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Current Style of Ambulance

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Spate of Paramedic Suicides rocks Ambulance Service

Victorian Ambulance workers have been left reeling after an increase in the number of Paramedics committing suicide with eight Paramedics in the past three years taking their lives.

Ambulance Employees Association Victoria general secretary Steve McGhie said the number of Paramedics committing suicide was on the rise, and raging from student Paramedics to experienced Paramedics and Paramedics who had recently left the profession

Its a concerning trend ,he said
We occasionally have suicides in our job.
I have been in the industry for 31 years and it normally happens once every 10 years

This is a very high number in a very short time
Mr McGhie said the union was calling for the introduction of a welfare support panel in its log of claims as part of upcoming negotiations for its enterprise bargaining agreement

We think a welfare panel should be set up for another level of support to employees and Paramedics of the Ambulance service that need that support .

Foot Note:

Your Association is happy to advise that we are currently in negotiations with Ambulance Victoria, the AEA and The Retired Police Association to assist our members in ongoing areas of peer support.

It is hoped that these services will be available to all members in the not too distant future.

Should any members feel the need for assistance at any time PLEASE contact any Committee Member who will be only too willing to provide details for continuing support.

Outside Services including Lifeline (13 11 14) and Beyond Blue (1300 22 46 36) are available 24 hours a day.

Museum Murmurs

The museum is going well, but is bursting at the seams. We have numerous cars that we can't fit in and we are parking them at various homes around Melbourne.

All the equipment and Ambulance memorabilia we have has now filled up all the spare rooms.

Our Committee has met with the CEO of AV and he supports us in obtaining a bigger and better located building but the constant delays are frustrating and disappointing to our small energetic and voluntary work force.

To give an idea of the volume of visitors to the Museum,

the month of May we received 150 visitors and these numbers are constantly increasing. The potential for an even greater increase in visitor numbers is there if we had the appropriate premises to fully display our cars and equipment.

Chas Martin (Curator)



