



Retired Ambulance Association Victoria Inc.

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NEWSLETTER

The partners day meeting of the Association held at the Ambulance Victoria Complex, Doncaster, on December 8 2010, was opened by the President Chas Martin at 1030 with a warm welcome to all. He also wished those members who are dealing with illness & disability all the best.

We had 50 members & partners attend on the day, and 17 apologies.

Ambulance Victoria CEO Greg Sassella presented Life Membership Certificates to Keith Atkinson, Ron Batten, Eddie Bailey and Don Hunt

The guest speaker was Daniela Andrews, Bionic Ear Institute Ambassador.

Daniela lost her hearing quite suddenly at the age of 27, due to an autoimmune condition. Her condition was stabilised with medication, but the medication had serious side effects. After it caused her to spend five days in intensive care on the verge of a diabetic coma, she made the choice to say goodbye to her hearing rather than risk losing her life again.

Though her general health improved once she stopped the medication, her hearing, and therefore quality of life, rapidly deteriorated. Fortunately, there was a solution for her.

In March, 2010, after being deaf for 15 months, Daniela received two cochlear implants. She is amazed at how quickly her life turned around. She uses the telephone again, watches television without subtitles and plays the piano.

Daniela is a big supporter of the Bionic Ear Institute's ongoing research into cochlear implant improvement. She is more than happy to share her story in the hope that she can help others avoid the anguish she felt when she thought she faced a silent future.

After the guest speaker we held a raffle and prizes were won by Norm Mills, Ron Jacobs and Alan Neicho.

The President closed the meeting wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We were then invited to partake in beautifully prepared Xmas lunch, thanks to Pauline and staff.

The next meeting will be a Partners Meeting at the Ambulance Victoria complex at 375 Manningham Road Doncaster at 1030 hrs Wednesday 9th March 2011. Please register if you will be coming or not by contacting me on 98786143, or by Email at rjjacobs1@bigpond.com no later than Sunday 6 March 2011, but you can do it now, before you forget.

The Guest speaker will be from The Austin Hospital on advanced care.

PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR SUITABLE GUEST SPEAKERS. IF YOU KNOW OF A SUITABLE PERSON PLEASE CONTACT IAN CAMERON.

Look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

Ron Jacobs (Secretary)

