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A V Headquarters
Doncaster

Report from the Annual General Meeting at Doncaster

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at Doncaster Headquarters of AV on Wednesday 3rd September commencing at 10.30 am.

We were fortunate to have 38 Members and guests present with a number of apologies mostly from our Regional and Interstate members. We welcomed David Calder who was attending his first meeting.

Following the formal welcome from President, Chas Martin, the annual reports and activities of the Association were placed before the Membership and tabled for all to view and approve.

The membership voted to accept all the reports and financial statement of the activities from the past 12

months.

The next item of business was the election of the executive and Committee for the ensuing 12 months. As the number of nomination for the various positions did not exceed the number of positions to be filled all positions were filled with the following: President: Chas Martin
Vice President Ray Loughheed
Secretary Ian Cameron
Treasurer Darrell Rintoule

Committee

Peter Leek
Ron Jacobs
Bill McKnight
Ian Donaldson

Following the election The meeting was passed to the members to ask questions of the Committee—to which all

members present stated their total support for the continuing progress of the Association and endorsed the plans for the advancement onto more regional areas of the State.

The meeting then formally close and all were invited to a barbeque lunch ably catered and cooked by Peter Leek.

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1926 Dodge Ambulance (Full story @ Dodge Brothers 1926 Ambulance via google)

It's quite normal for people to show a passing interest in old cars when they see them, but interest in Ian McCorkelle's 1926 Dodge Ambulance is much more than that

In early 1927 the Alberton Shire's Model T Ford was replaced by a Dodge, which was kept at the Yarram Mo-

tor Garage where the proprietor, Chris Mason and his son, Fred, were the regular drivers. They drove the ambulance from 1927 until it was retired in 1952, having travelled a mere 7100miles. The ambulance passed through several different owners until 1979 when Ian purchased it and com-

menced restoration. By now the ambulance was fairly complete. The only remaining task was to fit the two seats for the medical staff which was done in 2009. Some 30 years after he began it was complete



Perhaps a new form of Treatment?

The Hague (AFP) - A Dutch-based student on Tuesday unveiled a prototype of an "ambulance drone", a flying defibrillator able to reach heart attack victims within precious life-saving minutes.

Developed by Belgian engineering graduate Alec Momont, it can fly at speeds of up to 100 kilometres per hour (60 miles per hour).

"Around 800,000 people suffer a cardiac arrest in the European Union every year and only 8.0 percent survive," Momont, 23, said at the TU Delft University.

"The main reason for this is the relatively long response time of emergency services of around 10 minutes, while brain death

and fatalities occur with four to six minutes," he said in a statement.

"The ambulance drone can get a defibrillator to a patient within a 12 square kilometre (4.6 square miles) zone within a minute, reducing the chance of survival from 8 percent to 80 percent."

Painted in emergency services yellow and driven by six propellers, the drone can carry a four kilogramme load – in this case a defibrillator.

It tracks emergency mobile calls and uses the GPS to navigate.

Once at the scene, an operator, like a paramedic, can watch,

talk and instruct those helping the victim by using an on-board camera connected to a control room via a livestream webcam.

The prototype has already attracted the interest of emergency services including that of Amsterdam, the Dutch daily Algemeen Dagblad said.

The Dutch Heart Foundation also applauded the idea, the newspaper added.

Momont however wants his drone to become a "flying medical toolbox" able to carry an oxygen mask to a person trapped in a fire or an insulin injection to a

diabetes sufferer.

However, the drone is still in its infancy as far as developing its steering mechanism and legal issues regarding its use are concerned, Momont said.

He said he hopes to have an operational emergency drone network across the Netherlands in five years.

The drone is expected to cost around 15,000 euros (\$19,000) each.

"I hope it will save hundreds of lives in the next five years," Momont said

District Interest

District Updates

All our Districts are continuing to attract members and with this increase in our Membership Base we are able to continue the growth of our Association throughout the State. Members in the South West enjoyed a pleasant lunch at the McArthur Hotel on the 1st September before an inspired and interesting tour of the McArthur Wind Farm.. Ballarat Members gathers at the Robin Hood hotel on the

17th September and over a delightful lunch exchanges greetings and gossip whilst advise on how to increase our members here.

