


# 50 years reunion

Curlewis, November 2024

A photograph of an older man with grey hair, wearing a blue patterned short-sleeved shirt and grey trousers, standing next to a red classic car. He is holding a black briefcase in his right hand. The car is a dark red, likely a 1930s model, with a prominent chrome grille and round headlights. The license plate is black with white text that reads "DFO DOCS34". The scene is set outdoors on a paved area in front of a large, light-colored house with a tiled roof. The car's hood and fenders reflect the surrounding palm trees and the sky.

“A typical ‘74 graduate on home rounds in doctor’s car. Does the case contain car emergency tools or items for patient care?”

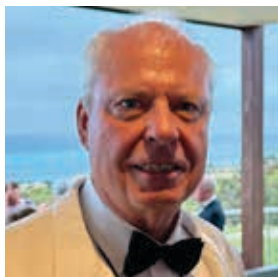
Monash University Medical Graduates of 1974





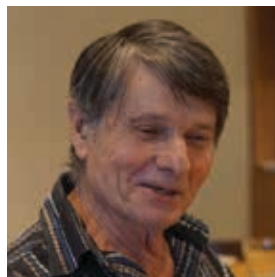


# The organising committee for the 50th Reunion



**Jim Mullany**

Overseer of everything, Prime Minister, Treasurer, magazine input



**Rick Lowen**

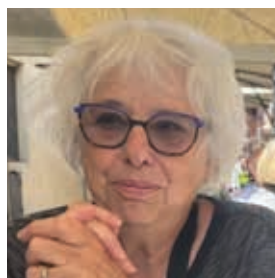
Saturday scientific Chair person, advisor to the rest of us



**Jane Fyfield**

Ideas and survey consultant, stress counsellor

Thanks to Jane for her outstanding Survey work (compelling reading) and for the use of her zoom facilities.



**Pam Brewster**

Ideas and political correctness person



**Coral Thompson**

Magazine and Saturday program coordinator with Steve.



**Peter Lucas**

Golf organiser



**Steve Fryman**

Magazine and Saturday program coordinator with Coral.



**Jim De Jong**

I.T. man



**Marilyn Fooks**

Venue and menu organisation

# Our Attendees

Sam Auteri

Duncan Blake & Patricia

Simon Bradfield & Linda

Pam Brewster & Bryan Smith

Steve Brunton & Roxanne

Paula Buckley

Niall Cain & Catriona

John Conway & Margaret

Eamon Cooke

Peter Coulton & Patricia

Vince Cousins & Margaret

Peter Cowen & Glenda

Pam Cox & Peter

Bill Downey

Chris Drummond & David

Peter Dwyer & Pam

Pat Elliott & Jacquie

Marilyn Fooks

Annie Freeman

Steve Fryman & Coralyn Thompson

Jane Fyfield & David

Richard Gilhome & Lorraine

Robert Hetzel

Dave Ho

Donald Howie & Oksana

Cam Hunt

Robert Iansec & Verona

Rosemary King & Robert

Norella Kong

Bill Longworth & Marilyn

Rick Lowen & Lorelei

Peter Lucas & Jenny

John Mackenzie & Pam

Rob McKimm & Kathy

Peter McLaughlin & Jane

Nigel Menogue & Amanda

Andrew Milliken

Jim Mullany & Lesley

Seng Tarnng Ng & Helen

Cas O'Neil

Esta Papier & Alan

Ralph Poppenbeck & Patsy

Bill Pring

Colin Riess & Julie

Mark Robinson & Jane

John Salmon & Lizette

Dave Senini & Robyn

David Sholl & Michele

George Skowronski & Lorraine

Valerie Sleigh & Caroline

Helen Steward

Matt Taine & Jackie

Peter Tipping

Peter Warfe

Bruce Waxman & Felicity

Jane Wischusen

Rob Wishart

## Apologies

The following sent their best regards and trust we have a great reunion:

Neville Byrne

Clive Kenna

Matt Taine (Covid)

Howard McCormick

Mark Robinson

John Rotstein

Helen Steward

# Chairman's Report

If there was any very memorable reunion it was this one. Oh what a cracker. The venue at Curlewis golf club was first class, the weather was perfect, food sumptuous, talks great and of course the company wonderful. What more to say!

Our weekend started with a few, but most interesting talks. In particular we were all riveted by John Salmon's talk on ring trees. Yes ring trees!! These were trees whose young sapling branches were tied together by aborigines to form a ring. I found one recently near Castlemaine.

