

"WATER OFF"

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ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
(VICTORIAN BRANCH) INC.**



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING The Postponed November 2020 Meeting Now Set for February at Burnley

**Numbers restricted for AGM
Unless the Government lift restrictions before the meeting.**

**Due to room size and social distancing unfortunately only 30 members will be
able to attend the AGM at Burnley.**

**Members who are attending to ensure they have a mask, if it's required on the
day and worn in the room.**

The BBQ will be organised thanks to the Burnley Staff.

Please Notify RFA Secretary if you plan to attend!

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Image: Chris Maxwell

“ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING”

Notice is hereby given that the next Annual General Meeting will be held at the Burnley Complex
450 Burnley St. Richmond.

1030 Hours, Wednesday 17th February 2021

AGENDA ITEMS.

**Minutes of last General meeting
President's Report
Secretary/Treasurer's Report
Guest Speaker;
General Business**

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Non financial Members

Members be advised if your newsletter has an expiry date of 2/1/2019 that means you have not paid your subs since 2018 therefore if no remuneration is received by the 2/1/21 your name will be automatically removed from the mailing list. If, for whatever reason any member is unable to meet this request please do not hesitate to call the secretary, (confidentiality is assured)

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We offer our condolences to the families of these members who have gone on to a higher duty.

SICK LIST (* In Nursing Home)

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Diary Dates 2021

February 17, AGM
February 28, UFU Picnic
May 19, General Meeting
August 18, General Meeting
November 17, AGM

Note: If you know of any member who may be ill please notify a committee member.

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All articles accepted for publication by the editor are done so in good faith and no responsibility is accepted for any inaccuracies that may occur.
Signed; Colin D. Harris (The views expressed by the editor of this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Victorian branch of the RFA)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Happy New Year to all! 2021 brings new hope in us getting back to some normal life again.

What a year we just had. First the fires that destroyed lives and property in most states of Australia and then came a virus that swept across the whole world destroying lives and livelihoods. Hard lockdowns became the norm. Who would have thought wearing a mask into banks and shops would be normal and accepted.

The cruellest of situations was not able to see loved ones, especially the elderly ones for months. But somehow we coped and became resilient and got on with it. I just hope we get back to being Australians again and not being colonists like before Federation.

It will be great to see you all again at meetings and have a chat and reminisce about the old days and remember the fires and friends we lost in the past year and this one so early. Keep close to your Family and Friends and "Keep Safe yourself and have a Laugh".

Alex Shepherd (President)

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT



Hello everyone I hope you all had a good Christmas and a good new year, let's hope that 2021 is better than 2020.

This being my first report I haven't got much to tell you except everything is going alright from the take over from Alan, I am still sorting things out, but doing ok.

I have got some good news the RFAV web site www.rfav.com.au has been updated to Iphone, that's right you can get the website on your phone now, I haven't put all the site on yet but you can get the Home Page, News Report and Contact, the rest of the site will go on next month.

I won't be putting the Treasurer's report in the Water Off anymore but it will be read out at all the meetings, the President and I have talked about this and both decided not to advertise it on the Water Off and the website .

Hope to see you at the next meeting, I have a few new things to show you, take care.

Phil Cleary

Don't forget the AGM at Burnley

Due to current Covid restrictions we have to restrict numbers attending.

Please let me know if you plan to attend to avoid being turned away on the day.

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Help Required to assist with the producing of our "Water Off" magazine.

After 26 years John Laverick is retiring and leaving a position that requires a little skill with a computer and familiar with Microsoft Publisher.

If you would like to take the job on please get in touch with the Secretary Phil Cleary.

**Copy deadline for Water Off Magazine
for next edition is April 17, 2021.**

Even a Pandemic Could Not Stop a 92 Year Old Tradition.

Christmas Day is always busy for the Fire Brigade. For decades the MFB's Once-A-Year Club, made up of Santa, the MFB Band, clowns (MFB Gym Team) and firefighters have visited the Royal Children's and other hospitals in the inner city area. Sadly over the years the Band and the Gym Team were abolished; St. Vincent's Hospital upgrades meant the appliances could no longer stop there and the After Care Hospital closed.