The 24th September saw a small but enthusiastic gathering at Morwell for the South and West Gippsland Members, who all enjoyed a good lunch whilst welcoming Marilyn Raft to our ranks.

Geelong & Surf Coast Members gathered at Belmont on

20 August and lunch of good food and chatter an enjoyable day was encountered.

Many former colleagues are being approached from all areas of the State and with the inspiration of our dedicated Co-ordinators we will continue to see an ever increasing Membership Base.

Major Festive Raffle

We have secured a major raffle prize for the Association in the form of a round of Golf for 4 Players at the Woodlands Golf Club in Mordialloc. Ticket are available @ \$2.00 each and can be obtained from any committee member, Chas Martin and Ian Cameron. You can also obtain a book of ten tickets if you would like to sell some to your friends.

The New Committee for 2014/15

Following the elections in September the make up of the our new Committee is:

President: Chas Martin
Vice President: Ray Loughheed
Secretary: Ian Cameron
Treasurer: Darrell Rintoule

General Committee Members:

Bill McKnight
Ron Jacobs
Peter Leek
Ian Donaldson

The Benalla Ambulance Station which replaced the former station just around the corner .





On of the many Historical Ambulances at the Museum

Our Guest Speaker for the Doncaster Festive Meeting

Russell "Robbo" Robertson (born 24 November 1978) is a former professional Australian rules footballer, who last played for the Melbourne Football Club.

Robertson is a one of the Melbourne's great goalkickers being one of just four players in the club's history to have led the goalkicking in four or more seasons. Robertson is well known for his ability to take regular spectacular marks.

Late in his career he was also

known outside the football community, through reality television appearances, modelling and singing.

A short Bio - Come and hear the full story on Wednesday 3rd December.

On The Sick List

We send best wishes to those members whom are feeling unwell at present, including: Brian Shott, Drew Haldane, Howard Smith, Martin Morran Should any member hear of another member who is ill please advise Chas Martin or Ian Cameron.

New Members

The Association continues to attract new members and we are pleased to welcome aboard the following:

Margaret Kerr - Corio
Neville Hettick - Drysdale
Peter Donovan - Barwon Heads
David Calder - Rosebud
Marilyn Raft - Callignee
Peter O'Meara - Kennington

Looking forward to seeing you at a meeting soon.

Paper verses PDF

Now with so many members on our email list we are able to offer the service of sending all notices, newsletters and information letters via email instead of through the postal service. This will save us time and money both in having to print, fold and envelope all the current forms of communication.

If you would like to receive all mail through the email service

please send an email to :

i.cameron@y7mail.com

With a heading of "Notices Please Email"

Although you name will not be removed from the Mailing List we will mark it as "IT Only"

Mail coming from AV will still be sent via Australia Post..

If you do not want to receive mail via email you do not have to do anything and it will remain as it is now.

Email
Verses
Post

New Mobile Number for Secretary Ian

Due to ongoing problems with the mobile number 0466 968 509 Ian has decide to change his number to:
0435 010 943

Please change your phone book entries to this new number ASAP.

The Warrnambool Ambulance Station



Dates for the Diary

Geelong & Surf Coast - 19th November @ Belmont 12 noon
South & West Gippsland - 26th November @ Morwell 12 noon
North East Victoria - 29th November @ Benalla 12 noon
Metro - 3 December @ Doncaster 10.30 am
Ballarat & Central West - 10th December @ Ballarat
South West Victoria @ Warrnambool 12 noon

Please advise the respective Zone Co-ordinator or our Secretary if you are going to attend any of these meetings.

Funeral Benefit Plan

We have been encouraged with the take up of our Funeral Benefit Plan.

Any Members who has not yet considered or completed a Plan or any member who may wish to review what you have already decided then please contact Chas Martin on 03 9725 7826 or Ian Cameron on 03 8503 7745 to obtain a Form or review your existing Plan.

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Benalla Ambulance Station

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*Do you know that awesome feeling when
you get into bed, fall asleep straight
away, stay asleep all night and wake up
feeling refreshed and ready to take on
the day?*

Yeah, Me Neither!!

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