

RAAV SAVINGS

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Line up outside Lonsdale St HQ
Can't see that happening
outside an Ambulance Station
today

The Current Fleet of Ambulance Victoria

Ambulance Stretcher Vehicles

Ambulance Victoria has a fleet of more than 300 stretcher ambulances.

Air Ambulance Helicopters

Air Ambulance Victoria operates five air ambulance helicopters. These are based at Essendon, Bendigo, the Latrobe Valley and Warrnambool.

Air Ambulances

Air Ambulance Victoria operates four ambulance aeroplanes from Essendon headquarters and can reach most of Victoria within an hour.

Ambulance Single Response Units (SRU)

In built-up suburban and regional areas we use single responder paramedics as a

way to overcome traffic and increase our spread of Mobile Intensive Care Ambulance (MICA) paramedics.

Bicycle Response Units

The Bicycle Response Unit is helping Ambulance Victoria cut through the crowds at Melbourne's major sporting and cultural events.

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North East Gathering

A total of 28 members and partners descended on the Benalla Bowls Club Bistro for their meeting on Saturday 25th May for their midday lunch and a chance to relive old memories and renew acquaintances. There was the usual banter and all made a cool day into another successful occasion.

With the ever increasing members in this area we may soon have to relocate to a larger function area, although the Bistro is able to cater for our needs at present. The next gathering is scheduled for Saturday 7th September again at the Bowls Club. We look forward to seeing you all on the day.

On The Sick List

We send our best wishes to the following Members and hope to see them amongst our ranks again soon -

Ray Thomas
Wally Ross
Howard Smith
Martin Moran
Graham Ryan

Happenings out South West

The members of the South West Region boarded a bus and travelled to the Historical Society Headquarters in Thomastown for their May Gathering. They were received by the Society's Co-ordinator and Our President Chas Martin. Everyone was pleased to see the various displays and to be briefed on the progress of the Society and the ever increasing number of items in the collection.

Following a question & answer discussion all made a close inspection of the vehicles and memorabilia.

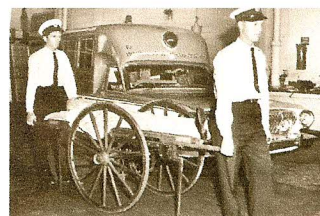
This was followed by a BBQ lunch and many remembrances of days gone by.

On August 5th the South West Group headed for Hamilton with the weather being a touch cool and occasional rain showers but our hosts at the Blue Malt Restaurant gave us a warm welcome and provided service to us most generously. The day coincided with the Sheepvention which gave 11 of our members the opportunity to gather for a warm and inviting lunch and catch up with each other. We were pleased

to welcome Les John, who served the North West of the state in the late 1960s and early 70s. As always many memories were shared and contact names of former members gathered. The next meeting will be at Maceys Bistro, Warrnambool on Monday *6th December for a Christmas style feast.

**Note: This is a change of date from previous arrangements due to the Festive Seasons activities and don't forget Partners are WELCOME.*

**Those were the Days!!!
Run boys Run**



New Committee Members Needed

Election for Committee

At the September meeting the annual elections of Committee Members will provide all members with the opportunity to elect continuing or new members to run the Association for the next twelve months as there will be many changes to the way we run and organise the Association from November this year.

Nomination forms will be distributed within the next 2 or 3 weeks for the various positions which need to be filled

this year.

The current Committee is eager to continue the progress made over the past 12 months and is looking for new members to assist in the running and sharing of the responsibilities of our Association.

Please consider how you can assist the Association in its ever increasing membership and contact with all retired members of the various Ambulance Services in Victoria.

Membership Fees

Your membership fees for the year starting 1st July are due for payment. Please forward your fees now so that you have continuity of membership

The options for payment are:
Direct Debit or Deposit at any:
Commonwealth Bank

Account Name:
Retired Ambulance Association of Victoria Inc
BSB: 063109

Acc No. 00921958

Please include your name or Member Number with Deposit.

OR

In Cash at a meeting near you

OR

Cheque posted to the

Secretary.

Doncaster Meeting

Wednesday the 19th June saw the Association hold its Quarterly Meeting at the Headquarters of Ambulance Victoria, Doncaster. 40 Members and Guests attended and received the reports from the committee and the various regional meetings. It is pleasing to see so many members able to attend and although we received a number of apologies we still maintain good attendance seeing it is the middle of winter

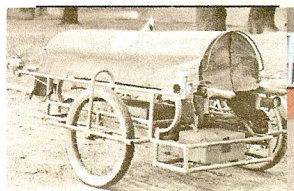
Amongst the reports it is noted that the Membership has now exceeded 200 Members and climbing. Following the formal section of the meeting we welcome a member of the Ombudsman's Office who provided us with a interesting insight into the working of this important Department. Unfortunately the overhead projector decided to misbehave so the slide show was not possible. The next meeting is scheduled for

Wednesday 11th September at Doncaster 10.30am - looking forward to seeing you all there. *Don't forget to notify Ian Cameron of your intention to attend or apologise before 6th September.*

Vic Civil Ambulance attending a commercial aircraft at Essendon Airport



Ballarat Members Get together



Covered Ashford Litter - One of the first Ambulances in Melbourne

The members of the Ballarat area met at the Robin Hood Hotel Bistro for a lunch and chance to catch up on the gossip from the local area and the rest of the state as well as enjoying each others company. In total 8 members were present and several apologised for being unable to attend the day. As with each regional meeting there is a time to share information and to follow up on suggestions re other members of the services who have retired and may wish to join our

ranks. At the time of printing the location for our meeting on Tuesday 20th July has not been finalised. Please contact Bob Gosden or Ian Cameron for details.

