

RAAV SAVINGS

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

Report from the Annual General Meeting

On Wednesday 11th September the Annual General Meeting was held at the Headquarters of Ambulance Victoria. The meeting got under way at 10.30 am with the usual formal welcome from our President, Chas Martin. Chas remarked on the number of members present, a total of 45 which was well up on previous years. Also in his report he noted the passing of two of our life members in Keith Atkinson & Maurice Gillett. Special mention was made to the staff of A V who assist in so many ways throughout the year especially Pauline Richard and Colin Gaskell. Chas thanked the current committee for their support and dedication to their various tasks.

Secretary Ian reported on the further improvements in the computerizing of all the records and with the new Constitution coming into force soon the need for better accountability as required but Consumer Affairs.

Treasure, Darrell presented the financial report for the 12 months ending 30 June and these showed a slight loss due in part to the continuing rise in operating costs and the need to provide all members with better facilities. Darrell moved a motion that the annual subscription fees be raised to \$10.00 per year and this was passed without objection.

The membership report shows a continuing climb in members, mainly from regional areas of the State and

with the establishment of regional meeting bases we have made welcome 33 new members. The total membership as at the meeting was 208. Made up of 160 Full Members, 28 Life Members & 20 Honorary Members.

The next order of business was the proposed new Constitution and By-Laws of the Association. After Secretary Ian explained the reason for and the requirements by Government for these alterations and amendments. The new Constitution & By-Laws were put to the vote and passed Unanimously.

This concluded the formal part of the meeting and President Chas thanked all for attending and invited all to lunch.

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North East Gathering

At the August meeting of our North East Group, at which 22 members were able to attend with several apologies from those unable to attend, we as usual enjoyed lunch at the Benalla Bowls Club and the now familiar chatter and banter from and at each other. Vice President, Peter Leek attended and was

made welcome in the absence of Secretary Ian Cameron.

We were gladdened to welcome former colleague, Noel Murphy of Albury and he has indicated that he wishes to join the Association.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday 30 November at our usual location.

On The Sick List

We send our best wishes to those members who are not in the best of health at present.

Especially: Howard Smith, Brian Shott & Les Hotchin.

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Wallace (Wally) Robert Ross

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of a much love and admired Life Member of our Association.

Wally Ross joined the then Victorian Civil Ambulance Service in 1947 and remained with the Ambulance Service throughout all his working life, retiring in 1981.

Wally served with distinction and was known for his commitment to all members of the Service and in particular his training methods.

He and Wally Burns were the

first two MICA Officers and through their dedication we have the highest of standards today.

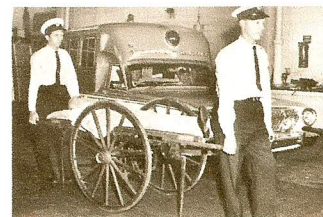
Many Members attended his funeral held at Brighton to remember a fine Ambulance Officer and mentor.



Wallace 'Wally' Robert Ross

19th November 1929 ~ 15th October 2013

Those were the Days!!!
Run boys Run

**New Constitution**

Should any Member wish to view or obtain a copy of the new Constitution and Rules including the By-Laws please notify Secretary Ian and he will arrange your requirements

New Committee**Election for Committee**

During the Annual General Meeting the usual matter of replacing members of Committee was mentioned, in particular that with the new Constitution all Terms of Office will be for one years' duration.

The positions that were for replacement at this meeting were Vice President, Secretary and 3 Committee members. Incumbent Vice President Peter Leek was nominated and elected unopposed, Secretary Ian Cameron was also

re-elected unopposed with Ron Jacobs and Bill McKnight also reelected. Following later discussion Graham Ryan accepted the third position on the Committee.

With the possibility that further regional groups commencing throughout the coming year the committee will be rather busy with all the necessary distribution of resources.

What ever happened to ?

Are you interested in finding out what became of one of your former work mates?

We at times loose contact with mates through the years and the fact that time and distance make it hard to remain in contact.

If you would like to attempt to locate a former mate just drop Ian Cameron a name and, if known, last contact details. We will include these details in our newsletters and, with luck, someone will be able to assist in a reunion.

Next Meeting Dates & Times

The next scheduled meeting for all regions are:

Ballarat @ The Robin Hood Bistro Tuesday 19 November 12 noon

North East in Benalla @ Benalla Bowl Club Saturday 30 November 12 Noon

South West in Warrnambool Monday 2 December @ Maceys Bistro 12 noon

Doncaster @ AV Headquarters, Doncaster Wednesday 11th December 10.30am.

Please remember to advise either your area liaison Member or Ian Cameron so that we can inform our hosting facility of expected numbers and for catering purposes.

We look forward to catching up with as many members as can attend any of the meetings and if we do not, we wish each and everyone of you a Happy and Enjoyable Festive Season and a safe New Year.



