

SA Ambulance Service
Retired Officers' Association Inc.
"Friendship and welfare in retirement"


















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SAASROA Presidents Report

Aug - Sept 2023

Spring has finally arrived and the weather whilst a little unpredictable is warming up and hoping those aches and pains associated with getting older fade as a distant memory. Not much has happened over the last reporting period which is reflected in this short report.

SAAS Retirement Seminar

On Friday 15th September SAAS conducted their annual Retirement Seminar, held at the University Playing Fields facility, West Beach. Some forty plus employees (who will be retiring in the near future), attended from all areas of SAAS.

I was invited by SAAS to present a short information session on SAASROA. Let's hope we can attract some new members from this group.

SAASROA Annual General Meeting (ref: Colin Beames)

The AGM this year will be held on Wednesday 22nd November 2023, at 1100hrs at the Brighton Mero Hotel (cnr Brighton Road and Sturt Road).

We have made a few changes to our AGM which we hope are more amenable to our demographic:

the venue for our past AGM's is no longer available, so we have taken the opportunity to not only change the venue but to also look at other aspects.

- we have opted for a Wednesday lunch to coincide with the regular social lunches which are always well attended.
- the AGM will be conducted with business matters only, starting at 11.30am. (Member registrations from 11.00am).
- the AGM will be followed by an "all you can eat" Buffet (Charlie's Diner) for those who wish to stay on for a meal.

- the weekday buffet cost is \$29.95pp, or on presentation of a Seniors Card will be \$22.95pp.
- **you do not need to pre-pay** – pay on the day when you book into Charlie's Diner.
- depending on numbers, we will be allocated a private area for lunch, away from other diners.
- please RSVP to the Secretary by text message or email (0429 379 679/secretary@saasroa.org.au) – it will be useful to be able to advise the venue of approximate numbers attending.

Cliff PINKARD
President
SAASROA
06Oct23



DRIVERS GROUP REPORT



Our good times are coming, BBQ Summer season and outside parties.

I would like to thank Jess from the Fulham Ambo Station for being our fleet Coordinator, and now looking after our drivers claim forms.

Jess will also help if any drivers are having trouble with the Microsoft App.

In regards to our vehicle changeover trips in October, - sorry we didn't turn a wheel.

At this stage if any paid staff officer has an injury and is on light duties, they will complete all transfers.

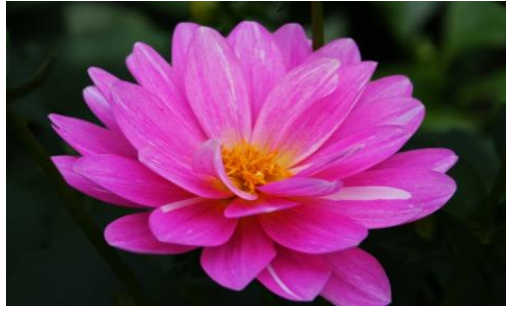
Please keep healthy and very safe, especially while driving on the roads.

Cheers

Ken Jenkins

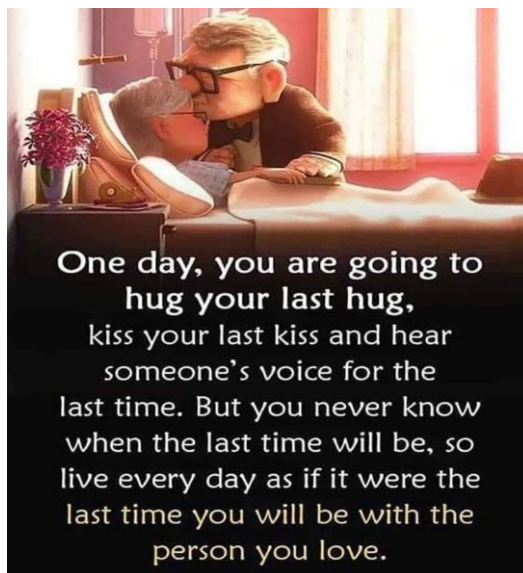
Task Drivers coordinator ,





WELFARE REPORT

Due to Rod's illness as previously advised, this feature has been held over.



One day, you are going to hug your last hug, kiss your last kiss and hear someone's voice for the last time. But you never know when the last time will be, so live every day as if it were the last time you will be with the person you love.



Lunch August 8th Flagstaff Hotel



Coffee August 17th Watershed Café



Coffee September 21st La Crema

2023 - Catch Ups



Lunch - 12 Noon	Coffee - 10am
	19 th Café de Grove (@Garden Grove) 1150 Golden Grove Road Garden Grove
<u>NOVEMBER</u> AGM WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2023, 11.00am BRIGHTON METRO HOTEL (cnr Brighton Road and Sturt Road)	16 th Oar Café 100 Military Road Tennyson
<u>DECEMBER</u> 12 th Watermark Hotel 631 Anzac Highway Glenelg North	21 st Enjoy Bakery 112 The Parade Norwood

As Covid restrictions may continue to change please continue to text
RSVP numbers to Linda Scheurich



RIVERLAND



Sep 7th Lunch Waikerie Club



Oct 5th Morning Tea Loxton

Nov 2nd 10:00 Morning Tea Lakes Bakery & Cafe, Barmera

Dec 7th 12:00 Lunch Renmark Club

Please advise Rod on if you will be attending any of these functions.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS These are held on the second Wednesday of even months, at 13:00 at Port Adelaide Ambulance Station. i.e. next will take place on December 13th

There are no further social events planned for the remainder of year 2023.

