

Presidents Corner – APRIL 2022



Greetings WRAG Members. Very little to report since the January 2022 newsletter. Everyone seems to be carrying on regardless. Worth noting that “life-begins-again” for us footy followers with the commencement of a new AFL season. My beloved Blue Boys have started well for the first time in over ten years.

Pleased to be able to report that as far as I am aware, WRAG does not appear to have lost anyone to COVID. So please keep up the great work. This highly infectious disease has not gone away yet, and our age cohort needs to continue to be cautious and risk averse to all possible infectious situations, as best as we are able.

I do want to remind everyone about our imminent AGM, and we require **a minimum of 18 members to attend for a quorum**. Please try to attend –

Very Warmest Regards

Terry Spicer – President

WRAG Annual General Meeting & Annual Convenors Meeting

Monday 11 April 2022

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM.

Mt Waverley Community Centre

47 Miller Cres. Mt Waverley

Agenda – Annual Reports, Election of WRAG Management Committee, Reports from Convenors of all Activity Groups.

nb - *The existing Committee are all standing for re-election.*

*However, we would encourage anyone interested to nominate for the position of **President, Secretary, Treasurer, Welfare Officer, Membership Officer, Web Site Manager, Catering Officer & Newsletter Editor.***

Nomination Forms available from Erica Johnson 0421 911 321

DOT DAY OUT – April, 2022 – cancelled

For future days out, please contact Dot on : 9802 4822

WRAG AGM - Presidents Annual Report

The following is a copy of my President's Annual Report at the 2022 WRAG AGM on 11 April 2022.

This is WRAG's 48th Annual General Meeting, (Including the two cancelled AGM in 2000 & 2001). And the first in three years due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. (We were unable to hold these two AGM's due to Statewide Covid restrictions existing at the time).

WRAG is a registered "Incorporated Association" under the "Consumer Affairs Victoria – Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012".

As such, WRAG has formally adopted the 'Model Rules' of that Act, Part 3 - the "Associations Incorporation Reform Regulations 2012".

In the last decade, (like many other similar organisations), WRAG has been unable to attract new members in sufficient numbers to allow us to renew our office bearers. In addition, office holders have had to take on multiple roles, because of a lack of nominations from members. Our membership numbers continue to dwindle. We are currently down to ten (10) Activity Groups, with 196 members.

I have been President/Web Site Editor, for more than 6 years. Roel has been Secretary for more than 7 years. And Erica has been Treasurer/Membership Officer, for a remarkable 10+ years. Nicole has been Catering Officer/Newsletter Editor for more than 5 years. Mary Parker has been Welfare Officer for more than 5 years.

*No one else has volunteered to serve in the **three main executive positions** on the committee in that time. I might quickly add that none of the above have ever complained about this situation. In fact, we have made a pact that whilst there remains sufficient WRAG members to keep us financially viable, we are all happy to continue to serve the members.*

*However, it seems to me that the time is right at this AGM, for us as a committee to seek endorsement from the members, to continue as we are into the future. As well as to pose the question; "With less than 180 permanent members, and with no one else willing to serve on the committee. **After 48 years, is it now time to 'wind-up' WRAG?**"*

It is my intention to put this matter on the AGM Agenda for "Discussion Only" on what the members want, related to the continuation of WRAG. I am not asking for any resolutions as yet.

My thanks to all current committee members for their ongoing support over the last two traumatic years. Also, to our remaining but dwindling Activity Group Convenors. Without whom WRAG would most certainly fail to exist. They have done a remarkable job, retaining their enthusiasm and dedication to WRAG members, during extraordinary times. You are WRAG's Heroes!

We look forward to achieving a quorum of at least 18 members at the AGM on 11 April 2022.

See you there!