

The 2nd meeting of the SW RAAV for 2017 was held at the Warrnambool Football Club rooms and was accepted well by all present and we welcomed new member Andrew Fowler.

There were 11 members present with an additional 3 prospective members attending plus there were 10 apologies.

All present were brought up to date with the latest information regarding Peer Support and Psych Services and the fact that negotiations are continuing between AV and Frank Abella as to how the structure of the program will operate. In the meantime, if any person has a problem AV will assist.

The matter of the Foresters fund was raised and I read out a letter I had sent to Craig Bell the CEO of Foresters. I have asked him, as the State President of RAAV, to notify us ASAP as to this stage negotiations are at with the re-admittance of RAAV members to the Fund. A reply was received back that the Actuaries are still looking into the matter and we should hear some news very soon. We will keep up the momentum.

A very good variety of food was available at the Club and all enjoyed the get together.

Bob Reilly had organised a guest speaker, Ray Welsford, and we all enjoyed a talk on Genealogy and how to find lost ancestors. Thanks Ray and thanks Bob.

The meeting finished at around 2pm and many stayed on to enjoy drinks and more conversation.

The next meeting will be held in Hamilton on the 4th September.

Ray Loughheed - Co-ordinator