

RAAV Ravings

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Retired Ambulance Association of Victoria Incorporated

Committee Actions

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Our Web Site

is up and running again.

Please take the time to check us out and maybe suggest an improvement or two!

Attendance Advice

All members who wish to attend our meetings, no matter where in the State, please advise either our District Co-ordinators or Secretary so that we can ensure our caters are able to provide ample nourishment.

Web Address:

www.retiredambulancevictoria.org.au

Well here we are into the last month of winter. Don't know about you but it seems to have felt much more cold this year than in previous years!

You will, of course, have noticed that this edition of RAAV Ravings is somewhat shorter than normal. The main reason being - too much to do - too little time to do it in.

We hope that the next edition will be returned to its full glory and with the redefining of some of the Committee structures a full and fresh newsletter will be produced.

It is with regret that we record the passing of 2 Members, Walter Drinkwater and Noel Murphy since our last newsletter.

As recorded in the article on page 3, in reference to Subscriptions. Treasurer Darrell is asking that every time members make a direct debit or bank deposit PLEASE - PLEASE in-

clude either your NAME or MEMBER NUMBER as a reference so that he can ensure there is no loss of continuity to your membership. Which in turn will make it easier for us to not cause embarrassment if you have paid.

With the current committees' term about to expire we are always keen to enroll new members which in

As most of you would know we had a major breach of our email system which caused the loss of most of the contact details and all the stored emails. Due to the nature of this breach we have changed our service provider and issued a new email address. Which also has a greater security component.

Our web site is also off line at present due to an overload of telecommunications line facilities. We hope to have our site back up and running again very soon.

Finally we are still interested in gauging if we should make the banking change to Bendigo & Adelaide Bank. The support so offered would be of assistance and will allow us to keep our Membership Fees as low as we can. Do you have an opinion on this issue? Let us know at the AGM.



Warnambool Ambulance Fleet - 1994

turn will bring fresh ideas to our organisation. *Are you interested. Can you help with our committee to ensure we continue to offer the very best of services and support to each and everyone of you?*

Brain Teasers

Q 1: Liverpool's Speke Airport was renamed in 2002 after which famous person?

Q 2: What sort of animals appear on the front cover of Blur's Parklife Album?

Q 3: Which Starfish has done massive damage to the Great Barrier Reef?

Q 4: Sancho Panza was the manservant of which literary character?

Q 5: In which country was the battle of Culloden?

Q 6: What is the slogan on the fuselage of Qantas Aircraft?

Q 7: Hannibal used elephants to cross the European Alps intending to lay siege to what city?

Q 8: Which actor was accidentally killed during the making of the movie 'The Crow'?

Q9: 2001 Golden Slipper Ha Ha won, John Singleton did what?

Q10: which sporting team is known as the 'Black Caps'?

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Ararat Ambulance Station
Circa 1960's

Meeting Dates around the State

Geelong & Surf Coast	Wed. 20th August	12 noon @ Belmont
South West Victoria	Mon . 1st Sept	12 noon @ Macarthur
Metro, Doncaster (AGM)	Wed, 3rd Sept	10.30am @ Doncaster
Ballarat & Central West	Wed, 17th Sept	12 noon @ Ballarat
South & West Gippsland	Wed, 24th Sept	12 noon @ Morwell
North East Victoria	Sat, 29th Nov	12 noon @ Benalla

Further details either from Zone Co-ordinators or Secretary, Ian

New Members

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

Rob Phillips - Montmorency
Trevor Forfar - Newtown
Alan Mc Nie - Grovedale
Garry Hodson - Mildura
Stanley Paley- Belmont
Greg Wood - Briagolong

Keith (Sandy) Jones - Clifton Springs
Lionel Schneider - South Geelong
Paul Malone - Traralgon
Austin Colin Street - Traralgon
Charles Henry Johnson - Ocean Grove
Christine Davis - Leopold
Darryl Wells - Werribee
Norman Burville - Portland
James Mason - Mildura
Joseph Spronken - Leopold
Brynley Kendall - Wodonga

Around the State

The past 3 months has again produced a considerable amount of District Meetings ranging from The South West Meeting at Warnambool where 14 members lunched at the Cally Hotel Bistro and were given an inspired talk about the inclusion of disabled athletes into the more main stream sporting clubs although they still hold their own events.

In Ballarat we convened at the Robin Hood Hotel where a small but enthusiastic number of members are

working to improve our ranks there.

