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## Welcome to the August 2012 Newsletter.

We have past the midpoint of the year and with the colder weather your committee seem to be even more busy with several projects proceeding at a rapid rate, namely the finalisation of the computerisation of all the records and the web site developments, along with the Group in the South West of the state showing great potential. There are new and interesting items on the committees' agenda to be started or brought to fruition over the coming months.

#### The Sick List and Those Who Have Left Us

Wally Ross remains on the sick list and is joined by Ian Cameron - hip replacement surgery and Brian Kinsella. We wish our members a speedy recovery and a return to our ranks soon. We were saddened by the passing of Carl Bryant in June and our condolences go to his family.

#### Web Site

Our proposed web site is still in the doldrums due to our chosen internet provider not being able to deliver the requirements asked for. We are hoping to have this situation sorted out very soon and the site up and running fully.

## Comments from the Last Meeting

At the last meeting we exceeded 50 members and guests which was the best attendance so far this year. We are looking forward to welcoming simular numbers for the rest of the year. We welcomed Len Starkey to his first meeting and look forward to seeing many of our expanding membership at future meetings. Our membership has now exceeded 170 members with many new members from the regional areas of the state. There has been a very good response to our funeral plan scheme and all members are encouraged to consider using our services in this regard.

#### New Members

Since the last meeting we have received applications for membership from: Dave Talbot, The Patch; Terry Baker, Casterton; Bill Spooner, Mortlake & Peter Cassady, Warrnambool. We welcome you all to our ranks and look forward to seeing you at a meeting soon.

## Survey

Thank you to all the members who contributed to the survey for meeting times next year, at tome of printing the committee was still evaluating the result and a final discussion will be announced soon.

## Regional Matters

A meeting for members in the South West Region was held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July those in attendance enjoyed catching up with each other and then lunched at Macys Bistro. We look forward to more of these gathering in the South West region.

## Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be our Annual General Meeting at AV Headquarters Doncaster on Friday the  $14^{th}$  September commencing at 10.30am. The selected guest speaker is Mr Mel Higgins from the RACV Years Ahead Program. Please advise Ian Cameron of your impending attendance or no before Monday  $10^{th}$  September either by Tel: 03 8503 7745 or email: i.cameron@y7mail.com



#### Election for Committee

The following positions are up for election at the Annual General Meeting - President and Treasurer. The incumbent members are eligible for re-election. A nomination form is included with this newsletter for you to nominate a member to fill these positions. Nomination forms <u>must</u> be in the hands of Secretary Ian no later than 24<sup>th</sup> August to be valid.

# Guest Speakers

As usual we are always interested in locating guest speakers who may be able to provide us with interesting and exciting topics. If you know of someone who may fill

this criteria, please contact Secretary Ian with the details.

## Don't Forget

The next meeting at AV Headquarters, Doncaster on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> September commencing at 10.30am.