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NEWSLETTER

The partners day meeting of the Association held at the Ambulance Victoria Complex, Doncaster, on December 8 2010, was opened by the President Chas Martin at 1030 with a warm welcome to all. He also wished those members who are dealing with illness & disability all the best.

We had 50 members & partners attend on the day, and 17 apologies.

Ambulance Victoria CEO Greg Sassella presented Life Membership Certificates to Keith Atkinson, Ron Batten, Eddie Bailey and Don Hunt

The guest speaker was Daniela Andrews, Bionic Ear Institute Ambassador.

Daniela lost her hearing quite suddenly at the age of 27, due to an autoimmune condition. Her condition was stabilised with medication, but the medication had serious side effects. After it caused her to spend five days in intensive care on the verge of a diabetic coma, she made the choice to say goodbye to her hearing rather than risk losing her life again.

Though her general health improved once she stopped the medication, her hearing, and therefore quality of life, rapidly deteriorated. Fortunately, there was a solution for her.

In March, 2010, after being deaf for 15 months, Daniela received two cochlear implants. She is amazed at how quickly her life turned around. She uses the telephone again, watches television without subtitles and plays the piano.

Daniela is a big supporter of the Bionic Ear Institute's ongoing research into cochlear implant improvement. She is more than happy to share her story in the hope that she can help others avoid the anguish she felt when she thought she faced a silent future.

After the guest speaker we held a raffle and prizes were won by Norm Mills, Ron Jacobs and Alan Neicho.

The President closed the meeting wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We were then invited to partake in beautifully prepared Xmas lunch, thanks to Pauline and staff.

The next meeting will be a Partners Meeting at the Ambulance Victoria complex at 375 Manningham Road Doncaster at 1030 hrs Wednesday 9th March 2011. Please register if you will be coming or not by contacting me on 98786143, or by Email at rjjacobs1@bigpond.com no later than Sunday 6 March 2011, but you can do it now, before you forget.

The Guest speaker will be from The Austin Hospital on advanced care.

PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR SUITABLE GUEST SPEAKERS. IF YOU KNOW OF A SUITABLE PERSON PLEASE CONTACT IAN CAMERON.

Look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

Ron Jacobs (Secretary)

Enjoy a laugh

AGE ACTIVATED ATTENTION DISORDER



I decide to water my garden. As I turn on the hose in the driveway, I look over at my car and decide it needs washing. As I start towards the garage, I notice mail on the porch table that I brought up from the mail box earlier.

I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car. I put my keys on the table, put the junk mail under the table and notice that the bin is full. So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the waste bin. But, then I think, since I am going to be near the mail box when I take out the rubbish, I may as well pay the bills first. I take my cheque book off the table and see there is only one cheque left. My extra cheques are in my desk in the study, so I go to my desk where I find a cup of coffee I had been drinking. I am going to look for my cheques, but first I need to push the coffee aside so I don't accidentally knock it over. The coffee is getting cold, so I decide to make another cup. As I head towards the kitchen with the cold cup of coffee, a vase of flowers on the bench catches my eye, they need watering. I put the coffee on the bench and discover my reading glasses that I have been looking for all morning. I decide I had better put them back on the desk, but first I am going to water the flowers.

I put my glasses back on the bench top, fill a container with water and suddenly see the T.V. remote. Someone left it on the kitchen bench. I realise that tonight when we are going to watch T.V. I'll be looking for the remote, but I won't remember that it is on the bench, so I decide to put it back in the lounge where it belongs. But first I'll water the flowers. I pour some water in the flower pot, but quite a bit spills on the floor. So, I set the remote back on the bench, get some towels and wipe up the spill. Then I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do. **At the end of the day,** the car has not been washed, the bills have not been paid, there is a cold cup of coffee sitting on the bench, the flowers do not have enough water, there is still only one cheque in the cheque book, I can't find the remote, I can't find my glasses and I don't remember where I put my car keys. Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I am really baffled because I know I was busy all damn day, and I am really tired.

I realise this is a serious problem, and I will try to get some help for it. But first I must check my mail. (*Don't laugh, if this is not you yet, your day is coming.*)