



The beautiful King Valley



## IWA WANGARATTA CONFERENCE 2020

### CONFERENCE NEWS

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### FRIENDSHIP APLENTY IN 2020

In our first edition of the 2020 Conference Newsletter we would just like to give everyone a heads up on the functions planned to make this conference as exciting and fun.

**First off** - for those fortunate enough to arrive on Wednesday, we have organised a Ghost Tour to the Beechworth Asylum with dinner at the Beechworth Hotel. There will be a prize to the member who is first to sight an actual ghost.

**Thursday morning** the Opening Ceremony will be at the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre. Many of you will have attended the Conference in 2009 and will remember the P.A.C as this was the venue for all functions. The opening ceremony will be followed by lunch and then the Forum/Workshops.

**Thursday evening** will be the Welcome Dinner at St. Pat's Church Hall which is within easy walking distance from most accommodation. Come dressed to visit Hobbitville, Wangaratta's best kept secret. In previous years Thursday night has been a free night and most Districts have organised a get together, with this in mind Hobbitville will have tables set for each District to have their get together. That doesn't mean you can't mingle though.

Music, fun and great food at an extremely reasonable price.

**Friday** - a free day for everyone except the IWA Executive and Council Members. There are exciting tours being organised for those who want to explore the region – not forgetting that some areas have been impacted by the fires and will be in need of our support to help them get back on track. Retail therapy is a must for those who don't wish to join a tour.

**Friday night** is the night to dress in your finery for the Gala Dinner at the Turf Club. Buses have been organised to ferry those members who will need a ride. \$10.00 per person return. A 12 piece band has been sourced so put on your dancing shoes.

**Saturday** we will all be up bright and early for the Business Session which will also be held at the P.A.C. Once again lunch will be available. Our final event of the Conference will be the Farewell/ Friendship Dinner at the Turf Club and the entertainment will be the Reclining Rockers. Time to make the most of catching up with old and making many new friends.

The organizing committee are looking forward to welcoming you to the beautiful Rural City of Wangaratta and assure you that every effort is being made to ensure a Conference to remember for all the right reasons.

Patti Stafford – 2020 Conference Coordinator; Glen Harding – Asst Coordinator; Lois Smith – Registrar; Anne Wettenhall – Secretary; Shirley Burgess - Treasurer