I presented a surgical film made by my father (a surgeon) in 1958 with him, demonstrating the art of Varicose Vein Surgery. John Mackenzie gave an entertaining talk on our journey with computers over 50 years, and Richard Gilhome a light talk on semi-retirement while sailing.

After pre-prandial "drinks" we were bussed to Jack Rabbit for a sumptuous dinner. Jane Fyfield presented the survey results which are imperative reading, and are presented in the magazine. Numerous biographies were submitted. We did our best with the many photos sent to us. Sadly we report the deaths of several of our colleagues.

Thanks to the committee, whose wise counsel was a great asset in the entire production.

I then gave the reins of Committee Chair to Peter Dwyer (now El. Presidente) after my stint of 15 years and 4 reunions. Looking back in the rear vision the reunions have been mirth and merriment every time, with more to come.

**Jim Mullany**  
**Chairman**



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## Previous Chairpersons

10th reunion	Peter McLaughlin
20th	Rick Lowen
5th, 30th, 35th	Richard Gilhome
40th, 45th, 48th, 50th	Jim Mullany

# General Program



## MONASH UNIVERSITY Medical Undergraduate Society

### 1974-2024 50th Year Reunion 2024

Saturday 23rd November  
to  
Sunday 24th November 2024

Curlewis Golf Club



## Saturday 23rd November

### REGISTRATION

#### 9:30am to late

Curlewis Golf Club at the entrance of the  
Claribeaux Room

### LUNCH (informal – sit down/stand up)

#### 12:30pm-2:00pm

Curlewis Golf Club – Claribeaux Room  
BBQ buffet

#### 2:00pm-3:20pm

Most interesting talks  
(don't miss – see below for running sheet)

#### 3:20pm

Free for walks, wineries and catch ups

### DINNER

Jack Rabbit Winery

#### 5:50pm

Meet in Curlewis foyer for bus ride to Jack Rabbit  
(10 minute drive)

#### 6:00pm

Buses depart for restaurant

#### 6:15pm

Drinks and canapes on the deck

#### 7:00pm

Guests to the restaurant

#### 7:15pm

Meals begin to be served Survey results after entree  
Chairman's oration after main

#### 10:45pm/11:00pm

Buses depart back to Curlewis Golf Club

## Sunday 24th November

### BRUNCH

#### 10:30am onwards

Curlewis Golf Club

# Saturday Program – Speakers and Topics

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

**Saturday 2:00pm – 3:15pm**

Curlewis Golf Club – Claribeaux Room (same as lunch)

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**Rick Lowen** – Chair

**Steve and Coral Fryman** – Co-ordinators

**Dr John Salmon** – ‘Aboriginal Scar and Birthing Trees.’

A glimpse into aboriginal culture prior to colonisation.

**Dr John MacKenzie** – ‘The Good, The Bad And The Ugly.’

A cathartic and amusing look at PC technology since graduation.

**Dr Jim Mullany** – Presentation of a historic surgical movie on varicose veins, found recently in a warehouse. Produced in 1959 in colour and winner of many awards – compelling viewing.

**Dr Richard Gilhome** – Retirement???



# Mini Reunion – Savage Club, October 2022

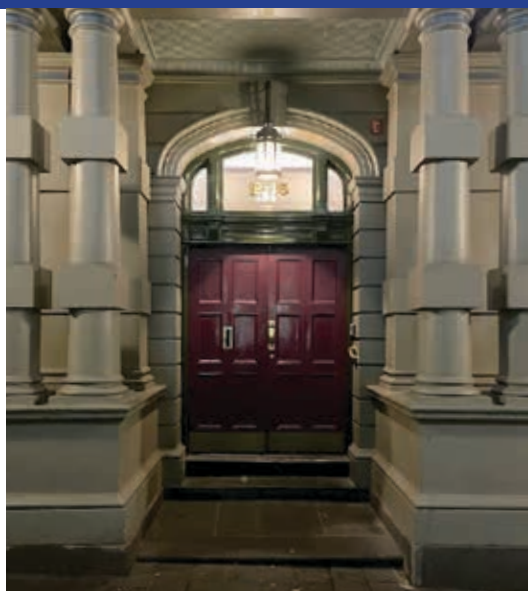
## Our mini Reunion (48th) held on Sunday 2nd October 2022

This was held at The  
Savage Club in Bank  
Place Melbourne.

