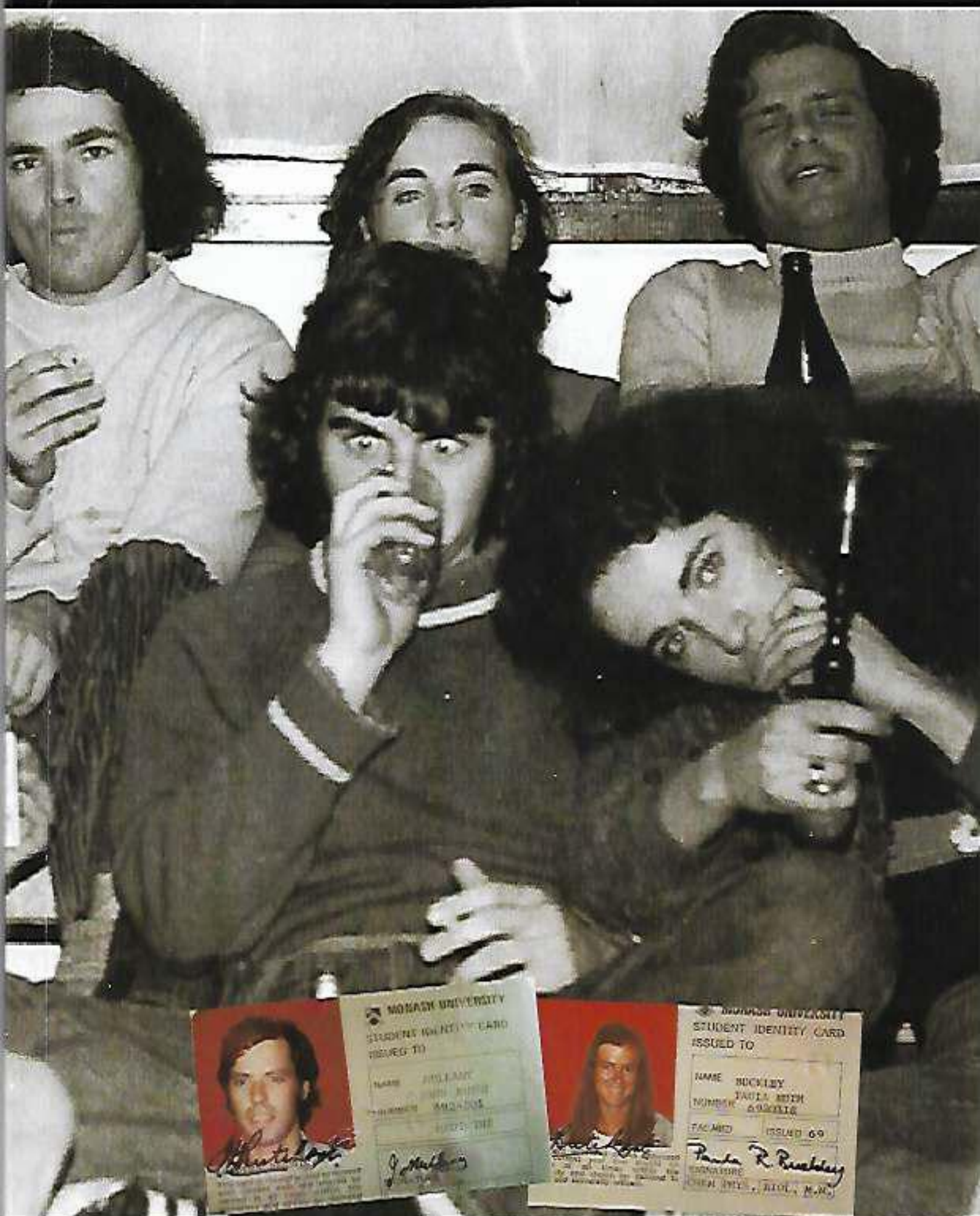


# Monash University Medical Graduates of 1974



45 Years Reunion - Torquay, November 2019



# Organising Committee

**Chairman** Jim Mullany  
**Committee** Rick Lowen  
Coral Thompson  
Steve Fryman  
Rod Bond  
Marilyn Fooks  
Jane Fyfield  
Vince Cousins



There are always others beavering behind the scene. Jim DeJong as in previous years was of great help with the I.T. side. All the meetings we had were by Skype although with a few glitches.

A committee makes a meeting and all made a fine effort to make this a success.

Our email address is [2014@mumus74.com](mailto:2014@mumus74.com).

