



Newsletter No. 2.

P.O. BOX 121, BLACKBURN. 3130
31st July, 1981

At a Public Meeting held on 27th May, 1981, the 145 local residents in attendance unanimously passed the following resolutions:-

1. "That the Meeting fully supports the Committee's actions to date and its proposed further representations to Nunawading Council, MMBW, governmental officials and any other authorities and entities considered appropriate to achieve the aim of preserving the land in its present state."
2. "That the meeting opposes any re-zoning of the area other than as Public - Open Space and/or Stream and Floodway Zone."

RESIDENTS QUESTIONNAIRE:

The Committee has processed the replies to questionnaires that were distributed at the Meeting and noted the following facts:-

- (a) Meeting was attended by:-
 - 25% who had lived in the area for 1-5 years
 - 16% 6-10 years and 59% over 10 years
- (b) 44% used the area daily, 37% weekly and 16% monthly
- (c) Activities undertaken
 - 94% walked
 - 43% walked a dog
 - 21% jogged
 - 21% cycled
 - 51% observed bird life
 - Other activities included blackberrying, sketching and flying kites

Minutes of the Meeting have been summarised and forwarded to Nunawading Council, Board of Works and Mr. Don Mackinnon (local M.L.A.).

The Committee has also been in contact with the National Trust, Victorian Conservation Council and the Victorian Conservation Trust, and has either received written support or promises of support in the future from these bodies.

Following discussions with local councillors and council officers an undertaking has been given by the Nunawading Council Open Space Committee that it will:-

- (a) meet with members of the Group on site to view the area,
- (b) ensure that the tract of land will be included in any plans it prepares.

WORKING BEE: - In early June, the lease for the area south of the creek (which had been used for agistment purposes) was surrendered. Your Committee considers that it is now an appropriate time to undertake a residents working bee on the area, to which you are duly invited.

SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST commencing approximately 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. (assembling at Laurel Grove footbridge).

Contact - Graham Burgess 877 1375, Ken Clarke 878 6660, Megan Short 878 8773 for further details.

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