Vic Civil Ambulance attending a commercial aircraft at Essendon Airport



Contacts -Short Term

Due to family issues over the next 2 or so weeks Secretary Ian will be away from home but can still be contacted by email or mobile phone. Should any member require help during this time Chas Martin can always be contacted as well as any other members of the committee

Our Guest Speakers for the December (Christmas) Meeting - Doncaster

Barrie Cassidy is one of Australia's best known political journalists, having covered federal politics since the late 1970s. In that time he has been involved in or reported on 13 federal elections.

Barrie has worked as a foreign correspondent in Washington and Brussels, and as political editor for the 7.30 Report and ABC News.

In the 1980s he was senior press secretary and political advisor to Prime Minister, Bob Hawke. He is a former president of the parliamentary press gallery and currently chairman of the advisory board for Old Parliament House, now the Museum of Australian Democracy.

At present Barrie presents two programs on ABC TV on Sunday mornings, *Insiders* a political discussion program and *Offsiders*, a sports discussion program.

Heather Ewart too, is one of Australia's most respected political journalists and analysts having

covered federal politics since the late 1970s. She has worked as political correspondent for the highly rated radio programs, AM and PM, as well as the 7.30 Report. Heather has had extensive experience as an overseas correspondent. In fact she was among the first women - and the first mother - to take up such a role. She has worked in Washington (from where she covered the first Gulf War and the election of Bill Clinton as President); as well as London and Brussels.

She has won many awards for her reporting on 7.30, including the prestigious golden quill award for a report on the hazards of tanning salons, which led to the closure of many of them.

Heather is currently national affairs editor for 7.30, though next year she will be putting together a two hour documentary on the history of the national Party for ABC1.

Quick Quiz ??

- Q 1: Which rugby league team's name was Aussie slang for a street vendor?
- Q 2: T/F Dark clouds are caused by dirty water
- Q 3: Octopuses have eight legs and how many hearts?
- Q 4: What is the largest lake in Australia?
- Q 5: Who won the 2009 Allan Border Medal?
- Q 6: What exactly is London's Big Ben?
- Q 7 :What is Indiana Jones first name?
- Q 8: Who wrote the 'Discworld' books?

At the Annual General Meeting our Treasurer, Darrell, moved that the annual subscription rate be increased to \$10.00 per year.

The main reason for the increase is the continuing rise in our cost of administering the Association. All members present accepted that the rise was necessary and an overwhelming vote was passed. From 1st July 2014 Members fees will rise to \$10.00 with new members joining from the date of the AGM to pay the new rate.

**New
Subscription
Fee**

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.

Ballarat Happenings

The August meeting of the Ballarat Group encountered one of the worst days with heavy rain, sleet and strong winds along with the temperature gauge not able to reach double figures. With this scenario we only managed 3 participants, with several apologies as many members had fled for warmer climes. However we managed to enjoy an inviting lunch pro-

vided by the Bistro staff and we continued to discuss the methods of attracting more former staff to our gatherings. We are now looking forward to the next meeting also at the Robin Hood Bistro in mid November.

New Members

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

Noel Murphy - Albury
Graeme Linton - Wangaratta South
Bob Curzon-Siggers - Bentleigh East

? 1950's Ambulance and Crew outside Lonsdale Street Headquarters



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Peter Leek
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- **Treasurer**
Darrell Rintoule
- **Committee**
Bill McKnight
Ron Jacobs
Graham Ryan

Old Age and Yoga



TU ES MAL RASÉ ET TA CRAVATE EST DE TRAVERS!

You didn't shave very well and your tie is crooked!

The Back Page

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An attorney arrived home late, after a very tough day trying to get a stay of execution. His last minute plea for clemency to the governor had failed and he was feeling worn out and depressed.

As soon as he walked through the door at home, his wife started on him about, 'What time of night to be getting home is this? Where have you been? Dinner is cold and I'm not reheating it'. And on and on and on.

Too shattered to play his usual role in this familiar ritual, he poured himself a shot of whiskey and

headed off for a long hot soak in the bathtub, pursued by the predictable sarcastic remarks as he dragged himself up the stairs.

While he was in the bath, the phone rang. The wife answered and was told that her husband's client, James Wright, had been granted a stay of execution after all. Wright would not be hanged tonight.

Finally realizing what a terrible day he must have had, she decided to go upstairs and give him the good news.

As she opened the bathroom door, she was greeted by the sight of

her husband, bent over naked, drying his legs and feet.

'They're not hanging Wright tonight,' she said.

He whirled around and screamed, 'FOR THE LOVE OF GOD WOMAN, DON'T YOU EVER STOP?!'

Answers to the Brain Teasers

- Q1 - Rabbitohs
- Q2 - False
- Q3 - Three
- Q4 - Lake Eyre
- Q5 - Ricky Ponting & Michael Clarke
- Q6 - A Bell
- Q7 - Henry
- Q8 - Terry Pratchett