<b>Magazine</b>	Jim Mullany, Coral Thompson and Steve Fryman
<b>Venue, Accomodation and Wine Selection</b>	Marilyn Bond (Fooks) and Rod Bond
<b>Saturday Chairperson</b>	Marilyn Bond (Fooks)
<b>Political Organiser and M.C</b>	Rick Lowen (with Steve Brunton Saturday Night)
<b>Chancellor of the Exchequer and PM</b>	Jim Mullany
<b>Ideas Person, Senior Consultant, Post Reunion Report and proof reader</b>	Jane Fyfield
<b>Pre-Reunion Survey</b>	Vince Cousins
<b>IT Consultant</b>	Jim DeJong

# Chairman's Report

We can blame COVID for lots of things, so we shall blame COVID for being a little bit late with this publication, as we could not get together until October.

Well the consensus is that the reunions are getting better and better each time, and this was no exception. We have a wealth of life time experiences, that are great to share with friends we have known for so long.

The R.A.C.V. resort at Torquay was chosen this time, a quite different venue from our 40th Ballarat Reunion.

A Friday night Buffet dinner was followed by Saturday morning talks of outstanding Calibre. Our speakers being Ralph Poppenbook, John Mackenzie, Vince cousins, Bob Iansack, Chris Drummond, Peter Dwyer and Ian Brighthope. For the afternoon there was Lots of convivial chat, coffee and walks about the resort and a little golf.

A grand dinner followed with fine speeches and merriment as usual with a lazy brunch on Sunday. Overall we had 85 attendees with most staying the entire weekend.

A common lament I noted was "I just wish I had more time to catch up with people"

Included are updates on Graduates, lots of snaps and obituaries. We have tried our best to include all the pictures sent to us.

My thanks to a great committee ... a reunion is only as good as the committee. Applause to Jane for her great report and Vince for the survey which you will find MOST interesting and to Marilyn Convenor on Saturday, Rod (our wine consultant), Coral and Steve (the magazine organiser with me) and Rick (an organiser from way back), who kept me on a steady path. And to Colin Reece and Steve Brunton, Great M.C.'s for the gala dinner. And John Mackenzie for organising the golf.

Included are updates on Graduates, lots of snaps and sadly Obituaries. We have tried our best to include all the pics. sent to us.

Jim Mullany  
Chairman

Previous Chairpersons

10th reunion	Peter McLaughlin
20th	Rick Lowen
25th, 30th, 35th	Richard Gilhorne
40th, 45th	Jim Mullany





## Sebastian (Sam) Auteri

Sam remains working long hours at Casey Medical Centre, 41 years after establishing the practice in Cranbourne. What was originally a small solo practice, now has nine partners, as well as numerous other practitioners. In 2018, a second state-of-the-art clinic was opened at nearby Clyde, and Sam divides his time between the two practices, as well as his anti-aging work. Retirement remains outside his vocabulary or plans. When he is not on duty, he continues to enjoy creating all sorts of masterpieces in his shed.

He is still married to Ronda (for 47 years), and remains the proud father of Chiara (accredited Family Law specialist), Lauren (G.P. in Orange), Rhys (researcher for "The Chase") and Simon (international cricket manager, based in London). His greatest joy, though, is being Nonno to seven grandchildren Ella (8), Zoe (7), Daniel (7), Sophie (5), Gemma (3), Charlie (1) and Eliza (nine months).



## Duncan Blake (Anaesthetist)

I retired from the Royal Melbourne and Melbourne University about seven years ago. I had been Prof/ Director of Anaesthesia and an Associate Prof in Pharmacology. However, I remained working in private with the cardiac surgeon I have worked with over the past 30 years, doing mainly adult congenital cardiac surgery, getting referrals from around Australia, NZ and SE Asia. I find this very satisfactory because patients are generally 2 weeks apart giving us plenty of time to review prior to surgery, have the OR available for the whole day and then be around to cope with complications and postop review. Generally, much less stress than on-call at the RMI.

Wife Pat and two sons Chris and Gordon. No grandchildren.

Also, I try and plan weeks away between patients! I have yachts at St Kilda and a share in one at Hamilton Island (Pat thinks that is far too many)

## Marilyn Fooks and Rod Bond

Rodney is still working part time doing oncology locums interstate. We are still indulging in wine and Lancia cars. Marilyn completely retired from O&G and loving playing with grandchildren. We have a large garden to look after on the farm. Both still enjoying travel, camping around Australia, both recently and overseas earlier in the year.





### **Simon Bradfield (Anaesthetist)**

Private anaesthetic practice (upper limb and bariatric). Married to Linda for 41 years.

