

RAAV SAVINGS

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Special points of interest:

- > South West Meeting - 4th February
- > North East Meeting - 16th February
- > Ballarat Meeting - 26th February
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A Report from the December Meeting - Doncaster

The final General Meeting of the year was held on Friday 14th December at Doncaster Headquarters of A V. with 62 members and partners in attendance. President Chas Martin opened the meeting and asked that the agenda be suspended as AV CEO Greg Sassella could only present the annual awards early rather than later in the day. Greg gave us the usual Service Update and then Chas gave a brief summary of each member as they were presented with their Life Membership Award.

There followed a special award being granted to former treasurer, Ron Batten, for his outstanding duties over twenty-two years in that position. Then followed a Life

Membership award being conferred on President, Chas Martin, for his 20 plus years as President and vigorous and continuing promotion of our Association throughout this time.

We then reverted back to our normal meeting structure and the various reports and items affecting the Association were received which included the financial statements showing a current balance of \$7093.87. The membership report stated that we have 190 members and this is increasing all the time as new members from the regions join our ranks.

Our web site still has some issues to be solved and some of the web pages are to be finalised as soon as we can .

We were saddened to report that 3 of our members passed away Alan Downie, Noel Edwards and Trevor Walker.

We hear that Ray (Plod) Thomas, Brian Shott, David Appleton and Wally Ross have not been in the best of health and we wish them a speedy recovery and soon be able to return to our ranks.

Our Guest Speaker for the day, Mr. John Wood, gave us an informed and interesting insight into his development from childhood to the acting career that we all know today..

The final act of the day was the enjoyment of lunch and good conversation between our former work mates.

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Happenings in the South West Zone

The November of the South West Group was held at the Botanical Hotel on Monday the 26th. The attendance record shows 7 members in attendance with a number of apologies due to the Christmas rush.

We were fortunate to have our State Secretary, Ian Cameron, in attendance as well.

Ian gave an interesting and informative talk on all aspects of the Association and the forthcoming developments. Many questions were asked and answered.

This was followed by good food and conversation which was enjoyed by all.

Another aspect of regional meetings is the brainstorm-

ing in relation to possible new members for the SW. Many names were submitted and these are being followed up at the present time.

The next meeting for the South West will be held on Monday 4th February at Macey's Hotel in Warrnambool.

Ray Lougheed, Conveyor

