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NEWSLETTER

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on Wednesday 14th September at Ambulance Victoria Headquarters, Doncaster where 35 members received the reports and approved the financial statements and the general status of the Association for the past year. Nominations were called for the positions of Vice President, Secretary and 2 Committee Members. As nominations did not exceed the number of positions being offered the following were duly elected: Peter Leek - V.P., Ian Cameron - Secretary and Bill McKnight & Ron Jacobs - Committee.

The Committee for the year 2011 - 2012 is:

President:	Chas Martin
Vice President:	Peter Leek
Secretary:	Ian Cameron
Treasurer:	Ron Batten
Committee Members:	Bill McKnight and Ron Jacobs

A warm welcome was extended to John De Boer, Bill Van Den Akker and Jim Mounsey who were all attending their first meeting.

Following the meeting a very interesting and informative talk was given by Murray Wilson, a Retired Member of the MFB on personal safety and fire awareness around the home.

Wally Ross' continuing ill health still finds him in the Central Park Nursing Home, 101 Punt Road Windsor. If any member is in the Prahran/Windsor area and has a few minutes to spare, please call in and say hello to Wal, he is finding it very difficult at present as he is basically bed ridden and with limited contact from those he knows.

We note with sadness the passing of Ed Bailey. Ed had been in poor health for some time, he passed away in late August. Inga House, wife of Arthur passed away on the 13th October. Our condolences go to both families.

It is with great regret that we report the passing of our former Chief Superintendant Mr H G (Jock) Berry OAM, O St. J, FFIAO on the 23rd October 2011 in Adelaide. Most of us would remember Jock as an Instructor at Mayfield in Malvern during our initial training. He was appointed to Director of the Ambulance Officers Training School in the 1970s and later promoted to Chief Superintendant of Victorian Civil Ambulance Service. Through him many changes to the structure and operations of the service were made until his retirement as Chief Superintendant of Metropolitan Ambulance Service. Jock was always keen to ensure the Service maintained the highest respect and professionalism. Our condolences go to his wife Joy and family in Adelaide.

Several members remain on the sick or injured list. To all of you we wish a speedy recovery and hope to see you at a meeting in the near future.

As you are aware, on meeting days it is very difficult in finding a parking space in the car park at Doncaster. Following discussions with AV we are considering if we should move the meeting day to a Friday as this seems to be the day when a number of HQ staff take their ADO so creating extra parking spaces. Along with this a suggestion has also been made that we increase the meetings to Bi-monthly next year. What are your thoughts for these suggested changes? Do you agree or not. Please let Chas or Ian know your preferences either by phone or email. This issue will be discussed at the December meeting as well.

Any members still requiring making their subscription payment, Ron Batten would be very glad to hear from you as soon as possible.