The Savage Club  
was established in  
1894 to cater for the  
poets, writers, lyricists  
and Bohemians of  
early Melbourne.

The club is adorned with  
artifacts from the South  
Pacific and has retained  
an old world charm.

60 people attended a  
fabulous lunch.





# 50 Years Reunion – Curlewis, November 2024





# Saturday snaps





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# Saturday snaps





# Sunday snaps





# Summary of MUMUS 74 Pre-reunion Survey 2024

## 1. Are you still working in medicine?

57% said they are working in medicine. This compares with 69% in 2019.

## 2. How many hours per week?

The most common working time is between 10-25 hours (46%), with about 33% working 25+ hours. In 2019 53% of those in practice were working more than 25 hours.

## 3. What is your ongoing professional role?

Most are still in clinical work, with a spread of education, research, other. Some people are working in more than one role.

## 4. Main reason for still working.

Although a few thought they needed to work because of financial pressures, most said (64%) it was enjoyment that motivated them. In 2019 this was 61%.

## 5. How are you finding retirement?

### \*NEW QUESTION

Of those who answered this question, the mode answer was 9/10. There were a couple of outliers down the lower level, but 78% of answers were in the 8-10 range. A pretty happy bunch.

## 6. Is retirement as you expected?

### \*NEW QUESTION

68% thought it was what they expected. It seems that most people are happy in their retirement choices.

## 7. How do you spend your non-working time?

Very interesting spread of activities. See the attachment with the many themes and individual pursuits.

## 8. How is your health (1-10)?

### \*NEW QUESTION

The self-rated health ranged from 5 through to 10, with most people being in the higher levels. 78% rated their health as 8-10.

## 9. Are you male or female?

Nobody seemed to object to this binary question. Of those answering the questionnaire 25% identified as female. In 2019 the number was 16%, so we had more women contributing to the survey this time around.

## 10. Marital status

Although we didn't ask about length of relationships, many people volunteered long marriages of 50+ years and many in the 40+ years. 85% said they were married. A few identified as widowed, divorced or de facto. The figure in the 2019 survey showed 88% married with only 1% being remarried.

## 11. Did any of your children take on medicine?

Most children did not follow their parents into medicine, but of the completed questionnaires there were 13 graduates who have children in medical practice. We didn't ask about multiples of children in medicine but some volunteered more than one. The numbers are the same as 2019 survey.

## 12. How many children do you have?

This question was a bit confusing and we apologise for the overlaps between the age cohorts suggested! It seems though that most of our classmates had between 1 and 5 children.

## 13. How many grandchildren do you have?

There is a spread of numbers of grandchildren from none to 8+. The mode seems to be between 3 and 5. 90% of respondents have grandchildren (10% have none). This compares with 2019 when the number having grandchildren was only 75%.

## 14. How many living parents do you have?

### \*NEW QUESTION

We are not very fortunate to have parents and parents-in-law still living. From the figures this is a total of 8.

## 15. How many living parents-in-law do you have?

### \*NEW QUESTION

As above.



## 16. Are health matters a concern for others in immediate family?

### \*NEW QUESTION

65% of respondents reported that health matters are not an issue for families.

## 17. Do you do voluntary work?

Only 60% are involved in voluntary work. Our question related only to non-medical voluntary work. The 2019 question asked about medical volunteering overseas as well as non-medical volunteering so we are unable to compare answers. 2019 answers had 74% of people not volunteering in any capacity so it does seem as if we have stepped up a bit more in the last five years.

## 18. Have you downsized your home in past 20 years?

It seems that mostly we have stayed put in the past 20 years with only about a third downsizing so far! In 2019 it was the same.

## 19. If you had your time over again would you choose medicine?

96% of us would choose medicine again! Perhaps we have become more satisfied with our career choices in the past five years, because the number has grown from 93% in 2019 to 96% in 2024.

## 20. If you had your time over would you choose the same discipline?

### \*NEW QUESTION

Whether we would choose the same discipline was just slightly less definite with 80% saying they would and a few people not sure or definitely no.

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## How we spend our time outside medicine. (Question 7)

Four main themes were identified in the answers to this question. Most people provided four or more activities, pursuits and accomplishments that occupy their time.

The main themes were:

- Family and friends (this included grandparenting activities of which there were many mentions).
- Travel received many, many votes.
- Gardening was a winner too.
- Exercise came in many guises
- Swimming, cycling, golf, walking, gymnasium attendance, personal trainer, tennis, rowing, aviation, fishing.

