'Actually, I preferred the book.'

ENVIRONMENT SEMINAR SERIES WILDLIFE.

3rd July	Peter Brown	Possums
7th August	Melody Serena	Platypus
4th Sept	Lindy Lumsden	Bats
2nd Oct	George Paras	Yarra's Native Fish
6th Nov	Andrew Bennett	Wildlife Corridors
4th Dec	Linton Staples	Foxes

AT WARRANDYTE COMMUNITY CENTRE
7.30PM FIRST THURSDAYS \$2.00 ENTRY

Enquires: Bill Mallinson 9840 9338 or 9840 9333

Arranged and sponsored by Friends of Warrandyte State Park.

F LORA'S POINT OF VIEW



It's time to look out for some of the many and varied fungi, which push up through leaf litter, moss and even on fallen logs and living tree trunks. Much joy can be had from taking time to examine them closely and to find out their function in the scheme of things in the natural world.

Recently, I have noticed Inky Caps and bright orange bracket fungi in my garden. If I am lucky I sometimes find edible field mushrooms in my lawns, but a word of warning. Don't eat any fungi unless you are absolutely certain it is not poisonous.

WONGA PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

We would love to see some new members at our next meeting to be held on Friday 11th July at 8.00pm at the Community Cottage. Any concerns you have will receive a sympathetic hearing.

Plans for Jumping Creek Road bridge, will soon be on exhibition, for a fortnight only, at both Wonga Park Community Cottage and Warrandyte Community Centre. City of Manningham will welcome your comments. During construction, traffic flow will be affected for some months. Council has promised briefing sessions for your information prior to exhibition of the plans. There is no doubt that with the new bridge we must expect a different look, as a result of the loss of riparian vegetation. Council recognises that the bridge is within a conservation precinct and re vegetation will be incorporated within the plan.



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