

WRAG Quarterly Newsletter No. 177 April, 2018

Waverley Retirement Activities Group Inc. (WRAG) began in April, 1974 and is the “umbrella organisation” 20 leisure activity groups for the over 50s living in and around the Monash Shire. WRAG is a non-profit, community-based organisation with 215 members, run by volunteers with support from the City of Monash. Our activity groups meet in council halls, public places and private homes. WRAG makes it easy to meet new friends and make retirement fun.

WE’RE GOING TO THE ZOO, ZOO, ZOO - HOW ABOUT YOU??

WRAG ZOO TRIP

Tuesday, 29th MAY 2018

\$25 per member

BYO or buy Lunch

- Leaving from the carpark at Central Reserve, 690 Springvale Road, (corner Waverley Road behind the Glen Waverley Community Centre) Glen Waverley at 9:30am
- \$25 Includes Coach Transport & Entry to Zoo
- BYO Lunch or Purchase at the Zoo
- Returning at 3:00pm

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL : just ask if you want to be picked up

RSVP – 15TH May, 2018

- Cheque to WRAG, PO Box 1015, Glen Waverley 3150, (att. Erica) or
- EFT: BSB 063 182 Acct 11045575

MUST INCLUDE YOUR NAME so that Erica can identify who is paying the fee.



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UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- **Monash Gardens Community Open Day** Saturday, 5th May, 2018 ; 10:00am – 4:00pm at Mulgrave Community Centre (see notice on page 4)
- **WRAG Games Day**, Tuesday, 8th May 2018; 3:30pm – 7:00pm at Glen Waverley Community Centre, cnr Springvale & Waverley Roads (dinner included)
- **WRAG Zoo Trip**, Tuesday, 29th May, 2018; 9:30pm – 3:00pm. BYO lunch, or buy at Zoo. See notice on front page.
- **Casino Bus Trip**, Thursday, 19th July, 2018; 9:00am – 3:00pm. See notice on page 4.

SAVE THE DATE : 1st November, 2018 – 12Noon – WRAG Cup Eve Picnic & Games

BIRD OBSERVERS

Contact – Alex 9547 3492

4th Wednesdays : 10:00am – 12:00noon

Wed. 23rd May, 2018	Lysterfield Lake -----	108D2
Wed. 27th June, 2018	Churchill National Park-----	82B9
Wed. 25th July, 2018	Birdsland Reserve-----	84B2



Presidents Corner – April, 2018

Hello once again to all WRAG members. The last three months have been relatively quiet from a WRAG Activity Group perspective. Which is probably a good thing given our rather long, hot, and dry, summer.

One item of note is that The City of Monash is renovating the Southern Community Hall in Rupert Drive Mulgrave and our Tuesday evening Badminton has gone into recess for the duration and our Thursday morning Badminton and Table Tennis Activity Groups have been temporarily moved (for about three months) to the Brandon Park Community Centre. The Friday afternoon 500 Cards Activity Group has also been relocated, but to the Monash Community Centre at 355 Wellington Road.

Eighteen members of the WRAG Caravan and Cabin Getaway Group travelled to Tallangatta to spend four nights and three days on the North East Blitz <https://tallangattamotorinn.com/tours/north-east-blitz/> from 25 – 29 March 2018. With visits to towns like Bright, Beechworth, Corryong, and to the Snowy Hydro Substation No 2. Our hosts Ellen and Mark and coach driver Ryan from the Tallangatta Motor Inn made it a very enjoyable experience in what is glorious Victorian and NSW country. Wonderfully historic places and picturesque views made for a memorable exploration and our thanks to Helmut Meuris for having organised such an enjoyable getaway.

With Easter in March/April, we will not have time to get this edition of the newsletter distributed by the time of our **Annual General Meeting and Annual Convenors** meeting, on **Monday 9 April 2018**. Although we will send out an email to those members on our email list as a reminder. We hope that all WRAG members had a great Easter and that the Easter Bunny paid you all a visit.

Life begins again with the new AFL season starting in late March 2018. We hope your team wins this years premiership, no matter who you support.

