



## **Presidents Corner – OCTOBER 2021**

Greetings WRAG Members, another winter gone and still in Covid lockdown. But there is light at the end of the vaccination tunnel.

The WRAG Committee have agreed that due to the ongoing uncertainties related to the Covid restrictions, the annual WRAG ***Melbourne Cup Eve Picnic on 1 November 2021*** **is cancelled.**

Given the relatively high daily Covid-19 infection rate, an indoor Christmas function with large attendance numbers is unlikely to be allowed by mid-December 2021. In any case, our age profile probably makes it “high-risk” for WRAG members to be gathering in large groups indoors until sometime next year. By which time we will have a clearer picture of where things are, Covid risk management wise.

So, *subject to Covid-19 Restrictions*, the committee are calling for Expressions of Interest in attending an open-air event –

- **WRAG End-of-Year BBQ/Sausage sizzle, at 12 noon, on Thursday, 16 December 2021**, (e.g. *Jells Park – Oaks and Ashes Picnic Areas - Ferntree Gully Road Entrance*).
- **WRAG** will provide the salad/s, sausages, hamburgers, bread and bread-rolls, BYO drinks, chairs.

If you would like to attend, (and are fully vaccinated) please contact **Erica on 0421 911 321, or Terry on 0418 666 212 by 9 December 2021**, to make a booking, as we need to know the numbers for catering purposes.

**The committee have also agreed that as in 2021, all current financial members will be given automatic “FREE” membership in 2022.**

*If you do not wish to remain a WRAG member in 2022, or you have changed your address, please let Erica know at [treasurer@wrag.org.au](mailto:treasurer@wrag.org.au) or on 0421 911 321.*

In closing, I would like to pay tribute to the late Keith Mill, Convenor of the WRAG 500 group, who sadly passed away on the 14 August, 2021. Please see the tribute to Keith in this newsletter, or on the WRAG website at [www.wrag.org.au](http://www.wrag.org.au) Keith was a great friend and is sadly missed.

Very Warmest Regards,

Terry Spicer – President



**VALE : Keith Mill : 9/10/1927 – 14/08/2021**

Keith was a member of WRAG for 33 years and Convenor of the 500 Club for most of that time.

Keith passed away 14 August, 2021 at Monash Medical Centre. He had recently moved into Scotchman's Creek Aged Care facility, where he was a welcome visitor having spent many hours/days there caring for his darling, Fran.

His tales of adventures with Fran and the kids - Janine, Lynette, and Brian. Alison, his granddaughter also joined us on school breaks for a game of 500 - the family he was so proud of; and his times running Footy Tipping at the Scotchman's Creek Aged Care facility whilst caring for Fran; and his games of 500 at that facility, and with Probus. Some of the reasons he was so well liked.

He was a valued, clever and compassionate man who convened the WRAG 500 card group for many of those 33 years, never missing an opportunity to join in on lunches, trips and his Crazy Whist games which gave us so much to enjoy. His career as a teacher, then Headmaster drew us all into his charm offensive with wit and fun.

No one would be surprised how much he loved his Chinese dinner – garlic scallops, or cheesy scones, or silverside and mustard sandwiches, or white wine, or anything really, now that we think about it. He will be sadly missed by many.

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A Great WRAG Patriot and True Friend

**DOTS DAY OUT**

**1st Monday of the Month: 12 Noon**

*Everyone Welcome*

**Contact Dot: 9802 4822**

**Monday, 3rd January 2022 – PICNIC & SAUSAGE SIZZLE at  
Jells Park South, Ferntree Gully Road entrance.**

**1<sup>ST</sup> Car Park**

**Sausages, salad, bread etc. supplied. BYO drinks.**