We are great readers also. And we like to attend music, theatre and concerts.

Learning languages got a few votes, attending woodworking classes, doing photography, painting, cooking, crosswords.

Some interesting but less common activities included classic cars, philately, coin collecting, investing, lapidary, whisky, pets, sewing, kiteboarding, coffee drinking, films, birding, painting, mosaics, drama.

Music in a number of ways is important to many of us with choir membership, playing instruments and writing music, committee membership of music groups, listening, regularly attending concerts through subscriptions.

U3A was mentioned by a number of us and Men's Clubs and Rotary. There were many forms of formal volunteering too and these included community activities, Board and committee membership.

Politics or involvement in political parties was not mentioned at all!

We are a really good example of healthy ageing. We are engaged in physical, intellectual and community activities in abundance. We demonstrate purpose, meaning and hope in life. We rate our health's good to excellent (a major indicator for healthy ageing). We are engaged in life long learning, happy with our choices showing continued personal autonomy.

Well done class!

**Jane Fyfield,**  
**Director of Survey**

## Sam Auteri

I am still working at Casey Medical Centre, which I established in 1978 – and I am still enjoying it! I am now based mainly at the new state-of-the-art branch in Clyde. My focus continues to be general practice, but I have also studied and practise aesthetic medicine. I'm still married to Ronda (53 years), and our four adult children live in Melbourne, Orange and London. I continue to enjoy overseas travel and woodwork, but my greatest joy is time with my seven grandchildren in Melbourne and Orange. Leisure time is spent woodworking, looking after grandchildren, and travelling.



## Ruth Bennetts

Retired. 9 grandchildren.

## Duncan Blake

Retired fully two years ago after ten years of semi-retirement working generally one day a week. An anaesthetist for cardiac surgery in private. I finished at the Royal Melbourne Hospital and Melbourne University in 2011. We live about twelve kilometers north of Tullamarine. Still married to Patricia with two sons. My interests include sailing, yachts at St Kilda and Hamilton Island, looking after 22 acres of sheep but no horses now. I play the piano daily, and I travel.



## Simon Bradfield

Now working half time since 2023 as an anaesthetist in a large group practice. Married to Linda and we have four grandchildren. We are still renovating!! Also playing some golf. In our leisure time we travel, play more golf and care for grandchildren.



## Pam Brewster

Loving retirement, grandparenting, painting and sewing, and of course cycling in Europe with trek #8 coming up.



## Stephen Brunton

Currently living in South Carolina. Not the healthiest place in the US as I think they fry salads. We have a farm with rescue animals including horses, pigs, goats, dogs and cats.

Working full time developing educational projects and part-time in a rural teaching practice seeing patients and teaching students.



## Paula Buckley (Leverett)

I retired in 2021, after 26 years in my Sydney suburban General Practice, with no regrets about my career choice. Peter and I now spend more time at our house at Nelsons Bay north of Newcastle and look forward to more overseas travel. We have three children and three young grandsons. Our youngest daughter graduated in medicine in 2023 and intends to pursue a career in General Practice. Our leisure time is spent with grandchildren, reading, travelling, walking, gardening and word games on my phone.



## Neville Byrne

Graduated in 1974 and followed a career in occupational medicine – first with Qantas, then joined British Airways working in London. Now retired (in 2017) and living in Surrey, UK, married to Janet, with 3 children. Still keeps in contact with a few of our colleagues, and wants a copy of the Reunion Magazine. Recently had major to my knee and travel to Australia is simply not possible at this stage. I am disappointed that I will miss the MUMUS gathering.



## Niall Cain

I am still working part time 1-10 hours a week in a clinical role and probably not ready to cease work. My leisure time is spent with domestic duties, driving, family commitments, reading, planning, investing, tax returns, and babysitting.





## John Conway

I see myself as a particularly lucky and fortunate person. I love my wife, Margie, our children and our grandchildren. The practice of medicine is another love, and I still work part time. With good health, I am here to enjoy the outdoor life on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland, and regularly do kiteboarding. My other passion is playing with my restored and modified classic and vintage cars. I am still working 10-25 hours per week and enjoy the work and spend my leisure time kiteboarding, mountain bike riding, babysitting granddaughters (ages three and four), and restoring and modifying classic cars.