The next key item for your diary is the quarterly **Casino Bus Trip** on Thursday 19 April 2018, leaving from the Mountain View Hotel car park at 09:00 am sharp. This event efficiently organised by WRAG Convenors Robyne and John, is a great day out. Even if you do not want to gamble, join the coach trip for a visit to explore the City and then join the others at the Kitchen Workshop for lunch, all included in the \$15 very reasonable charge.

May 2018 is a big month in the WRAG calendar. Saturday 5 May 2018 WRAG has been invited by the Royal Freemasons to participate in a '**Community Open Day**' at **Monash Gardens Aged Care** facility at 355 Wellington Road, Mulgrave, where they are expecting over 500 visitors, including from other Freemasons Aged Care centres in Melbourne. WRAG will be manning one of 16 stalls in the courtyard handing out flyers, as well as inviting visitors to participate in card games inside the Mulgrave Community Centre.

Tuesday 8 May 2018 is the first of our two Games Afternoons for this year, which is being held for the first time as a daylight event at 3:30 pm till 7:00 pm (followed by pizza) at the Glen Waverley Community Centre. Thursday 10 May 2018 is the quarterly **Golden Club** lunch at Mulgrave Country Club, for all those members who are, or have been married for 50+ years. And on Tuesday 29 May 2018 WRAG is subsidising a visit to the Royal Melbourne Zoo. This special event includes a coach trip and entry to the Zoo for just \$25. You will either have to bring your own or buy your lunch. See the newsletter for details.

Very Best Regards
Terry Spicer

WRAG GAMES DAYS : SAME PLACE, DIFFERENT TIMES

Tuesday 8th May, 2018 and Tuesday 9th October, 2018

3:30pm – 7:00pm

To encourage more members, new members and prospective members to come along and enjoy playing card games, board games and snooker or table tennis, WRAG Games Day is changing to day time events. Come along and enjoy games for everyone, and an early dinner of Pizza. Suggestions to INCREASE PLAYERS are welcome.

Please keep in touch with Committee Members to find out more.

Terry : 0418 666 212 - Roel : 9561 5993 - Nicole : 9795 6648

WRAG CABIN GETAWAY GROUP – North East Blitz at the Tallangatta Motor Inn by Nicole Spicer



On Sunday, 25th March, 18 people travelled mostly by train to Albury, where the Tallangatta Motor Inn picked us up in their coach to spend four nights and three days at the Motor Inn, situated on the side of Lake Hume. Travelling through the Alpine regions of north-east Victoria. A trip I have always threatened to do, but never got around to.

First, a lovely home cooked meal at the Motor Inn, then off to bed for an early start on Monday. Breakfast, hot or cold was served buffet-style, then onto the bus at 9:00am. Ryan, the bus driver was young, versatile and very knowledgeable about the area and its interesting points. Even some, gossip??!! He pointed out a huge property on the side of a hill and said, "thats my house up there, and there's the missus, doing nothing, as usual"! MMMH, did we believe him? NO! Turns out his wife, whom he met in USA **was** at home, and expecting, just NOT in that huge property. All the commentary over the next four days was interesting and in most cases, surprising as he talked about the old days, and the new plans for the area. We thought this area was just snow, skiing, and après ski, but it really is so much more than that. A place to visit all year round, we realised.

In Bright for lunch, we had Ham Steaks & Pineapple, with salad and lovely fresh bread. – YUM!! cooked by Ryan, the bus driver. See, I told you he was versatile.. Tea and coffee and bikkies every day for morning tea.

A chilly day, but warm lunch and lovely company



Each day, back to the motel, for a tidy up and dinner. The bar is always open, says Ryan!! And it was!! We gathered there for meet and greet with the rest of the team, Mark & Ellen, and another 14 travellers, mostly from NSW. Mark & Ellen, are a young couple, hard working and full of initiative, who have recently taken over the Tallangatta Motor Inn and the tours. Then into the dining room for another home cooked meal followed by then some Scrabble, 500 and Uno games before bed.