#### **Three sons**

Nicolas (39) – Neuropsychologist/now medical training program at St Vincent's

Lachlan (35) – Media coordinator/musician

Alex (30) – Anaesthetic registrar – Monash Hospital

#### **Three granddaughters**

Sophie (4), Maya (3), Esme (3)



### **Pam Brewster (Psychiatrist) and Bryan Smith (General Practitioner)**

2019 – Retirement year. After practising with shorter hours and longer holidays, I made the change in July. It's wonderful.

We have discovered great pleasure these last five years exploring Europe by bicycle (with a little help from trains).

Five trips so far, and hopefully more to come if we can keep the bodies going.

Bryan is still working but cutting back to spend more time with grandkids, cycling and fixing the house.

All good.



### **Ian Brighthope (Nutritional consultant)**

Nutritional Care Pharmaceuticals Pty Ltd. Company chairman and director.





## Steve Brunton

### (Executive Director, Primary Care Metabolic Group)

Stephen Brunton, MD, FAAP, is in clinical family practice in Downey, California, and the executive director of the Primary Care Metabolic Group in Los Angeles, California. He received his medical degree from Monash University Medical School in Melbourne, Australia. He then completed a family practice residency at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center in California. Dr. Brunton is board certified in family practice and geriatrics.

Dr. Brunton also serves as adjunct clinical professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the Roseman University of Health Sciences in Salt Lake City, Utah. He has had numerous editorial appointments and is currently editor-in-chief of Clinical Diabetes and editor of Internal Medicine Alert. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians and of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.



## Paula Buckley

### (General Practitioner)

Paula has been a general practitioner in Sydney for more than 40 years and enjoys the diversity of family medicine. She is the principal doctor and owner of a 7 GP practice and enjoys teaching GP registrars.

Paula lives in the hills district in Sydney with her husband, Peter and they have three adult children and one grandson.

She enjoys overseas travel as well as spending long weekends at their house in Nelson Bay, north of Newcastle.

She is looking forward to retiring before the next reunion.



## Neville Byrne

### (Retired UK Surrey)

I retired in (UK) summer of 2017 and keep in touch with a small number of friends - Cam Hunt, John Conway and at Christmas time Andrew Milliken. I was very saddened by the death of Kevin Sleigh but managed to write to his widow Valerie as they had visited us in England.

## John Conway

### (General Practitioner)

Still working - three days as a GP and loving it.

Still married to Margio (and loving it).

Interests - active kite boarder, mountain bike tracks, radio-controlled model aircraft and boating





## Vince Cousins (ENT Surgeon)

Still married, three children, four grandchildren.

ENT surgeon, both private and mixed public.

Outreach ear surgery, working in Asia and Africa.

Keen to cycle, touring and travel.



## Peter Coulton (General Practitioner)

## Peter Cowen (Dermatologist)

I enjoy working (especially the half days). One of the last survivors of the first clinics at Monash Medical Centre. Three married daughters, two and a half grandchildren.

Partner, Glenda (five children). We have many grandparents days ahead.

Still following Hawthorn, fishing, golfing and playing cards.



## Pam Cox (McDougall) (Retired General Practitioner)

I retired mid 2016 after 22 years in our two doctor General Practice in Bentley. With no one interested in buying the practice, we went through the arduous and emotional process of closing it down. It took me a long time to adjust to retirement, but I was never tempted to work part time.

I am now happy learning French and Italian, volunteering at a Kindergarten to help promote literacy and STEM concepts, helping our own daughter with her two children, aged 3 years, and 6 weeks and spending most weekends at our holidays house in Blairgowrie. We are organising one or two overseas holidays each year. It's been a great life (so far) and I've been very fortunate.





## William Downey (Retired Pathologist)

Two sons.

## Christina (Chris) Drummond (Home health care at Cabrini & OP at Monash Children's)

David and I have spent a lot of time apart over the last few years, but we have managed to have some great times together as well. I have been in Melbourne as carer for Mum and he has been overseas. In 2017 he was in Mozambique for the famine, but we had a great break together visiting Victoria Falls, Botswana, Zambia and the Okavango Delta with a train ride on the Hove train back to Pretoria. Later that year we visited Canyonlands in Utah after teaching our course in Boston. Last year David was boarding a plane to go to Nigeria to assist with the response to Boko Haram when Mum had a major stroke. It has been a tough year caring for her, but we managed 4 wonderful days together in Morocco and more recently, time with the family in France and 10 days together in Madagascar which was wonderful. I am working 1 day a week in "Hospital in the Home" at Cabrini and doing one session at the RCG clinic at Monash Children's Hospital. Our first book on Missioncraft in Disaster Relief has been published and we are working on a pocket manual version we hope will be published later this year. In addition, I have just completed a Diploma of Horticulture, so life has not been dull! We are more wrinkled, greyer and stiffer, but we are looking forward to David arriving home in time for the Reunion and seeing everyone from 74 again.