## Eamonn Cooke

I am still working in psychiatric practice 25+ hours a week and still enjoy the work. My non-working time is spent reading, writing, golf, cooking, and just hanging out.



## Peter Coulton

Trish and Pete have travelled extensively since Pete's retirement in December 2023. This year they had their daughter's wedding at Point Nepean in February (she married an Englishman), then accompanied by two sons, they attended wedding #2 at Kew Gardens, London. Their adventures were interrupted by the arrival of another grand daughter which necessitated a flight to Melbourne then back to Cairns to continue meandering down the coast after spending time on the Atherton Tablelands. They were away 3 months in total before arriving back late September. A few weeks in Sorrento then off again – Pete to Sri Lanka to spend time with son Tom and partner Mila, Trish to UK to spend time with Cassandra. They both arrived back 21/11 in time for reunion. I have now retired and enjoy retirement. Leisure time is spent travelling, with family, and gardening.



## Vince Cousins

Retired ENT surgeon. I specialised in otology and neurology from 1986-2023. My leisure time is spent cycling and travelling.



## Pam Cox (McDougal)

The biggest event of our past few years was moving out of our home of 38 years into an apartment. The process was very prolonged and stressful, and we still have some cartons to unpack but we are pleased with the outcome. Otherwise, we are still learning French, helping out with our two grandsons (aged five and eight), spending most weekends and all of January at Blairgowrie, as well as travelling. We have even started cruising. I have now retired and my leisure time is spent learning French, exercising with a personal trainer, looking after grandchildren, spending time at the holiday house, travelling, reading, seeing movies, and watching Hawthorn.



## Peter Cowen

Still working 25+ hours a week and am still finding dermatology a great specialty. I am still working every day, with some afternoons off for fishing and golf. I am still at Monash outpatients (I am not sure why). Very fortunate to have three wonderful daughters, seven grandchildren, and a special partner, Glenda. I spend my leisure time doing golf, fishing, football, movies and the theatre.



## Peter Crawford

Managing to fit in 8 hours of work a week in between golf, swimming and bicycle riding.



## Paul Day

Retired after 40 years at the coal face of General Practice. Grand Pa to 4 lovelies. Happy quietly paddling around at home and worried about the cost of living.

## Bill Downey

Retired pathologist, having retired at the age of 69. Father of twin sons, each 38 years old. Grandfather of twin grandsons (three and a half years old). Wife, Margaret Kinnaird (radiologist), died 24 years ago. Have not repartnered. Enjoying life and retirement and in good health.



## Peter Dwyer

Peter Dwyer OAM, MBBS, FRCOG, FRANZCOG, CU, is Director of the Urogynaecology Department at the Mercy Hospital for Women, Melbourne, Australia and is Clinical Professor of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Mercy Hospital and University of Melbourne. He has researched extensively in urogynaecology and pelvic floor dysfunction, and has published over 200 peer reviewed publications and book chapters and is the author of Urinary Tract Infection in the Female with Stuart Stanton, Atlas of Urogynecological Endoscopy and co-editor of Ostergard's Textbook of Urogynecology and Pelvic Floor Dysfunction. Wolters Kluwer Health Publishers. 2022.. He was Editor in Chief of the International Urogynaecology Journal between 2010 to 2017 and now Honorary Editor in Chief. He was President of the International Urogynaecology Association (2002 to 2004); and is a past President (1999-2002) of the Continence Foundation of Australia. He is a Trustee of the Australian Bladder Foundation since 2011. He was awarded the Life-time achievement award by the International Urogynecology Association in Nashville USA in 2019 and the Order of Australia medal by the Governor General of Australia for services to Medicine in Australia and internationally in 2019.

I am moving onto retirement having stopped private practice this year; still doing some public work and operating, and publications, teaching etc. Really enjoy the interaction with fellows and younger consultants. Will miss my patients but am happy to have more time for family; 6 children and 12 grandchildren. Tennis and golf I play most weeks but I know I must keep busy. Spend more time at Mansfield now with my dear wife Pam where we have a place on the lake. 20 acres so plenty to do, while I still can.

My best wishes to all, Peter.





## Chris Drummond

Have done infectious diseases (particularly tuberculosis and tropical diseases), public health, humanitarian aid work, disaster relief, and teaching throughout. Now doing Hospital In The Home, teaching medical students, and running a BCG clinic. Looking for a property for conservation reasons. In my leisure time I go to the gym, volunteer, travel, and look after family.



