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# RAAV Ravings



## A New Year, A New Challenge

With the Association winding up for yet another year of growth and advanced opportunities for all Members and partners.

With the continuing development of our Peer Support and Physic Services we are very confident that these services will be operating fully before the middle of the year.

We are looking at further developing our membership base in order to cover more of the State and encourage more retiring and retired Ambulance personnel to become involved with us.

Already one new initiative is the establishment of a Facebook Page and already this has gained us new members. Please check us out at Retired Ambulance of Victo-

ria. Perhaps suggest to your other Facebook friends to have a look as well.

At the last meeting of our South & West Gippsland meeting the members asked for a clarification as to the perceived boundaries of the District. and the non inclusion of East Gippsland. After several suggestions and the clear and strong advise the former two Districts of South & West Gippsland and East Gippsland will now be one District and be known as the Gippsland District .

This too is designed to encourage more members to become involved and the meeting base will move from a static base to various cities within the District.

The suggestion mid last year of a Caravan Club is coming

to fruition with our first venture to co-inside with the March meeting in Mildura. More details on page 4.



The idea of Coffee Mornings is still being set up and it is hoped these will not only be conducted within the Metro District but also around the State.

Should any Member have ideas or suggestions for the further development of the Association please contact President Ray, Secretary, Ian or any Committee Member and we will attempt to fulfill these ideas.

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## Ballarat Call to Arms

All ex-ambulance employees who reside in Ballarat and the Central West and would be interested in meeting socially , for lunch, on a three monthly basis please contact Joy Mayhew on Mobile: 0427 417 690.

The meetings are great way

to rekindle old friendships and to talk with others who have an understanding of you career.

The next meeting will be held in Ballarat on Wednesday, 2nd March commencing 12 noon at the Ballarat Golf Club - Green Side Bistro.

## Attendances at District Meetings

Our District Convenors request that all members wishing to attend meetings advise them of such attendance or unavailability. This include meetings at Doncaster.

This is to ensure there is sufficient catering and seating allocations.

### Special points of interest:

- More Ambulances to be provided
- Historical Museum
- Inappropriate ambulance calls
- Birthday Wishes