## Peter Dwyer (Obstetrician/Gynecologist)

Professor of O&G at Melbourne University. Volunteers overseas. Many publications.



## Patrick Elliot (Clinical Haematologist)

Still working in private practice at Cabrini. No immediate plans to retire. Married to Jackie.





## **Mark Faigen** (General Practitioner)

Still working and enjoying full time in General Practice.

Following a divorce, I re-partnered 18 years ago and now have a very large family, that includes six grandchildren. This keeps me busy most of the time, but I still manage to play golf weekly.

I bike ride regularly and spend time in the garden.

Pictures show three generations of Faigens.



## **Anne Freeman** (General Practitioner)

I am single with three children and three grandchildren. I am working in general practice full time.

Staff clinic at Cabrini Health in Malvern

Access Medical Centre in Warrilama South

Over the past five years I have done locum work (Dennilquin and Barham), Western Australia, Broken Hill, Condobolin, Grafton, Hawkes West, Sunshine Coast and South Australia.

I am now very happily currently settled in Melbourne. I love my friends, family, home, garden, holidays, live theatre, galleries and almost everything. I consider myself lucky and blessed.

## **Stephen Fryman** (General Practitioner)

Coralyn and I are both still working in General Practice (not full time now though). Still living in Geelong after coming here for one year in 1976! We have two children, David now 39, and Julie now 35. At last count we had three grandchildren – all boys, ages 9, 6 (Dave's) and nearly 3 (Julie's).

## **Jane Fyfield** (Non-clinical consultant – Geriatrics)

Not much has changed since the last reunion. Now I do much more pro bono work but also have started a blog/podcast with my son on better ageing – [www.newtricksco.com.au](http://www.newtricksco.com.au). This has been lots of fun. Also teaching medical students at Melbourne University.





## **Richard Gilhome** (Locum General Surgeon)

I retired 22/2/2017. Now practising as a locum General Surgeon in regional public hospitals in Queensland, WA, NSW and Tasmania. I have also working with the Royal Flying Doctors Service in Roma, QLD.

I am thoroughly enjoying my time teaching young doctors in the art of surgery. My family is growing with four grandchildren. Lorraine and I have been travelling and off course sailing the east coast of Australia.

Recently competed in Hamilton's race week and came equal third. I am currently sailing my yacht back to Melbourne and looking forward to the reunion.



## **Michael Gronow** (Medico Legal/Public)

After graduation, RMO and SRMO at Footscray, O&G training at RWI, Post graduate in USA and UK. Specialised in infertility.

I have retired from private practice (mid 2018) and now concentrate on some public hospital clinics in infertility, work for MIPS part time as a clinic/legal advisor and have four-day weekends. This is a good easing into eventual retirement.

## **Robert Hetzel** (General Practitioner)

My forecast when finishing in 1974 was to retired to country General Practice. I continue to do this in Gisborne (four sessions and I do two sessions in Brighton). I play tennis and golf in Gisborne and Bridge and portrait painting in the city. I have a new partner, Deb James, who keeps me on the straight and narrow. I remain on good terms with my two previous partners, Anna and Claire. I enjoy five grandchildren as well as my seven children. Life is good.





## **Donald Howie** (Professor of Orthopaedics and Trauma)

I am still Head of the Department of Orthopaedics and Trauma at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and Professor and I lead of the Discipline of Orthopaedics and Trauma at the of Adelaide. I have remained in these positions for many reasons including to assist during changes within Health and the University

With the end of my administrative roles in sight, I look to continuing in a modified clinical, teaching and research role and in mentoring and assisting my colleagues, particularly in the of complex pelvic osteotomies and related reconstructions of the hip

I enjoy spending time with daughters Kate and Jane and their families, I look forward in the near future to having more time to pursue, with Oksana, my hobbies of underwater photography and golf, to spend more time with family and friends, and to explore interesting parts of the world



## **Campbell Hunt** (Rural Procedural General Practitioner)

After Monash, travelled to UK via Geelong and Frankston (met Pam). Married in UK forty years ago during our four year stay. Ran into numerous alumni.

Settled in Echuca on the Murray, had four children there, but moved then to Melbourne after seventeen years. I didn't enjoy metropolitan General Practice and after three years returned to Echuca part time until now. Still delivering babies and passing gas. Not one child has done medicine - "too many night calls". They are variously, QANTAS pilot, pharmacist, primary teacher and Hong Kong businessman. Finally, one grandchild due soon.



