

WRAG Quarterly Newsletter No. 179 October, November, December 2018

Waverley Retirement Activities Group Inc. (WRAG) began in April, 1974 and is the “umbrella organisation” for more than 18 leisure activity groups for the over 50s living in and around the Monash Shire. WRAG is a non-profit, community-based organisation with nearly 230 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.

WRAG CUP EVE PICNIC

This is the event we've all been waiting for – FREE

Monday, 5th November, 2018 : 12 noon

Glen Waverley North Reserve, Madeline Street, Glen Waverley.

Huge Hamper To Be Won

bring along friends, neighbours – more the merrier

- **Bring your own picnic lunch;** tea & coffee available all day
- Indoor lunch, outdoor games : quoits, boot throw and puzzles, quizzes with lots of prizes for all
- Huge sweep \$1, \$2 and \$5 sweep. Get your horses for **The Melbourne Cup**

The WRAG General Meeting will be held during the lunch at app. 12:30pm.

PICK UPS AVAILABLE, IF REQUIRED – contact Nicole 0404 325 166

Terry & Nicole HAVE MOVED

Monash Gardens Retirement Village

Unit 50, 97-99 Monash Drive, Mulgrave Vic 3170

NOTE : NO HOME PHONE

Nicole - 0404 325 166, or Terry - 0418 666 212

Email – terryandnicole@spicer.com.au

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- **Casino Bus Trip**, Thursday, 18th October, 2018 : 9:00am – 3:00pm
See note on page 4.
- **Cup Eve Picnic**, Monday 5th November, 2018 : 12noon, Glen Waverley North Reserve, Madeline Street, Glen Waverley 3150 – *see note on front page.*
Quarterly Meeting will be held during this event.
- **WRAG End-of-Year Luncheon** – Tuesday, 11 December, 2018 – Mulgrave Country Club (Panorama Room), 12 Noon. *See invitation included in this Newsletter.*
- **DOTS New Year PICNIC and Sausage Sizzle** – January 7th, 2018. *See note on page 4*



Presidents Corner – October, November, December, 2018

Hello once more to all WRAG members. We hope this *October 2018* edition of the WRAG Newsletter finds you all enjoying good health and that you managed to survive the rather bitterly cold but rather dry winter weather. Steinbeck wrote; "*What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness*".

As I write the sun is streaming through our windows on what is typically a beautiful Spring day in magnificent Melbourne.

From a WRAG perspective things are relatively quiet during the winter months and while all of our Activity Groups continue to function, we don't schedule much in the way of communal activities in the winter.

On a personal note, I might add that Nicole and I have hardly had time to notice winter given the sale of our house at the end of July 2018 and move to Monash Gardens Retirement Village in late September 2018. Which is why this edition of the newsletter is a little late. (With our apologies).

Please see this newsletter for details of the WRAG Cup Eve Picnic and our Christmas Luncheon as these are two of our more popular events for the year. Also please note changes to the Casino Bus Trip which is being reduced to twice a year from 18 October 2018.

It is pleasing to note that our 18 hole Golf Activity on Mondays and Fridays continues to go from strength to strength with up to 35 active members (and friends) participating. As also does our Table Tennis Activity Group on Thursdays who have grown to the extent that we are funding three new tables for them to accommodate their group members.

As the next WRAG newsletter is not issued until January 2019, the WRAG Management Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish all WRAG members and families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy bur Safe and Healthy 2019.

Terry Spicer

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VALE

Bob Stobie took over the role of table tennis convenor. He held that position for five years but had to give it up due to ill health. Bob was friendly, well-liked and respected. He served the tea and coffee at afternoon tea and liked to address the group in a folksy manner. Bob made everyone welcome and had an open door policy. We all wish his family well, and hope they find joy in his memory. He will be missed.

Joy Smith who was a WRAG member and avid golfer for many years before she and her husband Ron, moved to Cobram has passed away recently. Ron is still living in Cobram and WRAG members send best wishes to him and the family.

