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### Happenings at the December (Christmas) Meeting @ Doncaster

On Wednesday 11th December we met for the Christmas meeting and Lunch at the Doncaster Headquarters of Ambulance Victoria with 62 members and partners attending.

The formal part of the meeting was, as usual, opened by President, Chas Martin who welcomed all and invited Ambulance Victoria, CEO Greg Sasella to bestow the annual Life Membership Awards to four of our members. These being Frank McNeill, Colin Arscott, Bert Martin and Noel Owen, who through distance could not attend on the day.

This was followed by the various reports on the activities and action of the Association for the proceeding quarter.

The Membership report shows a continuing increase in our membership with a new member joining at the rate of almost one a week. Total Membership now stands at 212 Members.

Our financial position is also in a healthy state with the working account standing at \$1789.00 and the Term Deposit at \$7288,65

The year is closing with the promise of continuing development both in increasing membership and the expansion of further meeting bases in more areas of the state.

Following the formal agenda we were graced with the respected journalists Barry Cassidy and Heather Ewart

who gave us a very interesting and informative discussion on their lives and adventures through the many international and local locations they have reported from. Following many questions we were again invited to partake lunch provided by Pauline and Staff of AV.

Finally President Chas, wished all an enjoyable and happy festive season and encouraged all to join us again throughout 2014 for another year of growth for the Association.

### South West (Christmas) Meeting Notes

The final meeting for the year of the Association in the SW was held in Warrnambool on Monday 2nd December at Macies Bistro. This was the Christmas meeting and gave all members to wish Seasons Greetings to fellow members and wives.

The meeting was attended by 12 members and 9 wives

with 4 apologies. Secretary Ian Cameron attended the meeting and brought all members up to date with the latest news from the Association. The proceedings stated at 12 noon and were officially finished around 2.30pm, however some members were still in conversation well after that time. A good time was held by all.

All members in the SW would like to take the opportunity to wish all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ray Lougheed SW Convenor