## **Albert Kaminsky** (Radiologist)

Still ecstatically married to the one and only, Gail Whiteside

Happy as could be working casually two days

Sailing

Enough French, now trying to learn Italian

Have taken up the piano after a short break of half a century

In a book group and choir





## Rosemary King (General Practice)

## William Longworth (General Practitioner)

Still working four and half days a week but thinking of retirement in 2020 (committee had last heard that he had retired).

Six grandchildren, four girls and two boys.

Have been able to have more holidays in Australia and Overseas since changing practices seven years ago.



## Rick Lowen (General Practitioner)

Rick Lowen retired from part time general practice when the Pandemic erupted in Melbourne, but still provides part time DMS support to 2 rural Victorian small hospitals. Lorelei & Rick now have 3 grandchildren — the most recent addition from Sonia who lives in Stuttgart Germany with her husband Umut. Our 2 other grandsons live in Brisbane with their parents — Zach who is an engineer/inventor and his wife Donna. Of our 2 other sons: Jeremy is back working in hospitality whilst completing an Outdoor education course and, Daniel manages a small specialty coffee house in Flinders Lane CBD. Lorelei is happily retired and continues with her jewellery making, walking, laughter clubbing and choir singing. Rick enjoys pottering around doing carpentry, gardening, music making and believe it or not still enjoys medicine. Full retirement is beckoning though, but probably in a year or 2 years' time. Lorelei & Rick have been happily married now for 41 yrs.





## **Peter Lucas** (Geriatrician)

This year I turned 70. Jenny and I took our son from New York and daughter and families (two grandchildren each) to Scotland. We spent a week at Gleneagles Hotel and Golf Club, which was fantastic for all.

I have reduced my work to half time and hope to retire in the next 12 months.

I look forward to spending more time at golf, races and our getaway in Flinders. We intend to do more travel, especially with some of our newest friends.



## **John Mackenzie** (Rural General Practitioner)

Since last reunion, I've been working less rural GP locums, but doing more in GP education as an instructor for Rural Emergency Skills Training, and this year for a new post graduate Diploma of Family Medicine run by Fiji National University for generalist doctors in Fiji and Tonga.

Otherwise, enjoying more time playing golf and with family; especially helping Pam mind our 2 grandchildren (pictured).



## **David Marsh** (General Practitioner)

Dear Class of '74,

Still solo GP in Richmond, Still VMO to the Epworth Clinic in Camberwell,  
Still Chairman of Marsh Foundation, currently sponsoring medical students in Tanzania, Still enjoying Seabourn cruises, fine red wine and the Richmond Football Club.

Shall retire when I'm no longer enjoying it!





## Howard McCormick (General Practitioner South East Victoria)

Attached photo of my Daughter Catherine, Helen my wife of 45 years, and our 2 grandchildren 5 and 7

Our 2 sons, Rob and his wife in London and Paul live's in Melbourne



## Robert McKimm (Casual itinerant locum Obstetrician and Gynaecologist)

Since we last met in 2014 I have finished working with the QLD flying service but have continued to work casual O&G locums around Australia, interrupted by some great holidays. I love train travel. I suppose I will retire one day, but I am not ready for it yet. When I am at home, we still live in Sale but use our Southbank apartment more these days.



## Peter McLaughlin (Physician, Monash Medical Centre)

Looking forward to the reunion – a good reminder for me that it is our wedding anniversary! (now 45 years this year). Since the last reunion, ceased private practice, though still manage a lung function laboratory.

Working approximately half time at Monash Medical Centre (Clayton) in clinical medicine (General medicine/respiratory medicine). On quality and safety committees and overseeing introduction of the electronic medical record. Now have five grandchildren (ages 5-1). Continuing to travel, play bridge, exercise and undertake avid grandparent duties.





## Nigel Menogue (Medico Legal Physician)

Have conducted a sports medicine practice in a GP setting in Sydney since 2000. Have moved into the medico legal field assessing car accident victims for the NSW government (SIRA = State Insurance Regulatory Authority). This occupies approximately three days a week and assessments are undertaken in Sydney.

Bottom Left Nigel and Pete Dwyer day after Peter's sons wedding. Bottom Right, Howie's and Menogue Adelaide '94.



## Jim Mullany (Retired Radiologist)

I have finally retired after several failed attempts. Now committed to a few car clubs, wine clubs and turned into a seasoned traveller. Lesley and I have one daughter, Alexandra who was married at the end of the year, just before the reunion. I don't know how I had time to work as I am now so occupied with my farmlet, fishing, travel, cars and writing up the MUMUS reunion magazine.