These days the Once-A-Year Club still has musicians and clowns, but now only visit the Royal Children's Hospital. Always led by the flagship historic Leyland turntable ladder carrying Santa, a large parade of appliances makes its way from FS1 Eastern Hill to the RCH.

Christmas 2020 marked the 92nd year of the Once-A-Year Club, but a week before December 25, there wasn't going to be a hospital visit. It had been a year like no other with Melbourne just emerging of months of lockdown due to the Covid 19 pandemic which is still running rampant around the world. Also during year the Brigade itself had now become Fire Rescue Victoria under a new Fire Commissioner.

Due to Covid, the RCH had imposed severe restrictions on all visitors to the hospital which excluded the Once-A-Year Club. Co-ordinators, LFfs Brett Hall and Shane Cummins discussed the matter with Fire Commissioner Ken Block and Deputy Chief Officer David Bruce who were keen that a scaled back visit should go ahead.

On Christmas morning a large number of appliances from around Central District assembled in Gisborne Street outside the Fire Museum and FS01. There were no musicians or clowns. The RCH had agreed to allow three firefighters and Santa into the hospital. Led by the old Leyland the parade made its way to the RCH to deliver Santa, and so the tradition continues on.

Barbara McCumisky



Above:
Led by the Leyland Ladder, the parade of FRV appliances travels along Flemington Road en route to the Royal Children's Hospital.

Photo: OAY Club



Left:
Due to strict Covid restrictions on visitors to the RCH, only L-R: LFfs Brett Hall, Kelly Cameron, Shane Cummins and ret. SO Neil West (Santa) were allowed into the hospital.
Photo: M. McCumisky



Left:
The decorated Leyland Ladder outside the RCH.
Photo: M. McCumisky

Below:
There were no musicians or clowns, but the RCH nursing staff dressed in Christmas attire to add some Christmas cheer. With them are firies Brett, Neil (Santa) and Kelly. Masks were a Covid necessity.
Photo: OAY Club



Below:
As always two Santas go through the RCH, as the hospital is too big for just one. RCH surgeon Dr. Mike Starr (Santa) with his family along with Brett, Shane and Kelly. Photo: OAY Club



A Very Talented Firie.

Those of you who have visited the Fire Museum in Melbourne will have seen the many portraits of former chiefs around the walls of the Chief's Office. Portraits of the MFB Board Presidents occupy the walls of the historic Board Room. However visitors gaze in awe of the large, truly spectacular MFB Centenary painting depicting 100 years (1891-1991) of Metropolitan Fire Brigade history, which completely dominates the south wall of the Board Room.

Although you may have seen the paintings, how many of you realise the artist is actually one of our own firies?

Now retired SO Robert Horne is the talented firie who, to date, has completed portraits of most of the chiefs and board presidents and his magnificent MFB Centenary painting.

Back in 1976 International Harvester made a very generous donation to the Fire Museum, which enabled Rob to start the first chiefs' portraits. As the early chiefs had long since departed this earth, Rob painted their portraits from photographs.

The year 1991 marked 100 years of the MFB and Rob wanted to mark the event with a memorable painting. The end result well exceeded the expectations of everyone and is his legacy to the Brigade, even painting himself on the canvas.



Left:
Rob Horne, the firefighter.
Photo: Brett Hume



Right:
Rob working on the portrait of the MFB's first Chief Officer, David Stein.



Left:
To mark the completion of the first six of the chiefs' portraits, an unveiling ceremony was held at the MFB Training College, Abbotsford in April 1977. Rob addressed the audience, explaining the work involved producing the art works.



Left:
Retired Chief Officer Jack Paterson and his wife admire Rob's work on his portrait.



Right:
Rob working on the MFB Centenary painting.



Left:
In August 1992 Governor Richard McGarvie and his wife visited FS01 Eastern Hill. Rob's MFB Centenary painting was jointly unveiled by the Governor and Rob's young son Derek. L-R: David Russell (Fire Museum), the Governor, Sff. Sammy Capes (in FS35's baby Bronto holding the painting) Derek Horne and Rob.

