

RAAV SAVINGS

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Wimmera District
Headquarters ? 1980's

Welcome to 2015 within the Association

Here we are into the second month of another year and already time seems to be flying by.

Your Committee continues to monitor the progress of the Association and we are pleased to report that there is an ever increase in our membership base, with particular focus from the regional areas of the State. This is very encouraging and we are hoping to continue the process of creating more meetings and more involvement from our districts and advancing our Associations' ideals and support into areas not yet fully embraced by us.

As outlined later in this newsletter we are looking forward to seeing as many members as possible in attending the

advertised meeting places and dates.

There is a growing emphasis on some Districts wishing to maintain a direct contact with their neighboring District and hold combined gatherings so that each District can establish a better understanding of each area and thus make our Association even more strong and purposeful to behold the values we all aspire to.

Your Committee is continually reviewing ideas and function that we feel may be of interest to all Members. Some of these include a visit from the Major Incident Unit. (Those Members who attended the Port Melbourne briefing a couple of years ago would be pleased to again

revisit this very interesting presentation).

It is proposed that at the March Doncaster Meeting we are confident that we will have the services of Michelle Murphy, a Churchill Fellowship recipient, who has just returned from overseas whilst studying the latest Resuscitation Techniques and survival data. This promises to be a most interesting discussion.

Our District Co-ordinators also continue to look for local interest Guest Speakers and with our support we know that 2015 will be a year of advancement and achievement for our Association throughout the State. We look forward to seeing you at one of these events.

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Quick Quiz

1. What is the name of the lion in the Chronicles of Narnia?
2. Annie Charleston starred in which TV Drama?
3. The Royal Military College, Duntroon is in which City?
4. Who was the 2012 women's Surfing World Champion?
5. How many were in the Ned Kelly Gang?
6. "Pub" is an abbreviation of what?
7. What is a Thylacine known as?
8. Which Australian sporting event did Russia win in 1946?



The oil-rich emirate sees its fair share of supercars but this one will be put to a very different use by the Dubai Health Authority.

Unveiled at the Gitex technology week in the city's World Trade Centre, the car is worth around £100,000 and will be used by 50 specially-trained paramedics.

Maitha al-Ketbi, a paramedic with the Dubai Corporation for Ambulance Services, told Al-Arabiya staff will be able to reach patients in three or four minutes on average.

"The car is of importance to patients so we can reach them in a very short time," she said.

Worlds Fastest Ambulance



"Those sport cars minimise the time of response and it can reach much faster than the ambulance cars, they can do the first aid by the time the ambulance arrives."

The two-seater Lotus will not be able to transport patients but, like first responders in the UK, will allow paramedics travel quickly to perform initial first aid.

It is equipped with emergency kits that can check a patient's heart rate and blood pressure.

A defibrillator and first aid kit squeeze in behind the driver's seat, with an oxygen supply in the boot, the BBC reported.

At the moment, the Lotus is being paraded around Dubai's tourist hubs, including the Jumeirah Beach Residences and Burj Khalifa, to impress visitors and ex-pats before being put into full operation by the end of the year.

It is one of several new vehicles coming to Dubai's ambulance fleet, including two Ford Mustangs and a Chevrolet Corvette.

District Interest

District Updates

With the New Year all our Districts are now gearing up for another full and productive round of gatherings and are keen to continue to gain members from all areas of the State.

We look forward to increasing our number of meeting bases and membership throughout the year.

All members are encouraged to attend a meeting somewhere around the State even if you have to travel to a different District to meet old colleagues.

Life Membership

At our December Meeting in Doncaster we awarded Life Membership to 5 Members but due to illness and distance only Neil Barrett was able to attend.

Our other Nominees for Life Membership are encouraged to contact either President, Chas Martin, or Secretary, Ian Cameron, to arrange a suitable time for this important presentation.

The Winner of Our Golfing Package was:

Cheryl Stokes from Thomastown.

Cheryl we hope you and your three companions enjoy this Golfing Experience.

An Empty Space - Why?

Our editors need your help.

Can you please provide us with some items which you consider of interest to our Members?

Perhaps a profile on your life before joining the Service or since leaving the Service.

Maybe an article on ambulance services, equipment or structures around the world.

SOMETHING - ANYTHING PLEASE HELP!!

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



Quick Quiz Answers

1. Aslan
2. Neighbours'
3. Canberra
4. Stephanie Gilmore
5. Four
6. Public House
7. The Tasmanian Tiger
8. The Melbourne Cup (Russia was a horse)



Ararat Ambulance Station
Unknown year

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 :
raav.secretary@gmail.com
With a heading of "Notices Please Email"
Although your 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.

On The Sick List

We send best wishes to those members whom are feeling unwell at present, including:
Brian Shott, Drew Haldane, Martin Moran
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:

Peter O'Meara - Kennington
Peter Cain - Colac
Gordon O'Keeffe - Wyndham Vale
Bryan Cass - Rosebud
Brian Mellor - Foster
Ken Curtis - Rosedale

Looking forward to seeing you at a meeting soon.

New Mobile Number for Secretary Ian

Due to ongoing problems with the mobile number 0466 968 509 Ian has decided to change his number to:

0435 010 943

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

Email

Verses

Post

Dates for the Diary

Geelong & Surf Coast -
Wednesday 18th February @ Belmont 12 noon
South & West Gippsland -
Tuesday 10th March @ Morwell 12 noon
Metro - Wednesday 11th March @ Doncaster 10.30 am
North East Victoria - Saturday 28th March @ Benalla 12 noon
Ballarat & Central West - Thursday 26th March @ Ballarat 12 noon

South West Victoria - Monday 30th March @ Camperdown 12 noon
North West Victoria - Thursday 16th April @ Mildura 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.

South West Group
Members at the
Wind Farm



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Some days I just
wish I had the
wisdom of a
ninety year old,
the body of a
twenty year old
and the energy of
a three year old.



 www.facebook.com/ShutUplmStillTalking

The Back Page

To Amuse

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some don't have film.

Shin: a device for finding furniture in the dark.

If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.

Early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

How do you tell when you run out of invisible ink?

Support bacteria -- they're the only culture some people have.

Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.

24 hours in a day ... 24 beers in a case ... coincidence?

Dancing is a perpendicular expression of a horizontal desire.

When I'm not in my right mind, my left mind gets pretty crowded.

If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving definitely isn't for you.