## NG, Seng Tarng

I am still working part time and looking after students and staff at Monash University Health Services. Helen works from home and is still the Home/ Finance/Defence Minister working full time. Besides practising our martial arts on a regular basis, we enjoy travelling. We also enjoy going for walks and when the weather permits, the Royal Botanic Gardens is our favourite haunt.

In April this year, we attended our youngest daughter's wedding held in a very picturesque venue not far from Paris and had a wonderful time. It was quite a memorable experience and so different from any of the many weddings we had attended in the past years!

Our eldest daughter is still with Monash Health Network and continue to dedicate her time and effort in caring not only for her patients and staff members, but also for her medical fellowship trainees.





## Ralph Poppenbeek (Consulting Occupational Physician)

I left life as a GP in the city 12 years ago to study for the FRCP. Afterwards becoming an occupational physician in the medical community.

Still shuffling down nirvana road in the company of the beautiful Patsy, two happy dogs, numerous cars and guitars. Enjoying work with no intention of retiring.

I will eventually return to singing opera and form another blues band.

Over and out from Professor Beeque



## Colin Riess

At the time of this reunion, I am still working three days a week. After about 30 years, I've just finished a teaching role with Melbourne University and The Mindful Centre, teaching Family Therapy to budding child psychiatrists. Like many of us, I am trying to work out how long I'll continue in private practice and will be considering my options in the near future.

I've just become a grandparent: our older daughter Suzi gave birth to young Solly (Solomon) nine weeks ago. My recreational pursuits include golf (yes, I've become a cliché — golfing two times a week), still singing in some choirs and spending weekends at our holiday house in Inverloch. I have a few chronic health issues but so far, they haven't stopped me from being active.



## Mark Robinson

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I retired from all medical work in 2016. I am still registered with AHPRA as non practicing. I am happy with this status, return to practice seems less likely as the years pass.

I have a few private medical issues that I am dealing with.

I am keen for anyone to "look me up" or contact me as above.

My non attendance is due to a trip to Asia organised as part of 40 yrs marriage celebration to my life partner Jane.

I spend a lot of time helping my offspring Jorge and Pippa and their partners Sophie and Tom and our 5 grandchildren Minnie, Lotte, Max, Jesper and Gracie (the latter was born just after the last reunion in 2014).

I follow Collingwood closely and attend all home games and finals when appropriate. Go Pies!!

I do lots of sailing on Port Phillip Bay from St Leonard's Yacht Club.



**Phillip Rosengarten**  
(Retired)

**John Salmon**  
(locum obstetrician/gynaecologist)

I retired from my group O&G private practice at the end of 2018 following 30 years of practice in Albury/Wodonga. I have retrained to do procedural IVF (Monash IVF have a busy satellite clinic in Albury). I am doing the occasional locum and plan to do so until the end of 2020 when my youngest child completes his high school education.

**Dave Senini**  
(General Practitioner)

Still full time GP. Still farming a little. Still attempting golf. Still enjoying travel. Now have two grandchildren and are enjoying them as well.



**George Skowronski**

After almost 40 years as an intensive care physician, I retired from clinical work earlier this year. Over the last several years I went back to uni and did a Masters in Bioethics. As a result, I've ended up with a nominal day a week job as my hospital ethics consultant and am still involved in some related research work. The rest of my time is taken up with various bits and pieces, notably our 3 children and 7 grandchildren who are scattered around the planet doing various interesting things.

My wife, Lorraine, retired from intensive care nursing a few years ago now, and has also been chipping away at a BA, majoring in American history, so that keeps her pretty busy as well.



**Helen Steward**  
(Psychiatrist private practice)

Helen is a psychiatrist of some note still working and keen to retire when her 2 children have left the nest.





## Matthew Taine

**(Retired General Practitioner)**

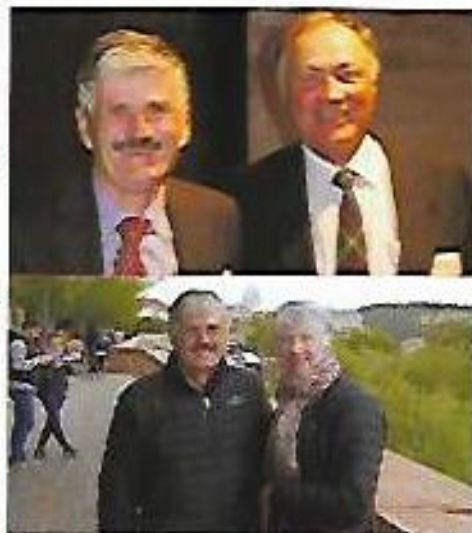
After working as a GP for 43 years I have decided to retire. I am currently living in Ringwood with my new partner, Jackie but will likely move to QLD in 2020. We love to travel and have booked two cruises next year.