Right:
The Governor Richard McGarvie and his wife chatting with Rob and his son Derek. L-R: Mike McCumisky (Fire Museum) Mrs McGarvie, Governor McGarvie, Len Greaney (Fire Museum) Rob Horne, David Russell (Fire Museum) and Derek Horne



All photos of Rob and his paintings by B.McCumisky

Australia's first 5-star green station – Derrimut (FS59)

Monday 9 November marked an important milestone for Fire Rescue Victoria – the opening of the new Derrimut Fire Station (FS59).

Derrimut Fire Station will be Australia's first accredited 5-star sustainable fire station on the Green Star rating system, with the state-of-the-art facility containing a number of sustainability features.

Fire Rescue Commissioner Ken Block, Deputy Commissioner Dave Bruce and Commander John Leddin attended FS59 yesterday to tour the new station and see some of these features, which include solar panels, acoustic treated rooms and automated electrical control systems.

Deputy Commissioner Braid, Deputy Commissioner Young and Commander Joe Ferguson also attended earlier this week, to visit the crew and see how they were settling in to the new site.

The new station is strategically located and set to provide firefighters with modern facilities to assist in meeting current and emerging emergency response needs.

Construction of FS59 commenced on 3 October 2019 and was delivered by FRV's Property Services Department in October 2020 ahead of schedule.

"This is a great achievement for the organisation and I'd particularly like to acknowledge the work of our project manager, Kristina Dimkopoulos," said Property Services Director Greg Pearson.

"The next station scheduled for delivery is Brooklyn Fire Station (FS45), which will replace Spotswood Fire Station, and the project is due to be completed in 2021."



FIREFIGHTERS - AUSTRALIA'S MOST TRUSTED PROFESSION

In October 2020, the Governance Institute of Australia surveyed a proportion of the Australian public to gauge the community's views on ethical sectors, professions and companies.

The findings of this survey reveal that **the fire services was the top ranked trusted profession when it comes to ethical behaviour, scoring with a net score of 82 on the Australian Ethics Index.**

Many other professions were also listed in the Index including nurses (79), CSIRO scientists (62) and police (48).

The rules and the telltale signs that you're — “Too Old to Drive”

Concerned you shouldn't be driving? Here's what you need to consider.

Approaching the subject of giving up driving due to age can be difficult for all involved. While driving offers independence, it also requires alertness and the ability to problem solve. After all, you're in charge of a moving vehicle that can seriously injure or kill yourself or those around you.

Whether you are thinking about your own licence or are concerned about a relative's driving ability, Olivia Jones, writing for lawyers Leanne Warren and Associates, tells what you need to consider.

What the law says

Upper age limits for driving vary from state to state:

Queensland: Drivers over the age of 75 need a doctor to issue them with a medical certificate that states they are fit to drive. If they are stopped and don't show the certificate, they could be fined. The certificate needs to be renewed every 13 months.

NSW: Drivers over the age of 75 must undergo a yearly medical assessment. From the age of 85, drivers must pass a practical driving test every year, in addition to their medical assessment.

Victoria: There is no set age or requirements for older drivers. However, if you develop a disability or medical condition, you may be asked to undergo a medical review to prove you are still fit to drive.

Western Australia: Drivers aged over 80 need to undergo a yearly medical assessment to renew their licence. At the age of 85, you need to pass a practical driving test if recommended by your doctor.

The practicalities of driving

Older drivers have decades of experience, but the trade-off is likely to be slower reaction times. Plus, our eyesight deteriorates as we get older and that can also affect the quality of our driving. The problem is, no two people are the same. One 80-year-old could pass a test with flying colours and have an unblemished record; another could have had several accidents.

Ultimately, aside from age, it comes down to individual ability and confidence.

Having the conversation

It's far easier to admit to yourself you need to hang up the keys, rather than have someone else try to tell you. Or worse still, wait until you get into a nasty accident as happened to then 97-year-old Prince Philip back in 2019.



What you need to factor in is not the benefits of driving but the reality of it. If you or someone else is not fit to drive for whatever reason (regardless of age), then they should not be on the road. Otherwise, they are a danger to all road users and pedestrians, not to mention themselves. Some will naturally take it better than others, but that doesn't mean you can avoid the conversation. Some may pass their medical review and driving test, but still not be fit to drive. That's when an individual judgement call is essential.

