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

We have now
succesfully
produced
five News and Notes
and we will
endeavour to
continue with this

excellent publication. However, we do need articles, please feel free to contribute. All you have to do is drop your article into the Community Cottage by the last business day of each month. **DON'T BE SHY.** There must be alot of interesting news in the community. This is your publication, lets keep it interesting.

WONGA PARK COMMUNITY COTTAGE

It's full steam ahead in Term 3 at the Cottage. Mini Maestro Music Workshops are extremely popular again and we will look into offering another day next term. We had to arrange a second Leadlighting class on Wednesday afternoons due to demand. The cold has not certainly deterred Tennis Coaching participants or the Monday and Friday walkers!! Belly Dancing is in full swing and during the cooking classes we have experienced exotic aromas enticing us to experiment with new recipes.

THERE ARE STILL VACANCIES IN

Wool /Ribbon Emb	Tues 9.30 - 11.30	19/8 5wk
Exploring Pastels	Sat 11.00 - 4.00pm	23/8
Teddy Bear Day No 2	Mon 9.30 - 11.30am	25/8 4wk
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Decoupage Mod/Trad	Mon 1.00 - 3.00pm	25/8 4wk
4 Wheel Driving 4 Women	Tues 9.30-3.00pm	26/8
Ribbon Rose Pict. Night	Tues 7.30-9.30pm	26/8 4wk
Night Caving	Fri 7.00-10.00pm	29/8
Trail Ride	Fri 9.45-11.45am	29/8

Permamano(parchment craft) Sat 10.00-2.30pm 30/8
Dawn Canoeing Sat 6.00-9.00am 20/9

DON'T FORGET OUR INTRODUCTION TO
The Wine Industry Friday night 5/9/97 7.30-10.00pm
A fun and informative night is guaranteed with Denise Miller's presentation and vast knowledge from the history, growing, styles of wine to the best bit - tasting.

CAR RALLY

Come along and have some fun, gather up the family or get your mates from work to form a group and head off to the starting point outside the Cottage. Prizes galore! Sausage sizzle and billy tea when you've finished.
Sunday 7/9/97 9.00am start

SHOPPING TOUR

The Cottage is organising a Shopping Tour on Saturday 25th October which will be our 1997 Major Fundraising Event. Please keep this date free - don't forget that this is a great day of fun, food and laughter not to mention the great shopping!!

WONGA PARK COTTAGE'S AGM is on Tuesday 26/8/97 at 7.30pm. The Cottage is run by members of the Community and cannot exist without a Committee of Management. Meetings are held at night once a month We would welcome any new faces to join our fun loving team.

CRAFTWORKS

This is just what Wonga Park has been looking for. A place to buy locally made craft. Come along to the opening of this exciting new venture. We expect to have a good variety of crafts available for sale or just to view.

**The Grand Opening is on:
Saturday 16th August between 10am & 3pm.**

We will also be having craft demonstrations. So why not call in for a cup of tea and a chat, and to see what we have to offer.



Think ahead for Christmas and get in early with that special gift purchase.

THIS MONTHS 'NEWS & NOTES' IS PROUDLY SPONSORED BY:

COUPER'S ORCHARD Freyne St. Wonga Park (9722 1738)
opens for fruit sales on Fri. 5th Sept at 9am.

Second quality apples, pear and nashi will be available from 50c a kg.
Later there will be cherries, peaches and nectarines. ALSO check out the alpacas on the walk, one is pregnant AND the big red tractor now has a friend!

WHO DOES IT IN WONGA PARK?

Every year the Wonga Park Primary School, publish this fantastic booklet. This publication could be beneficial to your business by giving you greater exposure, and added revenue through new clients. To advertise in the 97/98 edition of this school fundraiser please contact : Margaret Hanna on 9722-1325 fax: 9722-2069. Or Liam & Gerri Gavin on:9722 1136, as soon as possible.

Please support your local Primary School.

INFOLYNX



Computer Information Technology has arrived!!

All members of the public are invited to experience the touch screen Information system. It's a few months away from being fully on-line, but it is still worth a touch!

FLORA'S POINT OF VIEW

With very little fanfare an important and timely document has just been released.

It is Ecology Australia's Final Draft Report of Sites of Botanical & Zoological Significance in Wonga Park commissioned by City of Manningham, with the intention of consolidating the provisions of the Doncaster & Templestowe and Lillydale Planning Schemes.

The Report findings will assist in the review of planning controls currently under way as part of the State Government's planning reform programme.

Ten sites are identified and recommendations are made for appropriate planning measures to ensure their long term conservation. "The need for public awareness of the value of the natural landscape and biota is critical in ensuring its conservation," says the report. One of the sites is on "Narr-Meian", Carol & Alastair Traill's property in Freyne Street, and they are justifiably proud of this.

Recorded in the study area are:-

- 184 indigenous plant species
- 54 weed spp
- 37 mammal spp (10 introduced)
- 168 bird spp (11 introduced)
- 19 reptile spp
- 2 native fish spp



Flora's Point of View cont'd

Many of these are of either National, State or Regional significance.

I find it very pleasing indeed to have Wonga Park's flora and fauna officially identified and I have written to City of Manningham congratulating them on their enterprise.

However, warning bells have been sounded also. The 'bush' character of Wonga Park can easily be further degraded or at the worst, lost if attention is not paid to management issues such as:-

- Weed invasion
- Eucalypt dieback
- Domestic stock grazing on native vegetation
- Rabbit grazing
- Fire management
- Isolation of significant sites (need for habitat links)

There's plenty of food for thought here. A 'good read' available from Council Offices for \$10.

POSSUMS IN THE GARDEN

New regulations have come into force making it now illegal to re-locate possums to a new site. Research has shown that very few survive when relocated, as all suitable locations have their own territorial population and the newcomer will not be made welcome. The Department of Natural Resources suggests that if a possum is in your rook it should be removed and a nesting box placed in the garden or the possum transferred to a suitable tree. It is of course essential to close any gaps into the roof. Only if there is no suitable garden site for the possum is it legal to take it to a vet (in a permitted cage) and for the vet to put the possum down. It is not legal or acceptable for anyone else to kill possums, nor for possums to be treated inhumanely, or be put in non-regulation cages.

WILDLIFE RESCUE



Just a reminder that Julie Pryor runs the local wildlife shelter and can be contacted on 9722-1117.

WONGA PARK MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH CENTRE

32 babies were born in WP for the 96/97 financial year. There has been an outbreak of Hand, Foot & Mouth disease in the area, caused by coxsackie virus and is very contagious. The painting is almost finished and looks much better. A big welcome to Lachlan, Joshua & Phillipa. Keep up the immunization! - Vikki Tonisson

JULY WEATHER STATISTICS: MIN TEMP: 0.5 MAX TEMP: 18.5 RAIN: 25mm