



AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION - VICTORIA

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Greetings Geelong Branch Members

I hope this finds you well, keeping safe and staying at home for your safety. COVID-19 certainly changed the world in a big way. No travel, no physical contact with anyone, shopping only for essentials and maintaining social distance with regular sanitization, hand washing with limited shopping for basic grocery items has been quite the challenge. Not to mention the temporary suspension of our fellowship monthly meetings and plans to go on day excursions.

The State President of AFA-Vic, Max McGregor implemented a telephone tree system to keep in touch with all our members across the state. The Geelong Branch responded to this initiative by tasking five Branch members to call five other Geelong members to check on their welfare and ensure that all were well and keeping safe.

I look forward to the day when we can resume our fellowship meeting at the Geelong RSL, hopefully in July or August. The RSL has resumed operations, albeit limited with bookings taken for meals for both lunch and dinner. The easing of restrictions and more freedom of movement has been encouraging and going for a drive seemed like getting out of jail and still maintaining that social distance from everyone.

The Air Force Association turned 100 this year and the Victorian Division was to hold a celebration function at the Camberwell Rd Head Office on Saturday 14 March 2020. However, with the direction to stay at home due to the Coronavirus, that was unavoidably cancelled. Meetings were limited to video-conferencing and the 2020 AGMs, both the National and the State, were also held via video conferencing. All members seemed to have adapted to this technology very well under the circumstances.

And finally, you will be receiving a request to provide your NOK details for emergency contact only. This is voluntary and you are not obliged to participate if you don't wish to, but the reasoning is that should the Branch not hear from any member for some time then we can contact NOK to ensure all is well, hopefully. Also, any member who is yet to renew their membership, please do so as these subs assists the Branch to provide services and activities.

I look forward to seeing you all at our meetings and activities very soon and advice will be sent out to notify you of the date for our return meeting. Thank you, stay safe.

Kind Regards,

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