To sum up

Some older people are excellent drivers well into their 80s and beyond, but that is not the case for everyone. Driving is demanding in many ways, and you need to be confident you can handle the pressure that comes with it.

While giving up driving is a blow to precious independence, it's a far better alternative than causing a serious accident. Plus, it might be a huge relief to friends and family.

Olivia Jones writes on behalf of Leanne Warren and Associates, one of Melbourne's largest specialist criminal law firms.

Source: Your Life Choices

Volunteers Required
The Fire Services Museum needs
past fire service members to assist
on an occasional basis at the
Museum
Please contact
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Great things about ageing - as Dawn French says 'it's not for wusses' Aging Brings Great Benefits

A lot of people fear growing older but, if you ask us, the ageing process brings some great benefits, too – as *Vicar of Dibley* actress Dawn French knows. She says it's a privilege to get older. "It's not for wusses. Things go a bit wrong," the 63-year-old added. "Your teeth are a bit yellower, your chin has sagged, you're fatter, you're greyer. But ultimately, it ain't so bad."

And did you know studies often show senior citizens are among the happiest people in society, and that they are significantly happier than those in middle age?

Here are some great reasons to look forward to growing older.

1. The relationships you have are ones you've honed over years

Fear of missing out and spreading yourself too thin can hamper friendships in youth, when making lots of new friends whenever possible, and navigating fallouts, are the order of the day. But in later life, things are often calmer and your tolerance levels sharper. You don't have the time, energy or patience for friends who treat you like a free therapist, or don't show up when you need them.

Instead, with more decades under your belt, it's possible to invest time in select relationships that feed your soul, make you feel happy and that really matter.

2. You generally have more money at your disposal

While money isn't the route to all happiness, with increased years often comes the comfort of increased financial security (and a paid-off mortgage). Plus, with experience, you're also likely to be savvier with your money than you were in your 20s.

3. There's less emphasis on the importance of looks

In adolescence it's easy to be your own harshest critic, and relatively normal to spend hours in front of the mirror trying to disguise 'imperfections' with layers of make-up and hairspray.

Being older and wiser can really improve body confidence, because at 60, 70, 80, who really gives a fig if a stranger in the supermarket sees you bare-faced?!

4. There's more chance to gain perspective

In the latter half of life, in all probability, you've had your fair share of break-ups, bereavements, health issues, and family dramas and, as a result, sweating the small stuff is way down on the emotional to-do list.



At this stage, your strengths and weaknesses are clearer, as is your self-awareness, and you have more emotional tools to deal with whatever life decides to throw at you.

5. Comparison culture has loosened its grip

Life is finite – a fact that becomes clearer as you grow older, and one that really erodes any worries you used to harbour around what other people are doing with their lives. You've got your own to focus on after all, and that's what's important. Who has time for jealousy and envy?

6. You're not afraid to say 'no'

One of the best things about growing older is that you seemingly have more licence to say exactly what you think, and that includes saying no to things you don't want to do.

Spending your time on the things you love, and keeping your sanity in check, is way more important than burning yourself out for other people.

7. It can be easier to find the joy in small things

Simple things like enjoying a cup of coffee with friends, taking a long walk in nature and seeing the grandkids can take on greater significance than material things, the rat race of trying to get ahead at work, climbing the property ladder and the pressure to track down a life partner.

With age – if you're lucky – comes the time and space to appreciate the little everyday things that much more.

Do you fear getting older? What reasons have you found to embrace and enjoy it?

Source: Your Life Choices

The following letter was received from long time member Wilma Brown and addressed to our immediate passed Secretary/Treasurer Allen Roberts. It's a beautiful letter and Allen wanted to share it with all RFA Members.

Allen Roberts
Secretary/Treasurer "Water Off"

Dear Allen,

I have just received a very informative Report stating that you will be handing over to Phil Cleary. I must congratulate you on all your hard work as Secretary/Treasurer, and I am sure you will be sadly missed. I wish you good luck in your fight against this horrible cancer, my husband Edward Brown (Ted) had the same battle of bladder cancer, and has been gone 17 years now. He was stationed at Box Hill & SO Ringwood.

