

WRAG Quarterly Newsletter No. 184 – January 2020

Waverley Retirement Activities Group Inc. (WRAG) began in April, 1974 and is the “umbrella organisation” for 16 leisure activity groups for the over 50s living in and around the Monash Shire. WRAG is a non-profit, community-based organisation with nearly 200 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.

Please take note : this Newsletter has the calendar for the entire 2020 year attached, as is the UPDATED Activities List

FUN, FROLIC & FRIENDS – CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON –

2020 DIARY NOTE – Wednesday, 16th December 2020

Another success at the Christmas Luncheon : Fantastic 3-course meal from the staff at Mulgrave Country Club, delightful music (including carols) from Gavin Chatelier with fun and games from Nicole & Terry.

Many people need to be thanked for this success, starting with **Erica** (our Tireless Treasurer) who gathers the bookings, payments, and sorts table allocations. Nothing is too much for Erica, she quietly and efficiently goes about her job, beyond and above the call of her duties. Thank you Erica, these events would NOT be a success without you.

Thanks to **Carla**, who helped number the mini boxes and prizes, etc. She sorted through the mayhem of the mini gift boxes, and helped number the prizes and took some pressure off the committee members.

Des Henry who won the huge hamper, put together by **Rona** (who has been making hampers for WRAG for 6-7 years now. Rona also contributes wonderful knitting project to charities, and has this year presented four projects to The Smith Family for fundraising for kids 6-12 years. **Gwen Kennedy** (dressed as a Super Santa, wearing a huge stocking to carry home all the prizes, asking the perennial question AM I NAUGHTY – OR NICE), distributed the mini gift boxes which had surprise/s and winning numbers inside.

But most of all, thanks must go to **all those who came along**, dressed up for the day determined to have a good time, including those members who danced ON CARPET.

Thank you, everyone, from the Committee.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- **AGM, & Convenors Meeting : 6th April, 2020 at Waverley Youth Centre, 3:30pm.**
Please contact Secretary, Roel von Steen on 9561 5993 or 0404186047 for nomination forms and to submit agenda items.

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Editor: Nicole, with extensive help from committee members, and convenors



President's Corner – January 2020

Hello, once again to all WRAG members. WRAG management committee hopes you all enjoyed Christmas with family & friends and wishes all members a Happy & Safe New Year. It is sad to report the loss of our long time Tuesday evening Badminton Convenor, Helmut Anfried, who passed away on 16 December 2019. Helmut was a great supporter of WRAG and much respected and admired by all members. He will be sadly missed.

Our Cup Eve Picnic and Christmas Lunch were well attended once again and our thanks to Erica and Nicole for their hard work in organising games, activities and prizes.

Our 2020 Christmas Lunch has again been booked at Mulgrave Country Club on **Wednesday** 16 December, 2020.

Please note that our AGM and Convenors Annual Meeting are scheduled to be held at **3:30 pm on Monday, 6 April, 2020** at the Mt Waverley Youth Centre, in Miller Crescent Mt Waverley. Look forward to seeing you there. Our next get-together for everyone, not just members is our Games Afternoon at 3:30 PM on Tuesday 12 May 2020, followed by pizza dinner.

Nomination forms for committee positions, and agenda items can be submitted a week prior to the meeting. Forms available from Secretary, Roel von Steen, contact 9561 5993.

Very warmest regards, Terry Spicer

VALE

Helmut Leopold Anfried
29.11.1940 – 16.12.2019

For many years, Helmut was convenor of the WRAG Tuesday evening badminton group and he played table tennis on Thursdays.

He was born in Austria and moved as a 17 year old, post WW2, to Australia with his mother and siblings (his father died in the war). Like most migrants, his family was sent to Bonegilla and after moving to several places, he settled in Melbourne. Hobbies included his love for fishing and St Kilda AFL Club.

Helmut had been active for many years in the management of the Southern Community Centre, until it was taken over by Monash City Council.

Our condolences and many best wishes are extended to Ingrid and family.

Jells Park Walking & Coffee & Chat Group enjoyed a Christmas morning tea with Santa Norma, Joy, Nita, Rona & Bill
(it seems that Jim enjoyed it too)



WRAG CROWN CASINO OUTING – suspended

Robyn Vincent is very sorry to announce that this trip has been cancelled due to increasing costs and diminishing numbers. Many people attended for the FREE Bingo (which is no longer offered by Crown Casino), and the luncheon voucher. The cost of the lunch has INCREASED TO \$9:00, and the bus trip to \$475. Crown Casino contributed \$100 for 20-29 guests, which means the excess had to be raised from attendees. More than 33 people are needed to balance the books.

Robin would like to thank everyone who has been able to support this outing, and for their friendship over the years. John and Robyn have enjoyed your company and will miss seeing you a few times every year.

WRAG COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO SEND HUGE THANKS ROBYN & JOHN FOR THEIR CHEERFUL CONTRIBUTION, AND WISHES THEM WELL IN FUTURE ENDEAVOURS. WE HOPE TO SEE THEM BOTH AT SOME OF THE OTHER ACTIVITIES.

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

Everyone Welcome

Contact Dot : 9802 4822

Dot would like to thank everyone who came along to the Picnic on 6th January, 2020. Wet, drizzly rain and smoggy smoke filled sky didn't dampen our enthusiasm for a sausage sizzle, with lamb koftas, chicken-on-a-stick and salad, with lovely fresh bread and rolls.

The CUP EVE PICNIC on 6th November, 2019 at *Glen Waverley North Reserve* was another great success with 30 people enjoying BYO lunch, games and prizes with Dot and Terry running a Sweep for the Melbourne Cup.

Keep 2020 Cup Eve Picnic in your diary. This is a "must do" event – MONDAY, 2nd November, 2020, 12:00 – 3:00pm.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AT THE FOLLOWING DOT'S DAY OUT

Please let Dot know if you are coming

- Monday, 4th February, 2020** - The Burvale Hotel, cnr Springvale Road & Burwood Hwy, Glen Waverley 3150.
- Monday, 4th March, 2020** - Mountainview Hotel, cnr Springvale & High Street Roads, Glen Waverley 3150
- Monday, 1st April, 2020** - Mulgrave Country Club, cnr Jells & Wellington Roads, Mulgrave 3170
- Monday, 6th May, 2020** - Village Green (smorgasbord), cnr FTG & Springvale Roads, Glen Waverley 3150

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