



Victorian Ambulance Cadet History Project

We invite former Victorian ambulance cadets or the families of deceased or incapacitated cadets to participate in this study to recognise and acknowledge the contributions that the program and the cadets made to ambulance services in Victoria and to paramedic education.

Background

The study will bring together expert participants to describe and acknowledge the contributions of the Victorian Ambulance Service Cadet Program that operated in the 1960s and 1970s. The objectives are to locate the available documents related to the program, identify all the cadets, capture the experiences and insights of former cadets and families, and reflect on the contributions that the program and the cadets made.

What is expected of participants?

Participants are invited to complete a semi-structured on-line questionnaire that will provide an opportunity to recount their memories of the program and reflect on its impact. The researchers have used archival materials and their own personal knowledge to develop an incomplete list of Victorian Ambulance Service Cadets (some of who are deceased) and participants will be invited to fill in the gaps. The questionnaire is likely to take from 15-25 minutes to complete.

Participants will be asked whether they would be willing to loan or send copies of any documents related the Victorian Ambulance Cadet Program. An opportunity to provide a short biography as a personal contribution to the project is also available, this will be edited and may be identifiable in publications, presentations and displays with consent.

Why is this research significant?

Little information about the Victorian Ambulance Cadet Program is on the public record and acknowledgement of the program and those who participated is overdue. Responses to the questionnaire will be combined with documentary evidence to write a historical account to recognise and acknowledge the cadet program and its participants.

Research Team

Peter O'Meara and Ken Curtis (both former cadets) are conducting this research through the auspices of Monash University, Department of Paramedicine.

Approvals

This project has been approved by the Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee – Approval No. 50764.

Next Step

To access further information and the on-line questionnaire, please use this link:

https://monash.sydney.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8xp4BX1z0eaJkCq