My post came today as I was cleaning my Fathers Brass Helmet in the back garden, quite a coincidence, probably not as good as he would have liked, he was Herbert Fergus Green (Jack) & died on the job aged 54, he was also Drum Major of the MFB Band, & Drill Instructor, a lovely gentleman.

My Son Wayne Edward Brown, now retired from Croydon Station, is not the Wayne Brown under Vale in the newsletter, I have had a few phone calls enquiring if he was my Wayne.

I enjoyed reading The Chiefs' Driver by Barbara McCumisky as I have known Mr Aldridge, Mr Paterson, Mr Tueno when I lived at Eastern Hill with my parents, & Neville Van Every when we all lived at Box Hill MFB.

I now receive the Water Off magazine on E-Mail, as I thought it would save postage and printing. So perhaps you can arrange the Courtesy Surface Mail to be terminated.

Please say hello to a long time friend Ian Geddes for me, and assure him I am very fit & well. We have all handled this isolation very well, apart from holidays overseas, or even interstate. My Daughter & Husband live in Hobart, where I go every Christmas, but we Victorians are not welcome at the time being, hopefully it will change.

I have returned to Lawn Bowls this week thank goodness.
I wish you pain free days Allan, take care.

Your sincerely
Wilma Brown (née Green)

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JOHN PATERSON

On Sunday the 11 of October 2020 a long time friend of mine died. His name was John Paterson, and for nearly thirty years he lived at the old No.1 Station, that's longer than most of us would have served at No.1

John was born on the 24 of July 1922, and he was 98 years old when he died.

His Father's name was Lewis Paterson, who was more commonly referred to as Banjo. Lewis joined the MFB very early in the nineteenth century and he retired as the Deputy CFO in 1950.

Banjo was also Jack Paterson's uncle, who was the MFB CFO from 1963 to 1970.

John Paterson started work with Wormalds, and when WW2 started he signed on to the Scottish Regiment section of the Army, but soon transferred to the RAAF, where he become a pilot and spent the rest of the war flying Dakota aircraft.

When the war finished he returned to Wormalds and during the next thirty to forty years he held a number of senior positions with that company in NSW and Victoria. His specialty at Wormalds was fire sprinkler systems. During the early 1980's he started his own fire sprinkler head company, Lansdale Fire, and distributed Central sprinkler heads in Australia.

In the 1970's John managed a Wormalds branch in Thistlewaite St, South Melbourne, and he gave one of my kids a job as a plumbing apprentice in 1976.



The above image shows John as the trainee coxswain of the MFB rowing team in 1938. He was 16 years old and in his Scotch College School uniform. The rower's names from right to left are, Ray Godfredson, his son Jeff became the CFO in 1988, Ted Lindsay, Wally Lloyd and Jimmy Sinclair.

Image Right; DCO Lewis (Banjo) Paterson, father of John Paterson.

Lewis joined the MFB very early in the nineteenth century and he retired as the Deputy CFO in 1950.

Image courtesy Fire Services Museum Vic.

(Image right)

In the May 2013 Water Off, there is a picture of a few kids and a fire officer, the officer is Lewis Paterson who became Deputy CFO, and the short boy in front of him is John Paterson who died on Sunday October 11. John said he was 8 years old in that photo, so it must have been taken in 1930.



John had a school friend who lived in the Exhibition Buildings caretaker's cottage, and they used to play in the St Patricks Cathedral that was still under construction, the steeple had not been built on the square tower. One day while playing there they discovered that one of the gargoyles on the tower corners was loose, so they borrowed it for a while, until their parents made them take it back.

Article and Images supplied by Ian Dewhurst



The above image is of the 1931 MFB football team, Lewis (Banjo) Paterson is the officer in the front row centre, and directly behind him, the umpire in white, is his nephew Jack Paterson, who became the MFB CFO in 1963.



GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



**Retired Station Officer
John Michael Cannon, Reg No. 1460.**

There is so much to his life and his story. Before joining the Brigade, he joined St Vincent De

Pauls in 1955. An association he would continue for 65 years.

Those that worked with John, mainly in the West. Talk of a practical joker, a caring and compassionate man. This was evident by his commitment to his fellow man. An Officer that was well respected by his peers.

He loved his football, especially at Windy Hill and didn't mind an Abbotts Lager. He bowled at West Coburg and was a part owner in a pacer (not a trotter)

In retirement he used his skills from the Brigade, and was a member of the Retired Fire Education team. Lecturing on Fire Safety. John is the father of SO. Peter Cannon

Awarded an OAM in 2008 for his ongoing work in the community. He was President of Ozanam House for a time. He worked tirelessly with the homeless, seeking accommodation and food, setting up Rehabilitation and refugees for those in need.



Retired Senior Fire Fighter John Stanton Prendergast, Reg No 425.

John was born on the 22/10/1927 and passed away on the 5/11/2020 aged 93.

John joined the Brigade on the 8/3/1950 and served at West Melbourne, Carlton and Port Melbourne.

Leaving the Brigade in 1962. He served the Community and Brigade for just over 12 years. His legacy of service lives on with his son Mick Prendergast, Senior Station Officer. Reg No 4002 / 28268



**Retired Electrical Fire Investigator/
Electrical Manager Kevin Weir**

Kevin was aged 86, having retired as Electrical Manager in 1989. Kevin's son David was also employed as a Fire

Fighter on C platoon for many years.

Joining the Brigade in 1948 as an Electrical Mechanic, Kevin went on to become the MFB's first true Electrical Fire Investigator. His equipment at the time, a shovel, bucket, gloves and a whole lot of knowledge.

Many would remember him as a gentleman and one to always lend a helping hand. Many of us would use his name on the old fire reports (Cause of fire Mr Weir to investigate.) Kevin served the Brigade and the greater Community for more than 40 years.



Retired Senior Fire Fighter Norm Millar, Reg No. 1623.

Norman was born in 1934 and at the age of 14 had left home to work as a farm hand with his older sister and her husband. That was to only last a short time before returning home, Norm had several other jobs before completing National Service.

He was to join the Brigade in 1959 and worked at FS3 and FS 23 to name a few, unfortunately Norm was pensioned out of the Brigade in 1980 due to hearing problems. He served the Brigade and the community for just over 20 years. Norm is remembered as a fireman you could count on at a job. A kind and considerate man and certainly a family man.

We acknowledge the work of Russell Hawthorn for the information contained in "Gone But Not Forgotten".



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Annual General Meeting-Wednesday 17th February 2021
Nomination For Positions on the Committee

Nominations are called for the following positions on the Committee of the Retired Firefighters Association of Australia, Victorian Branch Inc.:-

- **President**
- **Vice-President**
- **Secretary/Treasurer**
- **Ordinary Member of Committee, Four (4) Positions**

Each position will serve for a term of one (1) year.

Please note that according to the Rules of the Retired Firefighters Association of Australia, Victorian Branch Inc, only financial members may nominate for any of the above positions and any member nominating must have been a member for at least one (1) year.

Nominations must be in writing on the form below, signed by the Proposer and the Secunder and accepted by the Nominee. Completed nomination forms must be returned to the Secretary at the address shown below **no later than 17:00 hours (5.00) on Wednesday 10th February 2021**

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 RFAV Secretary
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 or email at rfav1@gmail.com

Retired Firefighters Association of Australia, Victorian Branch, Inc.

We, the undersigned, being financial members of the retired Firefighters Association of Australia, Victorian Branch Inc. hereby nominate:

Nominee's Name

For the position of

Proposed by (signature)

(Print name)

Seconded by (signature)

(Print name)

Nominee Acceptance;

(Signature)

(Print name)

FIREFIGHTER'S PICNIC

Sunday 28th February 2021, 11am. till 4 pm.

Venue; Moonee Valley Racecourse

RSVP to reception on 9419 8811

Complimentary car parking is provided in the Centre Car Park.

Enter from Dean Street (Gate 6) or Wilson Street (Gate 7).

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