South & West Gippsland followed with another successful meeting in Morwell where we gladly welcomed two new members and with Neil Ray taking on the position of Co-ordinator we are sure this District will continue to grow

Geelong & Surf Coast meeting in Belmont again surprised us with another fantastic number of attendees and with Gerry Thomas ac-

cepting the reins of Co-ordinator we can be assured this District will continue to develop.

A recognisance mission to The North West District saw 4 members meet in Mildura with the aim of establishing a regular meeting base there. The positive feedback will see another meeting in the new year to further enhance our efforts.

Our North East Members meeting in Benalla again showed that we have a very healthy District with a strong membership following.

Annual General Meeting & Elections

Well it is almost that time of year again when on Wednesday 3rd September we hold our Annual General Meeting and report on all the activities of the Association.

Our AGM is scheduled to commence at 10.30am @ the Headquarters of Ambulance Victoria 375 Manningham Road Doncaster.

This year has again seen an ever increasing membership base and with more District gatherings taking place we are

reaching many more former colleagues who are responding by joining our ranks..

During the meeting several recommendations will be placed before you, our Members, for your consideration and, hopefully, acceptance.

With the steady growth of the Association we are considering expanding the number of Committee members to assist with the continuing development within the State.

This year we will not have a Guest Speaker as we feel there will be more than enough to contend with during the meeting.

Following the meeting you are all invited to a BBQ on the terrace and the usual exchange of each ones latest movements.

All the Committee are keen to see as many Members as possible on the day and provide us with the necessary feed back and support.



Answers to the Brain Teasers

- Q1 - John Lennon
- Q2 - Greyhounds
- Q3 - The Crown of Thorns
- Q4 - Don Quixote
- Q5 - Scotland
- Q6 - Spirit of Australia
- Q7 - Rome
- Q8 - Brandon Lee
- Q9 - Bought Beer for all at the course
- Q10 - New Zealand Cricket Team



Some of our North East Members enjoying their gathering at Benalla

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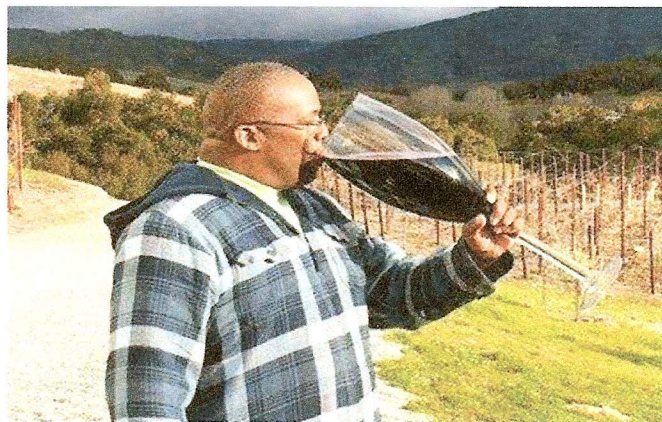
Paddy took 2 stuffed dogs to the Antiques Road show.

"Ooh!" said the presenter, "This is a very rare set, produced by the celebrated Johns Brothers taxidermists who operated in London at the turn of last century."

Do you have any idea what they would fetch if they were in good condition?"

"Sticks?" Paddy replied

Doctors recommend one glass of red wine per day



I'm ACTUALLY OK WITH THAT

Our Funeral Benefits Plan

Over the last two or three years we have been operating our Funeral Benefits Plan so that if a Member passes on we are aware of that Members wishes as to the involvement of the Association at this difficult time.

The major reason of this service is to take some of the pressure away from your family as we can contact the Funeral Director directly and organise the necessary details without having to impinge upon your already stressed 'loved ones'.

Amongst our options are the provision of an Ambulance,

Service Flag, cap, medals along with a Service Eulogy.

There is also the option of a Piper, and more, should you require. If you wish for any other options that are not included on the form we are only too happy to make a special provision for these.

We wish to encourage all members to fill in a Funeral Benefits Form so that you are able to receive the finest services we can offer.

Any Member who has not filled in a form and would like to do so, please contact ei-

Subscriptions

With the new financial year under way we are pleased that most of our members have paid their fees for this year. If you are yet to make your subscription payment please forward it as soon as possible so that we are able to offer the highest possible support to you, our members. We note that several members have made a deposit into our account but have not provided us with a reference as to whom it was who paid. If you have paid a direct debit or bank deposit and not received a receipt PLEASE contact Ian Cameron immediately to correct our records. Otherwise you will receive another reminder.

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If you have already submitted a form and feel you may require to make some changes a quick call to either Chas or Ian will resolve the changes.

It is our wish to make everything as easy as we can for your family and friends at a time of utmost sadness.