## Peter Tipping

Currently doing general practice 2 days per week in Clayton and 1 day per week minding grandkids.

Finished with my academic research career at Monash in 2017 and enjoying a more relaxed lifestyle, gardening, sailing in the summer months and bushwalking with friends.

Still married to Liz and living in Blackburn. Four married kids, 3 grandchildren and 2 more on the way.



## Jane Wischusen

**(VMO and private practice – Endo and diabetes)**

Winding down private practice but still enjoying VMO hospital clinic and ward service. Very happy with life in general – John (Bastow) partner plus grandchildren and a little travel keeping us busy. Daughter in Melbourne with children, son in Paris – toing and froing. So far so good – touch wood! I still draw, paint and have ambitions to be an artist when I grow up.

## Bruce Waxman

**(Chief medical officer – retired surgeon)**

Retired from surgery (clean break) 2013, long service leave and sick leave 2013-2014. DSM Epworth Hospital, Richmond 2014-2016 (July)

LMO Woorhaggi Hospital July 2016 present

Unit in Inverloch

Wildflower farm

5 children, 7 grandchildren

President of friend of oddbods association.

Rowing in master events.





## Peter Hewson

August 1 1950 to March 16 2017

Written by Dr Rick Lowen incorporating aspects from Dr Mike South's eulogy speech in italics:



Peter Hewson joined our medical class in 1969 having excelled at school, cricket, golf. Unbeknown to many, Peter's dad had died the year before, placing considerable responsibility upon him to support his Mum Dorothy, brother Robert and sisters Jillianne & Anne. Peter was a deeply curious student who made his own considerable success in medical school

appear easy and low key. Hence the title "Prof" which he was affectionately called by some of his medical school mates. He possessed a warm and embracing personality that made those who befriended him feel special and appreciated.

Peter's love of bush exhibited itself during his intern year in Canberra where he ensconced himself in and renovated dilapidated shearers quarters on the Clare property outside Bungendore where he also used to horse-ride like he'd been born in the saddle. A short stint as rouseabout on a Captain Flat properly punctuated Peter's residential years, prior to him commencing a paediatrics term in Townsville. Around this time Peter's relationship with the love of his life Cathy, (who he'd met at Canberra hospital) cemented, and he resolved to specialize in paediatrics as his career path.

A paediatric training appointment at the Royal Childrens Hospital followed, during which Peter & Cathy resided in Parkville. Upon completing paediatric fellowship, Peter took up a research position at Cambridge in the UK where he lived for 2 years between 1984-86. Peter's work there resulted in numerous sentinel research papers identifying the hallmarks of serious illness in infants. *That scholarship has since been incorporated into a simple 5-point checklist and, another more complex but predictive list now known as BabyCheck. Whilst the former is still taught to Melbourne University medical students and features in a Victorian green baby book given to parenting mums, the latter has been embraced in the UK where it's available as a mobile phone app. Peter's research also inspired further studies by WHO to roll out more innovative approaches for undeveloped countries, to assist identifying serious illness in infants earlier.*

Following the family's return to Australia in late 1986, Peter next moved to Geelong where he set up a private paediatric practice linked to ward and after hours clinical service at Geelong Hospital. Peter not only provided many years of service to Geelong Hospital as a Paediatric Consultant, but supported many others there as a lead clinician, teacher, mentor and researcher. One Geelong paediatric colleague commented in his eulogy to Peter that he *"was the most prominent researcher in regional paediatrics of his generation"*.

Combining all these facets of work while also completing his MD, bringing up a family and, running a small hobby farm at Gentle Annie (behind Lorne) was an extraordinary achievement. But Pete didn't do things in half measures. He also created a small private music festival at Gentle Annie long before the Falls festival began in Lorne and members of that group still meet annually in Melbourne to celebrate that special gift of musical merry-making.

Peter is survived by his wife Cathy, 2 daughters (Kellie & Sophie) and 3 grandchildren (Ruby, Louis & Remy). Peter's family and friends still miss him greatly. Peter's life was full and well spent but sadly, prematurely shortened by a neurological degenerative illness. Throughout the latter, Peter exhibited great courage, resilience and was an inspiration to us all. So rest in peace dear friend and colleague.

### From Bruce Waxman RE Peter Hewson's Passing

I was also at Caulfield Grammar with Peter and the eulogy says it all.

He was instrumental in recognizing in 1987 in the ED at RCH that my 6 week old son was very unwell, indeed he ended up in ICU with encephalitis, where he was looked after by Pam Cox's husband Peter MacDougall. So Peter Hewson's legacy lives on in Nicholas Waxman who is Director of Performing Arts at Eltham College and a successful comedian/satirist with 'A Sunburnt History'

Thank you Peter!