Tuesday, we headed off to Beechworth, visiting the old brewery, now only producing cordials then onto lunch at the famous Beechworth Bakery (with vouchers for lunch and drink); most tried the Bee Sting, or the Vanilla Slice, or both! Then, two hours to spend in the town and surrounds. Trips to the local Op Shop a highlight.

We travelled through Corryong, visiting the old Tallangatta, which was moved to allow the Lake Hume to be extended. We even took short cuts through places like Yackandandah (hello to Jim & Norma's property), and towns we could not pronounce (Tangambalanga). The "white clawed lobster" – name the town??, Worse than Wales, I said!! Go on, have a go!
Sweet water?- _____!!
(answers will be rewarded).

Wednesday, we took a completely different direction and ended up at the Power Station- very interesting. Power produced at the Murray 2 Power Station takes only 90 seconds to get onto the grid!! WOW!

SCAN – Senior Citizens Afternoon Nap



On Thursday, we reluctantly headed back to Albury for a wonderful Devonshire Tea morning tea, then onto the railway station to head home. After a long trip home, we collapsed into bed and dreamed the dreams of the innocent. Well, not really but you know what I mean. Friday, i.e. Good Friday was a good excuse to loll around and reminisce about our travels.

Thank you, Helmut Meuris for arranging this trip, and Mark & Ellen, and especially Ryan, the bus driver (but so much more). Also thank to my travel mates, and all the new faces we spent the time with.

SAMBA

New venue

Welcome Back to the WRAG Planet to Gwen Kennedy, Convenor of Samba and member of many activities of WRAG including Samba, 500, Jonola and Rummikub.

She is staying with family at the moment, and will keep in touch through her many friends at WRAG.

- Gwen's group – Samba has moved to Alvie Hall, cnr Alvie & High Street Roads, Glen Waverley, from evenings to afternoons, and welcomes more members. Samba is an extended version of Canasta, and we are happy to teach new members.

Afternoon tea will be provided and a contribution of \$2 is all that is required.

Contact : Gwen 9561 1000

CASINO BUS TRIP : 19th April, 2018

It is always the 3rd Thursday of April, July, October, 2018

Bus leaves from the carpark at Mountain View Hotel,
corner of Springvale & High Street Roads
9:00am sharp

\$15 includes Buffet Lunch

Everyone is welcome

For reservations & further information, please contact
Robyne 9758 1897, or mobile 0408 853073

DOTS DAYTIME OUTING : 1st Monday of the Month : 12 Noon

Everyone Welcome

Monday, 7th May, 2018 : Village Green Hotel, cnr Springvale & FTG Roads

Monday, 4th June, 2018 : Burvale Hotel, Springvale Road, near cnr Burwood Highway

Monday, 2nd July, 2018 : Mulgrave Country Club, Cnr Wellington Road & Jells Road

Contact, Dot, 9802 4822

WRAG – Activity Groups

Badminton (Tuesdays)

Contact : **Helmut 9546 1019**
Every Tuesday 8:30-10:30pm
Southern Community Centre
Experienced Players Group
SUSPENDED until further notice

Badminton (Thursday)

Contact : **Liz 9795 8843**
Every Thursday 10:00am-12noon
Brandon Park Comm. Centre
New Members Welcome

Bird Observers

Contact : **Alex 9547 3492**
4th Wednesday 10:00am
Various locations
walk and observe,
Then BYO picnic lunch.
see locations page 2

Cabin & Caravan Getaway

Contact :
Helmut Meuris
9574 8090

CARDS – 500

Contact : **Keith 9560 1236**
Every Friday 1:00pm
Mulgrave Community Centre
Afternoon Tea \$2.00
New Members Welcome

CARDS – Jonola

Contact : **Heather 9802 9673**
3rd Wednesday 1:30pm
Afternoon Tea \$2.00
New Members Welcome
(Venue – Heather's Home)

Cards – Quiddler

Contact : **Erica 9878 1627**

3rd Tuesday 1:30pm

Afternoon Tea provided
New Members Welcome

Note – new time & place

Cards – Samba

Convenor – Gwen 9561 1000
2nd Wednesday –2:00pm
Afternoon tea provided \$2
Alvie Hall
New players Welcome