Due to AGM, coffee mornings and Bimonthly lunches scheduled and as we are approaching the festive season the committee and I have agreed it would be too much to add more events.

As I have indicated to the management committee that I would like to step down from the position of social coordinator at the end of December 2023 I have not planned any future events for 2024.

Yours sincerely

Mary Riddle

Social Coordinator.

ANTS

5 ants + 5 ants = Tenants.

To bring ant from another country into your country = Important.

Ant that goes to school = Brilliant.

Ant that's looking for a job = Applicant.

A spy ant = Informant.

A very little ant = Infant.

Ant that has a gun = Militant

Ant that is fat = Abundant.

A proud ant = Arrogant

Ant that is cruel and oppressive = Tyrant

The Holden Panel Van gets Special Attention

For some time, Fleet Supervisor, Brian Vears has been overseeing the modification of the Holden Panel Van Ambulance. He has been given the job of redesigning the transfer ambulance which can also be used as a back-up emergency vehicle. The Vehicle Design and Equipment Committee selected the Holden Panel Van as the most suitable for conversion, and it is on this basic unit that Brian has based his modifications. The Holden Van was chosen for a number of reasons:

- Ease in reworking the body to incorporate a third door (for the attendant).
- Availability of a medium-size engine, 4.2 litre preferred.
- Proven history of reliability and serviceability.

With their first-class Ford Transit results in mind, Javelin Auto Bodyworks of Elizabeth were asked to take on this new programme. It was generally agreed that this company had the necessary proven expertise to produce a high quality vehicle at a reasonable cost and, after mould development, at a steady delivery rate.

The Holden Panel Van has an obvious exterior "ambulance" appearance, a definite operational advantage over other vehicles with a more commercial look about them.

The interior has been designed with the greatest emphasis on crew and patient needs. Gone are the dangers of equipment stored in awkward locations and of not being able to clean the vehicle satisfactorily.

The roof incorporates overhead storage and is fibreglass, as are the nearside and offside lockers. An imported tailgate panel simplifies further the loading/unloading of the FW26 stretcher.



The remodeled Holden Panel Van Ambulance.

After an initial delay at the mould development stage, production is now in full flight and regular deliveries are assured. On hand to accept delivery of the first new unit (destined for Gawler) were Operations Manager, Brigadier John McGreevy; Country Superintendent, Ray Schilling and, of course, Brian Vears.

The new ambulance has been designated specifically for inter-country area transfers of patients, and trips to major metropolitan hospitals. It is expected that 26 of these improved Panel Van Ambulances will now be produced over the next three years, with 11 rolling off the line in this financial period.



HISTORICAL COORDINATOR REPORT SEPTEMBER 2023

September was a quiet month apart from washing plus starting all engines.

I spoke to the Fleet Manager, a Fulham Mechanic and Vehicle Co Ordinator re fleet 321 saying about the batteries, being smelly and dead confirmed by the RAA and was agreed to be done the next day. I went to the Port Station on Saturday 30th of September to find two new batteries in fleet 321 and engine starting immediately and in a very dirty state. I took fleet 321 to Fulham for a 5 monthly wash noting two "D" bolts on tow bar . Whilst at Fulham, I said about the driver's side head light was blown ,this taking approx. One hour to change as the battery had to be removed ,causing grief to the mechanic the whole time. We now have a bright, shiny F250 , standing out from the other vehicles . Fleet 321 plus the PR trailer have been booked to go to Lyndoch for an Emergency Service Exercise plus display October 14 .

Fleet 43 (Holden one tonner) is ready for the Bay to Birdwood, with John Pohl on Sunday 22 October.

The Panel van , Em -Care along with the BSA Motor bike with side car taking part.

We have been invited to take part in the Port Adelaide/ Enfield Council Christmas Pageant Sunday 12th November .

We have nominated and been accepted to participate in the Glenelg Pageant with the Panel Van, Em- Care and the BSA motor bike , and afterwards to display all on the lawns on the west side of the old Town Hall along with a display of some old equipment used on the vehicles. This will also be in conjunction with the opening of the display by St. John Historical of the old Casualty Room in the 30s before being washed away in a storm and after a First Aid Tent on the beach in the 20s . It has been said that this Casualty Room was the first in SA. To be displayed 12 to 18 months upstairs .

