

# ASTRO Networks Victoria Inc.

## *What's News!*

It's our 20<sup>th</sup> Year as Secretary and Chairperson. Wow! Two Decades!! - it has been a great pleasure to be serving ASTRO for all these years – how time has flown!! As a society, we have had another successful year in presenting a wide variety of Guest Speakers that have covered a broad range of interesting topics. We have had international and national Guest Speakers presenting at ASTRO and at times have had to hire a larger meeting room to accommodate for this.

In June, this year, as a result of the continuing work of our Webmaster, Ian Baker, we started the transitioning process to emailing the monthly notices to those who wish to receive them. The members that don't wish to receive emails will still get their flyers via Australia Post. This has already started to improve document delivery and the overall running efficiency of ASTRO. We have decided that in the interest of security, we will send out membership renewal notices separately. So that on at least one occasion each year, a member will receive two emails from ASTRO, one containing the monthly notice and a separate email containing the renewal notice.

At the AGM held in October, it was unanimously decided that from February, 2015, the annual membership fee will be increased to \$15.00. The entry fee at each regular monthly meeting for Non-Members will increase to \$15.00 and for Members, the fee will remain the same, at \$5.00. Over the past 20 years, the fees have only ever been increased once and, only, very slightly. However, due to the continual increase in the cost of living and running expenses, we have found it necessary to make these modest fee increases.

### **Vale Denis Carroll**

We recently received the very sad news of the passing away of Denis Carroll, a good friend, committee member and staunch ASTRO supporter for many years. He passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in early November, this year. The funeral has been delayed as the Coroner has not yet determined the cause of death. If anyone would like to pay their respects in person, please email us and we will forward you the details as soon as they become available. On behalf of ASTRO, the committee and members, we extend our deepest sympathies, prayers and condolences to Denis's family.



## ***Celebrating the Spirit of Christmas***

All members and friends are invited to ASTRO's End of Year Christmas Feast!  
Join us in celebrating the magic of Christmas amongst friends and likeminded people.  
Looking forward to your company. See you there!!

***Date:*** Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> of December, 2014

***Venue:*** Balwyn Library, 336 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn

***Time:*** 7:30 p.m.

***Bring:*** A Plate of Hot or Cold Food to Share (Preferably Organic)

***The Society will also Provide Food, Soft Drinks and Tea/Coffee on the Night.***

We would like to sincerely thank the committee; Frederick Skerbic, Bruno Calfa, our Webmaster, Ian Baker, and all the members for their help and support throughout 2014. Wishing you a safe and enjoyable Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

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