BIRD OBSERVERS

Contact – Chris Flowers 9763 3604

4th Wednesdays : 10:00am – 12:00noon

Wednesday 24 th October	Edithvale Wetlands	93 D8
Wednesday 28 th November	Braeside Park	93 F1
Wednesday 19 th December	Blackburn Lake	48 B11

(Note: 19th December is the 3rd Wednesday of the month)

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Wednesday 23 rd January	Karkarook Park	78 D7
Wednesday 27 th February	Birdsland	84 B2

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

Everyone Welcome

Contact Dot : 9802 4822

Monday, 5th November, 2018 – CUP EVE PICNIC at *Glen Waverley North Reserve, Madeline Street, Glen Waverley 3150. BYO lunch, see note on front page.*

Monday, 3rd December, 2018 – MULGRAVE COUNTRY CLUB, Wellington & Jells Road, Wheelers Hill 3150.

Monday, 7th January, 2019 – PICNIC & SAUSAGE SIZZLE at **Jells Park South, Ferntree Gully Road** entrance. Sausages, salad, etc. supplied. BYO drinks.

(If temp over 30Cdeg, then meet at Nicole's, now at Unit 50, Monash Gardens Retirement Village, 97-99 Monash Drive, Mulgrave, Vic 3170. 0404 325 166).

CASINO BUS TRIP : 18th October, 2018

There are some changes to the Casino program

- Casino Trips will be on the 3rd Thursday of **April** and **October** ONLY each year. It is too costly to run in January and July.
- The cost has increased to \$20.00, an increase of \$5.00, this will cover your trip to the Casino and a voucher for lunch at The Kitchen Workshop Buffet.

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

Everyone is welcome

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

WRAG – Activity Groups

Badminton (Tuesdays)

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

Badminton (Thursday)

Contact : **Liz 9795 8843**
Every Thursday 10:00am-12noon
Southern Community Centre
New Members Welcome

Bird Observers

Contact : **Chris 9763 3604**
4th Wednesday 10:00am
Walk and observe,
then BYO picnic lunch.
[see page 3 for locations](#)

Cabin & Caravan Getaway

Contact :
Helmut Meuris
9574 8090

CARDS – 500

Contact : **Keith 9560 1236**
Every Friday 1:00pm
MULGRAVE Community
Centre
(new home of 500)
Afternoon Tea \$2.00
New Members Welcome

CARDS – Jonola

Contact : **Heather/Max**
0499 239 655
3rd Wednesday 1:30pm
Afternoon Tea \$2.00
New Members Welcome

Cards – Quiddler

Contact : **Erica 9878 1627**
3rd Tuesday 1:30pm
Afternoon Tea provided
New Members Welcome

Cards – Samba

2nd Wednesday –1:30pm
Afternoon tea provided \$2
New players Welcome
Contact : **Gwen 9561 1000**

CASINO BUS TRIP

Contact : **Robyne & John**
9758 1897
3rd Thursday – January, April,
July, October ONLY
[see notice on page 4](#)

Dot's Day Out

Contact : **Dot 9802 4822**
1st Monday – 12 noon
[see venues on page 4](#)

Golden Club

Contact : **Bill 9795 0078**
2nd Thursday 12 noon
Feb, May, Aug, Nov ONLY
(Venue – 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)

TABLE TENNIS

Contact : **Michael 9762 5202**
Every Thursday 12:30pm
BYO bat
Southern Community Centre

WALKING TUESDAYS

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

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

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4	5 CUP EVE PICNIC Golf 18 Holes	6 MELBOURNE CUP DAY	7	8 Badminton Table Tennis Golden Club Scrabble	9 Cards 500 Golf 18 Holes	10
11 REMEMBRANCE DAY	12 Golf 18 Holes	13 Walking Badminton Mahjong	14 Cards Samba Jells Park Walk	15 Badminton Table Tennis	16 Cards 500 Golf 18 Holes	17
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