Next Meeting Dates

Ballarat - 20th July 12 Noon
North East Vic - 7th September 12 noon
Doncaster - 11 September 10.30 am
South West Vic - 6th December - 12 noon

New Members

We are proud to welcome the following new Members to the Association.

Bruce Slater - Hazelwood South
Peter Skinner - Alfredton
Derek Crouchan - Mansfield
Kevin Pool - Wangaratta
Bill Harvey - Wangaratta
Rod Morris - Docklands
Leslie John - Portland
Michael Higgins - Lemon Tree Passage NSW
Robert Henderson - Mooroolbark

Quick Quiz ??

Q 1: In water polo, how many players are in the water at any one time?

Q 2: The TV series, 'Torchwood', is an anagram of which TV series?

Q 3: Which is the only zodiac sign that doesn't represent a living creature?

Q 4: What is the most expensive of all precious metals: Rhodium, Platinum, Osmium?

Q 5: Who was the Swans first captain in Sydney?

Q 6: Which horse won the Melbourne Cup in 2008?

Q 7: What is the name of the Gold Coast Titans Ground?

Q 8: Which Australian war hero (WW2) was known as "Weary"?

Answers next page

Brain Teasers - How is your General Knowledge?

Guest Speakers

Have heard an interesting speaker or been told about someone who has an fascinating story?
Know of an organisation with that latest 'must have' product?
Perhaps it is just 'I'd like to know about that' type of subject

If so give Ian Cameron a call on 8503 7745 or email i.cameron@y7mail.com with any information.

The New Constitution

The Committee have been reviewing the proposed new Constitution and Rules for the Association and are able to release these documents to the Membership for approval before the Annual General Meeting.

It is anticipated that these important documents will allow the Association to continue to move forward and also bring us

up to date with the latest of technology as well as maintaining the needs of you our members well into the future.

Major changes reflect the goals of the Government in trying to engage the membership more thoroughly in the running of the association through the effective and efficient Committee structure. Also include are the changes to voting rights

and proxies as well as electronic communication and record keeping.

Your Committee looks forward to having these documents delivered within the next 2 to 3 weeks in order to satisfy the 21 day Notice of Change required by the current Constitution.

? 1950's Ambulance and Crew outside Lonsdale Street Headquarters



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- **Committee**
Bill McKnight
Ron Jacobs

A motorcycle police officer stops a driver for shooting through a red light.
The driver is a real bar steward, steps out of his car and comes striding toward the officer,
Demanding to know why he is being harassed by the Gestapo!
So the officer calmly tells him of the red light violation. The motorist instantly goes on a tirade, questioning the officer's ancestry, sexual orientation, etc., in rather explicit offensive terms.
The tirade goes on without the officer saying a dickybird.
When the officer finishes writing the ticket he puts an "AH" in the lower right corner of the narrative portion of the ticket. He then hands it to the 'violatee' for his signature. The bloke signs the ticket angrily, and when presented with his copy points to the "AH" and demands to know What it stands for. The officer says, "That's so when we go to court, I'll remember that you're An arsehole!"
Two months later they're in court. The 'violatee' has a bad driving record and he has a heap of demerits and is in danger of losing his license, so he hired a lawyer to represent him.
On the stand the officer testifies to seeing the man run through the red light. Under cross examination the defence attorney asks; "Officer is this a reasonable facsimile of the ticket that you issued to my client?"
Officer responds, "Yes, sir, that is the defendant's copy, his signature and mine, same number at the top."
Lawyer: "Officer, is there any particular marking or notation on this ticket you don't normally make?"
"Yes, sir, in the lower right corner of the narrative there is an "AH," Underlined."
"What does the "AH" stand for, officer?"
"Aggressive and hostile, Sir."
"Aggressive and hostile?"
"Yes, Sir."
"Officer, are you sure it doesn't stand for arsehole?"
"Well, sir, you know your client better than I do."

~~~~ How often can one get an attorney to convict his own client ~~~~

## The Back Page

This is a story of self control and marksmanship with an itsy bitsy shooter by a woman against a fierce predator.  
What is the smallest calibre gun you trust to protect yourself?

The Beretta Jetfire:



While out hiking in Alberta Canada with my boyfriend we were surprised by a huge grizzly bear charging at us from out of nowhere. She must have been protecting her cubs because she was extremely aggressive.

If I had not had my little Beretta Jetfire with me I would not be here today!

Just one shot to my boyfriend's knee cap was all it took.  
The bear got him and I was able to escape by just walking away at a brisk pace.

It's one of the best pistols in my collection.

## Answers to the Brain Teasers

- Q1 - Seven
- Q2 - Doctor Who
- Q3 - Libra
- Q4 - Rhodium
- Q5 - Barry Round
- Q6 - Viewed
- Q7 - Skilled Park
- Q8 - Dr Edward Dunlop