A request has come in for a historical Ambulance to be displayed at a Rare and Classic Car Show on Sunday 5th November at Mobarra Park , Mawson Lakes 1000 -1500 hrs

Kind Regards Robert Dale



EVENT COORDINATORS REPORT – OCTOBER 2023

A relatively quiet period. We have had requests from the Bay to Birdwood to attend. John Pohl has offered to take the panel van. I understand St John is also going with some of their fleet.

We have an event coming up this weekend at Lyndoch. An Emergency Services community day organised by CFS and SAAS.

Thank you Mary and Jeff in helping out.

A request from the Mawson lakes show and shine on Nov 5. This is in Support of Mens Health in November. A confirmation as to who is available to be advised.

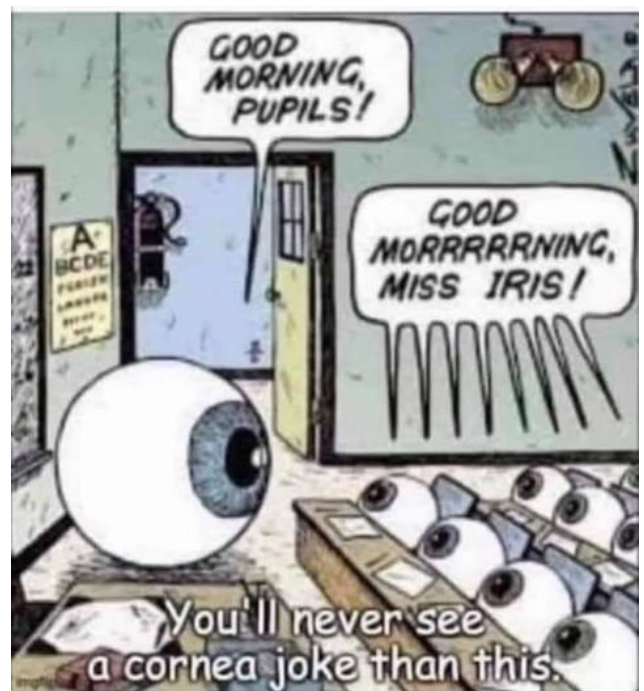
We have 2 new station openings coming. But dates and times to be advised.

Finally thanks to Rob Dale in getting 321 operational after our recent talks on what was available.

Kind regards

Chris and Helen

SAASROA Event Co coordinators



VL5FT GETAWAYS



2023 Destinations

Waikerie Barb and Rod Pearson

In - October 20th – Out - October 28th

Waikerie Holiday Park (08 8541 2651) 5 ensuite cabins and 10 powered sites have been booked under the name "Retired Ambos 2023". Big4 and Seniors discounts apply, however if members have neither of these, they will be provided with a 10% manager's discount. As always, please advise the convenors once you have booked with the park barbarapearson247@gmail.com

First Get Away for 2024

When:

In: Friday February 23rd

Out: Friday March 1st

Where:

Port Lincoln Caravan Park, North Shields

Situated 15 km from Port Lincoln Marina, Port Lincoln Caravan Park in North Shields features accommodation, a garden with a barbecue and a children's playground.



The following have been booked in the name of Retired Ambos – Dieter Scheurich.

8 x Caravan Sites (\$35) **

5 x Cabins –Twin Family (1 double bed, 1 bunk with a lounge \$110) **

1 x Pet Friendly Cabin (Frances - \$110) **

1x Disabled Family Cabin (Cliff - \$110) **

Discount: Stay 7 nights – pay for 6

**Please note these are 2023 prices. The prices for 2024 will be released at the end of June but this will give you a guide. We will update you as soon as we know **.

Please ring the Park to secure your cabin or site on 886843512 and then text either Dieter or Linda advising what you have booked and the dates of your stay.

More details will follow in due course.

Looking forward to a great week exploring Port Lincoln in February 2024.

2nd Getaway 2024 –

Where: Stansbury

Stansbury is located on the Yorke Peninsula and is approximately 225km or a 2 ½ to 3 hour drive from Adelaide.

Foreshore Caravan Park – 22a Anzac Parade Stansbury 5582, 08 88524171. I spoke to Michelle.

www.stansburycaravanpark.com.au

*Please secure your booking ASAP as they can't hold the booking without a deposit (one night's stay) which is refundable up to 2 weeks prior to stay.

When: In: Friday May 24th Out: Friday May 31st

Check in: 12pm for Sites, 2pm for Cabins and Villas Check out: 10am. **Please notify Chris or Helen once you have made a booking.**

The following has been booked in the name of Helen McGrath – Retired Ambulance Officers

8 Caravan Sites – 10,11,12,13,15,16,17 and 18 – Stay 7, pay for 6 - \$42 per night

1 cabin suitable for a single (number 4) - \$140 per night

And 6 Villas:

5 and 6 – no balcony \$155 per night

7 – disability cabin \$165 per night

8, 9 and 10 - \$165 per night

The cabin and villas you can get seniors discount of 10%

Please refer to the map below of where the sites/cabins are situated.



Just because something is
on Facebook doesn't
necessarily mean it's true.

- William Shakespeare