

Brief Comments on the G. & S.C. RAAV Branch Luncheon Meeting 17th October 2018

Greetings to all Geelong & Surf Coast Branch Membership.

Our usual venue being the Geelong RSL Barwon Heads Road, saw twelve attendees & partners enjoy plenty of fraternal catch up chatter.

Well aware of the information forthcoming from our two visitors, our meals were ordered right on 1200hrs. as we had been given permission to utilise the Board Room from 1300hrs.

The meal subsidy was again a topic of early chat.

While this subsidy had taken place at our last luncheon, it gained momentum among diners today with full appreciation to both Ian who balanced the finances & to Committee who had generated this form of benefit to members & their partners.

Early thoughts were given to four members having apologised due to medical appointments.

Usual cross table exchanges were somewhat multi directional, as there were several points of pre-advised information sought from our visitors, they being newly elected **President Ian Donaldson & Steve Mulligan involved in Peer Support programming.**

Fraternal exchanges & luncheon enjoyed, members regrouped upstairs to the Board Room.

The meeting commenced with usual welcome, introductions & logged apologies, plus a reading of earlier listed Agenda items from members each deemed of benefit to this Branch.

Each item was briefly outlined with opportunity for discussion in order to give our President Ian an awareness, plus an opportunity to inform the meeting of Committee's progress on each item.

Ian in further reply, was pleased to inform members a further RAAV Branch was soon to be added in Echuca,

This addition brings Branch numbering around Victoria to ten.

Ian then asked Steve Mulligan to inform the meeting on his role within the expanding Peer Support & Welfare committees he is a part of. Other Branch memberships will also have the benefit of this information.

Former MICA Paramedic Steve, being the AV representative, who is working among current & retired staff within the developing Peer Support Committee, assured members they were indeed a part of this project.

The program's heading is the **Retired & Previous Employees [RAFE] Peer Support Pilot Program.**

The meeting was informed on avenues of Welfare & Peer Support being developed – much of the supportive development can be accredited to the direction of **AV CEO Tony Walker**, who members may well recall from his period of employment in Geelong.

Committee has well started a Welfare role by naming **John Clancy** as the appointed **Welfare Officer** for RAAV. Members can be put in contact with John either via the **Secretary Ian Cameron** or indirectly by your **Branch Coordinator BenW.**

There has already been a named Welfare person in one RAAV Branch.

Meeting discussion asked Ian to have Committee define & document this role as expected – to date none has been defined & your current coordinator will not sanction electing a member undertake this role until so defined & documented.

The full concept of Steve's information cannot be shared or even outlined by this report, it was wide in its concept, creating full & frank discussion among members.

Steve did accept points of discussion from the floor, with open comments of his intent to return some of the points as discussed back to his committee hopefully to become a part of further possible development.

There were **RAFE Brochures** passed around.

Should members wish to have one as a record, BenW will get one to you via email if requested.

As the Meeting was closed, Members left far better informed on the direction RAAV is heading.

In short – Another manufacturer of Jumpers is being sought – one that can manufacture LARGER sizes
[So much for the wellbeing of retirees].

The \$10:00 luncheon subsidy continues. A decision to be made in event Committee not present.

We will attempt to gain a Welfare person once the role is defined & documented.

Ian has called for Articles of Interest suitable for RAAV Ravings publication.

Membership is working toward generating a visit to the Ambulance Museum.

Please be advised our next Luncheon is 5th December 2018 from 1130hrs.

Venue Geelong RSL Barwon Heads Road.

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