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

HOW time
flies when
you're having fun!
We can hardly all
believe at the
Cottage that we are

nearly at the end of our Term 4 Program and of course that Santa Claus is busy making all those beautiful new toys for all our children and will be delivering them down the chimney in no time.

WONGA PARK COMMUNITY COTTAGE

Lots of people finished some exciting classes this term and we have lots of bookings for people coming back to do more of the same in 1998. Everyone is busy putting their last minute touches to their projects, some for gifts, some for their own homes.

We are madly planning Term 1 program for next year, which will have a few new classes and workshops inbetween our regular popular selection. Look out for our special Womens Health Week day on Monday 2nd March, kindly sponsored by Manningham City Council and Croydon Golf Club.

Our garden is coming along nicely thanks to all those who have brought in a few plants and "turned the turf". When the weather is suitable for planting after the heat, we would really appreciate donations of some more plants. We hope to have a lovely barbecue area for people to sit and have their lunch etc.

CRAFTWORKS ROOM at the **Community Cottage** is going along well thanks to the efforts of some very dedicated volunteers.

Why not come along and view our wonderful crafts and gifts. Each item for sale has been hand made by local residents and our tutors. If you are looking for that special Christmas gift, we might have something for you. **SPECIAL OPENING TIME**

11AM-3PM SATURDAY 13TH DEC.

Free candy cane for the kids!

WE would like to introduce a new column for News & Notes. Each month we would like to publish any celebrations that you may wish to share. i.e. birthdays, 21st, engagements, weddings, birth announcements, wedding anniversary's etc etc. Congratulations to the following who are the first to hit the headlines:

CAROL POWELL (21 again!!) 19TH NOVEMBER
ROSALIE HALSTEAD (21 again!!) 20TH NOVEMBER
CHARLES HARRINGTON (7 y/o) 24TH DECEMBER
NIKKI POLAK - Congratulations on the safe arrival of their first baby. A beautifully baby boy Dillon on the 23/10/97. All happy and well.

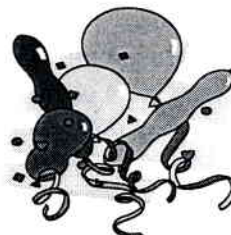
A NOTE FROM CAROL & ORIANO GIOVANNETTI

It is with a degree of sadness that we advise you that the Wonga Park General Store will close on the 24th of December. The demise of the corner store Milk Bar is with us and we must change.

In the 5 years we have been at the corner we have had lot's of good things happen. After a holiday, we will re-open Oriano's on the 14th January.

Sadly this year we lost two of our most regular elderly customers, Sydney Watson of Jumping Creek Road and Arthur Davis of Homestead Road, both absolute gentlemen and colourful characters. They will both be sadly missed.

We would like to thank you all for your past patronage and wish you all a safe and happy festive season.



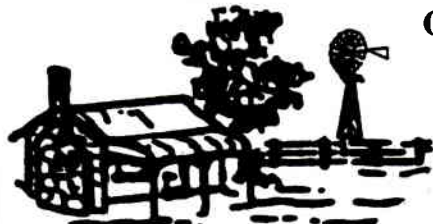
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WONGA PARK VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTRE

Believe it or not Wonga Park Village Shopping Centre opened ten years ago in November! They celebrated the occasion on Saturday 29th November.

A great day was had by all. There was a sausage sizzle, face painting, tile painting, a 1942 delivery van and Father Christmas came in the CFA fire truck. Wonga Park Primary School Choir sang, Councillor Patricia Young drew the raffle, and there was a display of the new playground equipment to be erected at the reserve in Lauanders Avenue. To top off the day lots of instore discounts were taken advantage of.



INFORMATION FROM THE CFA.

Fire restrictions commence on 15th December at 0100 hours. This means no burning off in the open air. In the event of a bushfire and you wish to stay in the Wonga Park area the fire refuge is the Wonga Park Hall in Lauanders Avenue, the Tennis Club and the Birch Memorial Pre School if required.

Once you have decided to stay have a pre plan for the family. If you are going to stay - are you prepared?? For more information phone 1800240667.

The Wonga Park Fire Brigade has already been busy this summer- we sent a tanker and 5 local brigade members to the northern NSW bushfires.

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ONGA PARK REFORMED CHURCH

YOUTH mission trip for 1998 is going to Mexico. In January, 9 of the young people will be building a house in one of the slums of Mexico for a homeless family. Each of these young people are paying for the trip as well as the house they are building.

These young people (between 17yo and 21yo) are wanting odd jobs to do around the place for a donation towards their trip. There are 4 girls and 5 guys. If you have any work, be it from child minding to landscaping, please give us a call. All work is to be paid for by donation. Please support these young people and the justice project they are a part of.

Phone Johnathan Vandenberg - Youth Pastor: BH 9722 1044 (9.30am - 12pm) Mobile 0140 27966 or email jv@alphalink.com.au.

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ILDLIFE RESCUE

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

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ONGAROO CHILD CARE CENTRE

Wongaroo is now taking enrolments for 1998.

Vacancies are available for the Babies Room (0-2 years), the Toddlers Room (2-3 years) and the Kinder Room (3-5 years) for full time, part time or casual care. Casual half days are also available. Contact Pam on 9722 1801 if you are interested.

The Centre will be closed at 4.00pm on Christmas Eve and re opening on Monday 12th January 1998.

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HIRE OF YARRA RANGES

Valley Mobile Library is now weekly at Wonga Park on Wednesdays 3.30pm - 5.30pm opposite Village Shops out in front of the Hall.

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LORA'S POINT OF VIEW - this extract was taken from a media release.

Conservation groups have joined forces in a desperate bid to halt the clearance of native vegetation in Melbourne's outer east. According to the groups, the illegal clearance of remnant vegetation on private property is like a "**death by a thousand cuts**", leading ultimately to plant and animal extinctions and radically altering the character of the Green Wedge region known as the **lungs of Melbourne**. The groups took part in their own Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 9/11/97 and listened in silence to the reading of a list of extinct species, accompanied only by the symbolic beating of a drum. Following the formal ceremony, the groups accounted the next steps in their plans to protect the environment. A spokesperson for Wonga Park Environment Groups, Ms Flora Anderson, claims the loss of biodiversity will forever change the nature of Melbourne's famous Green Wedge. "Future generations are the big loser here. We have parcels of private land which are cleared of virtually all native vegetation either deliberately or unwittingly. Either way, the penalties for these damaging actions are pathetic" she said. "It's easy to forget that every day we are losing up to 30 species of plant and animal across the planet forever. Gone is gone!" The groups are blaming the State Government for weaknesses in Planning system and the maximum on the spot fine for native vegetation clearance is \$160.00 - there is no protective mechanism for native vegetation on land under 1 acre. Further enquiries: Flora Anderson 9722 1776

NOVEMBER WEATHER STATISTICS: (@27/11/97)

Rainfall: 65mm Min Temp: 8 deg Max Temp: 39.5 deg