

August 2019

Dear valued ARF Members

My last update was on 15 July and as we near spring – although a few cold days to go! – I thought I would drop you an update on the latest happenings in ARF.

Trivia night

ARF's famous trivia night is near – and we would love to see as many of you there as possible. It's a super opportunity to catch up with friends and support a great cause at the same time. The details are:

When: 21 September 2019 • 7pm

Where : Belconnen Labor Club

Tickets: \$25pp. If you go to the ARF Website you can purchase tickets online – or click on this <https://tickets.myguestlist.com.au/v25ceb497c07f6c/arf-2019-trivia-night/evs5ceb497c0ffcb/>

ARF's Community Facebook page

As an ARF member you have been sent an invite to this new Facebook page. This is a page for ARF members only – where we can build the ARF community, for example by sharing pictures and updates of your ARF dogs; or be involved in social activities, for example ARF dog walks. The first walk was in July and it was well attended and a lot of fun. The next walk is on Sunday 25 August 2019. The walk will start at 10am commencing at the Riverbank Café in Queanbeyan.

If you haven't joined already head on over to the page and join up – it's a lot of fun and a great way to keep in touch!

Call for volunteers!

You will recall we have put calls out for volunteers a few times this year. I am pleased to report that we have had some responses. Which is great news. We have had (importantly) some new foster carers come on board. Foster carers are the life blood of what we do – so this is the best news.

As I also mentioned we had vacancies on the ARF Committee. We're pleased to say that foster carer Kathleen Rampant has just put her hand up to join and will be attending her first Committee meeting on 12 August 2019. Welcome Kathleen!

We'd still love to hear from you if you would like to volunteer in any capacity, for example being on one of our subcommittees.

As I mentioned also in my February update the Committee had feedback from some members that the membership of subcommittees needed to be more diverse and include fewer Committee members. The Committee did not disagree and we implemented immediately that the three current ARF Subcommittees will include less than 50% membership from the Committee. We put a call out for volunteers for the Rescue, Communication and Governance Subcommittees. We know people are busy – but I can assure you the subcommittees are not too onerous and are a super way to learn the workings of ARF. While we waited to see if we could get some additional volunteers, we suspended the Governance subcommittee and focused on volunteers for the Rescue and Communication subcommittees. This is still the case – so if governance is your thing – get in touch.

Annual General Meeting

As I mentioned in my July update we are nearing the time of our Annual General Meeting

(AGM) – again I wonder where has the year gone?

The AGM will be held on Monday 25 November 2019 at the Dickson Tradies. You will receive an official notification of the AGM on Monday 14 October 2019.

If you are interested in nominating to be on the Committee, nominations will need to be lodged by 1 November 2019. As I have said before we are always encouraging ARF members to nominate. The Committee comprises four office bearers (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) and no fewer than four and no more than six general Committee members.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Trivia Night and the ARF dog walk.

Wendy Parsons
ARF President