



FRIENDS OF THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA VIGNERONS Inc

October 2020 newsletter



Dear Friends,

As acting President, hello to all FMPV members. It's been a very challenging year and hopefully we are moving to a more 'normal' lifestyle with lifting of restrictions in the near future. Many functions had been organised for 2020 but unfortunately only 3 have been enjoyed before Covid rules intervened.

The committee has been meeting regularly with the assistance of Zoom, and future issues and proposed functions, that would conform with current regulations, were discussed.

Unfortunately, the decision was made to cancel the Comparative Tasting Dinner because of the uncertainties of restrictions, and the November AGM and Christmas BBQ has been rescheduled to February 2021. Please be aware the new date will not change if restrictions apply but will be held electronically. More information at a later date.

Another agenda item creating a great deal of discussion was the clubs finances and options for 2021 Membership fees. As you would realise there are many ongoing costs to enable an organisation to operate. In the past FMPV wine cellar was being privately cellared free of charge, but it is now necessary for part of the collection to use professional storage space. Extra wine was purchased for 2020 planned functions which as we know unfortunately didn't eventuate.

Another major cost this year has been the setting up of our website (morningtonwinefriends) with the associated annual fees and ongoing costs. Members will be advised when the launch happens. Sue Sewell has taken on the final stages of this project and the goal is to launch online asap.

During our lengthy discussions about what to do for 2021 membership fees, we were very conscious there had been an increase in fees for this year.

A great program for the year was planned, BUT, as we know, Covid 19 happened. which put an end to this.

Membership fees are usually due on the 1st November, the end of our financial year being 31st October. with the AGM following very soon after. As the AGM is now deferred until February 2021, payment of the 2021 fees is also deferred until 1st March 2021. **This gives 3 months free membership to members renewing their membership for 2021.** The fee for existing membership for 2021 will be determined at the committee meeting held before the AGM.

Looking forward to the resumption of our functions in 2021 and everyone stay safe and well.

Robyn Keleher. (Acting President)



RESCHEDULING FMPV INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Dear FMPV Inc Members,

Our 2020 AGM choices this year were to replace with a Zoom meeting, or reschedule & start our 2021 programme with some FUN in the SUN.

After our lockdown months, fun in the sun with friends just hit the spot amongst your committee.

SO, BOOK THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY'S NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!

12 noon,

Sunday 28th February, 2021

Elgee Park

310 Wallaces Rd., Dromana.

Elgee Park are very excited to have our company & as many of you know our brief AGM is only an excuse to get together, taste delicious wines, have a wonderful opportunity to buy wines at great prices & take them home. Add catching up with friends & sharing "survival covid 19 stories" will be a wonderful way to spend a summer afternoon. More details will come to you as the date gets closer, & of course we will work within Covid 19 restrictions as they apply at the time.

Cheers, Sue Sewell



Dear members,

For any club to function efficiently, members eager to attend functions and be excited by future planned events, the important factor is the Committee. Without their enthusiasm and commitment, an organisation will lose its momentum and slowly disintegrate.

I'm writing this article in anticipation that interested FMPV members will consider nominating for Committee prior to the AGM.

Five current committee members have decided not to renominate for 2021, including our 2020 Secretary and President who have recently resigned for personal reasons. Sue Sewell has stepped back into the secretarial position but only until the end of our 2020 AGM, now being held in February 2021.

Your committee organise 10-12 events, some being favourite yearly functions and others, new innovative events. Each event usually has 2 members involved in the planning and running of same. A committee of 12 is very desirable to enable this number of functions to take place

It is a legal requirement for the club to operate with a Secretary, and have this person listed with Consumer Affairs as the point of contact. Don't be daunted by volunteering for this position, as after discussion, it has been agreed the position of secretary can be shared, therefore halving the work load. One of our wonderful committee members has stated she is happy to take the meeting Minutes. As Sue has said on multiple occasions.... If she can do it and still travel for 5 or more months every year that she's been secretary, ANY-ONE can do it!

BUT THE REALITY IS. No Secretary, No Club, No FMPV. Not that I'm pressuring you!!

We really do need for you to think seriously about nominating for Committee and help where you can. There are 4-5 meetings annually and held in a private home, though this year they have mostly been by Zoom. and run approx. for 2 hrs. Attendance can be done electronically and it's OK to give your apologies if you can't make a meeting. We all support each other and enjoy discussing new and innovative ideas for functions to bring to the members.

I do hope this encourages some of you to consider nominating for committee. It's a great way to be included in making decisions for YOUR CLUB which has been in existence for more than 30 years.

Please contact me on 0424 188 650 to discuss any questions you may have.

Robyn Keleher (Acting President)