

WRAG Quarterly Newsletter No. 181 : April, 2019

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.

45th Anniversary Luncheon : Report

On behalf of the committee, the president, Terry Spicer welcomed the Mayor of the City of Monash, Cr Shane McCluskey, and WRAG Life members and WRAG members to the 45th Anniversary luncheon on Wednesday, 10th April, 2019. Terry took this opportunity to thank the City of Monash for its ongoing support of the group, in the form of hall hire, newsletter printing and funding for activities.

Mr McCluskey welcomed guests, and spoke about how important groups like WRAG are to the community, especially as rate payers are aging, and the benefits of keeping people connected and engaged. His council’s commitment to supporting WRAG was welcomed by all at the luncheon.

During the 3-course lunch, and following the presentation of a speech on behalf of Cliff Imer, who had been the presenter of the previous Anniversary Luncheons, but who could not attend due to an overseas holiday, we were entertained by comedy magician, Don Jones.

Terry (and Cliff) also thanks all those members who convene activities, those who help out with driving, and keeping in touch with those who have been ill.

(A copy of Cliff Imer’s report will be available on the website, or by request. Call Nicole 0404 325 166 for a copy)

WRAG - 45TH Anniversary Luncheon, AGM & Convenors Meeting – a roaring success. Thanks to all who attended, and to all who contributed...

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NEWS, feedback and suggestions for the **WRAG Newsletter** are always welcome.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- **Casino Bus Trip**, Thursday, 17th October, 2019 – **LAST CHANCE THIS YEAR!!**

- **Games Afternoon & Dinner** – Tuesday, 14th May, 2019. 3-7pm
Glen Waverley Community Centre, cnr Waverley & Springvale Road.
Contact Nicole 0404 325 166, see note on page 4

- **CUP EVE PICNIC**, Monday 4th November, 2019 – 12 noon.
FUN & GAMES, General Meeting. This is EARLY notice to make sure you mark it in your calendar!!
Check October Newsletter for more details...



Presidents Corner – Apeil, 2019

Hello to all WRAG members once again. The WRAG management committee hopes this issue of the newsletter finds you all well and enjoying life. It has certainly been very warm over January to April and only some late respite since the start of Autumn.

Compared to the last three months of 2018 with the Cup Eve Picnic and our very enjoyable Christmas celebrations, the first three months of 2019 have been a reasonably quiet time for WRAG activities.

On 10 April 2019 over 30 WRAG members attended the Mulgrave Country Club for our Special General Meeting, followed by our Annual General Meeting, and our Convenor's Annual Meeting. It is an honour to have been re-elected as WRAG President and Web Site Manager for another term, and to have Roel re-elected Secretary for his fifth term, and Erica, as Treasurer and Memberships Manager for her eighth term. Mary was also re-elected as Welfare Officer, and Nicole as Newsletter and Catering Officer.

We had an excellent entertainer in comedian – magician Don Jones, who kept the membership of just over 50 members at the 45th anniversary luncheon, all laughing our heads off. He is a very funny man. Our Mayor of the City of Monash, Cr. Shane McCluskey also joined us for lunch and gave a very supportive speech re-assuring us of the ongoing support for WRAG.

I was honoured to read the Cliff Imer WRAG 45th Anniversary History presentation, as Cliff himself was swanning somewhere around Japan and was unable to make the event. Cliff gave the WRAG History Presentation at our 25th, 30th, 35th, and 40th anniversary dinners. Understandingly, Cliff has resigned as the presenter for our 50th as he will then be 99 years old.

Terry Spicer

VALE – Alex Smith : 1932 – 2019

WRAG would like to extend its sympathies to Sheila Smith, and the family of Alex Smith, who was a member of WRAG for many years, and Convenor of the Bird Observers activity until his ill health prevented him from continuing. He was a lovely man and a great friend and will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him.

Rest in Peace

BIRD OBSERVERS

Contact – Kris Flowers 9763 3604

4th Wednesdays : 10:00am – 12:00noon

Please contact Kris for locations

keep this page on the fridge – keep it close by

CASINO BUS TRIP : 17th October, 2019

This is your last chance this year.

\$20 only - Includes covers bus trip and buffet lunch

- Bus leaves from the carpark at Mountain View Hotel, cnr High Street & Springvale Roads, Glen Waverley

9:00am sharp : Everyone is welcome

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

Games Afternoon & Dinner

Tuesday, 14th May, 2019. 3:00 -7:00pm

Glen Waverley Community Centre, Waverley & Springvale Roads

This is turning into a great afternoon, with lots of people enjoying “500”, Samba, Jonola, Uno, SkipBo, RummyKub, and Table Tennis (with members of the Senior Cits, joining in), snooker, etc. etc.

- Tea & Coffee available all afternoon, then enjoy a Pizza dinner.

COME ALONG – FREE – BRING A FRIEND/NEIGHBOUR

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

!!!Everyone Welcome!!!

Contact Dot : 9802 4822

Monday, 6th May, 2019 : The Burvale Hotel
Monday, 3rd June, 2019 : Mountainview Hotel
Monday, 1st July, 2019 : Mulgrave Country Club
nb:
Monday, 5th August, 2019 : RSL (T.B.C.)

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 : **Kris 9763 3604**
4th Wednesday 10:00am
Walk and observe,
then BYO picnic lunch.

Cabin & Caravan Getaway

SUSPENDED

CARDS – 500

Contact : **Keith 0429 225 234**
Every Friday 1:00pm
MULGRAVE Community
Centre
Afternoon Tea \$2.00
New Members Welcome

CARDS – Jonola

Contact : **Heather 9133 9329**
3rd Wednesday 1:30pm
Afternoon Tea \$2.00
New Members Welcome

Cards – Quiddler

Contact : **Erica 0421 911 321**
3rd Tuesday 1:3
Afternoon Tea provided
New Members Welcome

Cards – Samba

2nd Wednesday –1:30pm
Afternoon tea provided \$2
New players Welcome
Contact : **Gwen 0404 125 133**

CASINO BUS TRIP

Contact : **Robyne & John**
9758 1897
3rd Thursday – April &
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
Mulgrave Country Club)
Bookings essential

Golf – 18 holes

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

Jells Park Walk &/or Coffee & Chat

Contact : **Nita 9560 9730**
2nd Wednesday 9:30am
BYO Morning Tea
Everyone Welcome

MAHJONG

Contact : **Erica 0421 911 321**
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 &
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 0421 911 321**
Every Tuesday 10am – 11am
Erica - for maps & meeting
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