## Charles Kerr

April 20 1950 to August 19 2019

Graeme and Robert, with their wives, June and Jenny and their families Kymberley, Marcus and Nicolas, Terry and Jason; honour the life of their much loved brother, youngest son of Kelvin and Mavis who died on Monday the 19th August.

His life as a loving and loved husband of Kathryn and adoring father of Antony, Rodger (deceased), Belinda and Megan; Alexandra, James and Georgia; and proud Grandfather of Gillian, Thomas, Owen, Chloe and Holly was that of a family man extraordinaire.

His life's work as Medical Practitioner, Emergency Medicine Specialist and Teaching Professional was one that touched the lives of so many and was one of constant giving and caring in the communities of Moorooka and Tatura and Shepparton; Castlemaine and Bendigo and the professional lives of generations of Doctors.

He was one who in the ancient words of the Psalmist quote:

"Was always willingly accepting as his God-given portion,  
a life of enlarging boundaries  
and well content with such an inheritance"  
-Psalm 16

He was one who:

"Saw his place in Creation as determined  
by the skills I have been granted regretting  
little but penitent for much that could  
have been lacked better".

Well done, good and faithful servant you are a much-loved part of us, for ever.

"KERR Dr Charles David Passed away peacefully  
19.8.2019 surrounded by family and loved ones at home."

## Kevin Sleigh

January 1951 to October 2018

Written by Valerie Sleigh with some input from Drs. Rod Bond and Marilyn Foxles



Kevin was educated at St. Bernard's College Essendon and attended Monash University where he completed a Medical Degree in 1974 and that same year married Valerie Hanson.

After a Residency at P.A.N.C.H Kevin

and Valerie left in 1976 for the United Kingdom and spent eighteen months engaged in General Practice throughout England. During this time, they toured England and Europe in a Citroen Pallas purchased whilst overseas and only finally relinquished it due to Kevin's ill health in 2018.

Returning home in 1977, Kevin took up General Practice in Essendon where he remained for twenty years. During this time, he developed an interest in Occupational Medicine and finally left General Practice in 1997 after qualifying as an Occupational Physician having returned to Monash to complete a degree in Occupational Medicine.

Kevin spent the rest of his Professional life in Occupational and Environmental Medicine working for Worksafe and Private Industry including Caterpillar for twenty years. He was President of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Occupational Medicine.

His contribution to his profession has been recognised by Worksafe Victoria, Australian Faculty of Occupational and Environmental Medicine and Australian and New Zealand Society of Occupational Medicine with the inauguration of the Annual Kevin Sleigh Memorial Lecture and the minting of a Medal in his name to be awarded each year to the selected candidate.

Kevin is survived by his wife Valerie and children Nicholas and Caroline and grandchildren, Cameron, Mitchell and Atticus. Nicholas in delivering his father's eulogy spoke of Kevin as not just a delightful person to those who he met, a fulfilled and faithful husband, a proud and involved father and a skilled Medical Professional but also as a deeply principled man of utmost integrity and steely determination.



## **Ruth Story**

**April 17 1950 to March 13 2018**

**Written by** Helen Steward

Ruth was known to us as a medical student with a dry wit and lots of perseverance and resilience. Her love of the outdoors was legendary.

After graduation, she became a pathologist and worked in Tasmania and Melbourne. Ruth had many other talents including being the top breeder of Aberdeen Angus cattle both in Australia and North America, and an expert dam builder.

She leaves behind a young son, a large extended and loving family and desolate friends.

## **Vladimir Vizec**

**December 27 1950 to November 1 2018**

Vlad was a General Practitioner in Williamstown who took a holistic approach to his medical practice and according to the many notices following his death, he was greatly admired. These notices also mention his wit, kindness, helpfulness and thoroughness. His staff admired him for his approach to his work and his sense of humour. They mention that it was an honour to work with him and that he is greatly missed.

He was an involved family man and he and Jenny had many grandchildren. He enjoyed the horse racing spring carnival.

Passed from this world on Thursday, November 1, 2018, aged 67. Dearly loved husband of Jenny. Treasured father of Ben and Clare to Jill, and Dan and Catherine with Jenny. Adored grandfather to Alex, Anabelle, Lucinda, Hunter, Harry and Savannah. Cherished son of Juraj (George, dec. 2016) and Dragica (Debbie). Loving brother to Zoran. Beloved nephew of Branko, Durda, Spomenko (dec.) and Nada. Forever in our hearts. Peace be with you.

Former board member of AMA Victoria, dedicated to his profession