CASINO BUS TRIP

Contact : **Robyne & John**
9758 1897
3rd Thursday – April, July, October ONLY
see notice on page 5

Dot's Day Out

Contact : **Dot 9802 4822**
1st Monday – 12 noon
see venues on page 5

Golden Club

Contact : **Bill 9795 0078**
2nd Thursday 12 noon
Feb, May, Aug, Nov ONLY
(Mulgrave Country Club)
Bookings essential

Golf – 9 holes suspended

Golf – 18 holes

Contact : **Len 0438 026 069**
Every Monday 7:15am &
Every Friday 7:15am
Glen Waverley Public Course
New Players Welcome

Jells Park Walk &/or Coffee & Chat

Contact : **Nita 9560 9730**

2nd Wednesday 9:30am

BYO Morning Tea
Everyone Welcome

MAHJONG

Contact : **Erica 9878 1627**
2nd Tuesday 1:15pm &
4th Tuesdays 1:15pm
Afternoon tea provided \$2
New Players Welcome
(Venue – Members Homes)

RUMMIKUB

Contact : **Gordon 9511 5103**
4th Monday 1:30pm
Afternoon tea provided \$2.00
New Players Welcome
(Venue – Joyce's home)

SCRABBLE – (experienced)

Contact : **Elaine 9808 1541**
2nd Thursday 7:30pm &
4th Thursday 7:30pm
Light supper provided
(Venue – Members homes)

NOTE NEW TIME & PLACE TABLE TENNIS

Contact : **Michael 9762 5202**
Every Thursday 1:00-4:00pm
BYO bat
Brandon Park Comm. Centre

WALKING TUESDAYS

Contact : **Erica 0427 329 752**
Or 9878 1627
Every Tuesday 10am – 11am
Erica - for maps & meeting point

2018 - WRAG Monthly Calendar

April 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Easter Monday Dot's Day Out	3 Walking	4	5 Badminton Table Tennis	6 Cards 500 Golf 18 Holes	7
8	9 WRAG AGM CONVENORS MEETING Golf 18 Holes	10 Walking Mahjong	11 Cards Samba Jells Park Walk	12 Badminton Table Tennis Scrabble	13 Cards 500 Golf 18 Holes	14
15	16 Golf 18 Holes	17 Walking Cards Quiddler	18 Cards Jonola	19 Badminton Table Tennis Casino Bus Trip	20 Cards 500 Golf 18 Holes	21
22	23 Golf 18 Holes Rummikub	24 Walking Mahjong	25 ANZAC DAY	26 Badminton Table Tennis Scrabble	27 Cards 500 Golf 18 Holes	28
29	30 Golf 18 Holes					

May 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Walking	2	3 Badminton Table Tennis	4 Cards 500 Golf 18 Holes	5 Monash Gardens Open Day
6	7 Dot's Day Out Golf 18 Holes	8 Walking Mahjong WRAG GAMES AFTERNOON	9 Cards Samba Jells Park Walk	10 Badminton Table Tennis Golden Club Scrabble	11 Cards 500 Golf 18 Holes	12
13	14 Golf 18 Holes	15 Walking Cards Quiddler	16 Cards Jonola	17 Badminton Table Tennis	18 Cards 500 Golf 18 Holes	19
20	21 Golf 18 Holes	22 Walking Mahjong	23 Bird Observers	24 Badminton Table Tennis Scrabble	25 Cards 500 Golf 18 Holes	26
27	28 Golf 18 Holes Rummikub	29 Zoo Trip	30	31 Badminton Table Tennis		

June 2018						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Cards 500 Golf 18 Holes	2
3	4 Dot's Day Out Golf 18 Holes	5 Walking	6	7 Badminton Table Tennis	8 Cards 500 Golf 18 Holes	9
10	11 QUEENS BIRTHDAY	12 Walking Mahjong	13 Cards Samba Jells Park Walk	14 Badminton Table Tennis Scrabble	15 Cards 500 Golf 18 Holes	16
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July 2018						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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