## Patrick Elliott

Still working 10-25 hours a week as a clinical haematologist at Cabrini only, and still enjoying the work. Downsized our residence three years ago and we have one granddaughter, aged sixteen months. My leisure time is spent with family and football.



## Mark Faigan

Graduated in 1974 and is still working in general practice in East Malvern. Mark has 2 children from first marriage, and repartnered to Sussan with 3 children and 2 grand children.



## Geoff Feben

Previously was in general practice in Cheltenham, and is now still working at Dandenong Medical Centre.



## Tom Foley

Graduated in 1974, and started his internship at the Royal Hobart Hospital on the 5th January 1975 – the day of the Tasman Bridge collapse/ disaster! Undaunted, Tom established a GP career in the Hobart area, from which he has now retired. Married to Pauline (“Pol”), they have 4 children.

## Stephen Fryman

Working part time 25+ hours a week and still enjoying the work. I am enjoying exploring all of Australia with our caravan. Four grandchildren, all boys, live in Geelong. In my leisure time I make lots of furniture for our kids, woodwork, holidays and photography.



## Coral Fryman (Thompson)

Still working, but part time only, 10-25 hours a week, in the same practice as Steve. We are lucky to have holidays in our caravan. Our kids and four grandsons live nearby so we are very lucky. In my leisure time I enjoy holidays, family, gallery and exhibitions, art, painting and gardening.



## Jane Fyfield

Still working, although doing a lot of pro bono work. Working 1-10 hours a week and am on an editorial committee for journals. Leisure time is spent reading, friends, gardening, swimming, family life, concerts and Musica Viva Australia (Victorian President).



## Marilyn Fooks

Adjusting to life without Rodney but it's very hard. I've sold the beautiful farm recently so I have very mixed emotions, but its time to move on. I plan to do some traveling with my family and also with the Mullanys and later, the Seninis in Cape York.

I'll build a house next year at Port Arlington and so stay on the Bellarine, but within walking distance of the ferry to docklands, so there is always a bed at the beach for anyone.



## Anne Freeman

I am single, working part time in General Practice in the outer suburbs of Melbourne working 25+ hours a week. I have three children, four grandchildren, and step great grandchildren. Enjoying my life, family, friends, my home and garden, and love shows, concerts and travel. My leisure time is with friends, family, garden, concerts, and planning to do a large list of things when I retire.



## Richard Gilhome

Retired 17/12/2017 from Group Surgical Practice. I returned to work as a locum General Surgeon on 5/1/2018, and work on average 20 weeks a year. I really enjoy training registrars. Our family is all grown up with three children, all married, and five grandchildren. Lorraine and I are enjoying ourselves sailing, travelling, and we now have a little puppy, Marlow. In our leisure time we do sailing, walking, gardening and lots of travel.





## Peter Goy

Graduated in 1974, then was a GP in Shepparton for nearly 30 years before moving to GP in Port Fairy. Now happily retired – nice to sleep better without worrying about patients and not be in a hurry! Two children in their 40's, and 2 grand children.

So far not too many aging changes. I've had a good career with few regrets.

## George Halasz

Graduated in 1974, and is still working as a consultant child and adolescent psychiatrist and Adjunct Senior Lecturer at Monash University. He sends his good wishes to all fellow graduates.

## Robert Hetzel

I am working 20 hours per week in GP at Gisborne Medical Centre (this is an excellent multidisciplinary clinic that won Best Rural Practice in 2018 in Australia). At the moment I am too busy with travel, tennis, golf, Bridge, painting, and not to mention grandparenting (nine grandchildren). As such, I am not sure when to retire. My grandfather retired as physician at 80, and my father (Basil) was aged 92.



## David Ho

I am still working about 10-25 hours a week and still enjoying the work. My non-working time is spent learning a language, reading, travelling overseas, catching up with family and friends, relaxing, fitness and exercise.



## Don Howie

Oksana and I are still living in South Australia and enjoying the beach, golf, scuba diving, photography and videography. My daughters, Kate and Jane, are in Victoria with their families and kids from the ages of 10-18. I just retired from the Royal Adelaide and remain Emeritus Professor at the University of Adelaide. I was awarded an AO in 2021. My leisure time is spent golfing, diving, and underwater photography. We are also very involved with our grandkids, and travel.



## Campbell Hunt

I worked as a rural procedural GP (obstetrics and surgery) for over 40 years. Now retired to suburban Melbourne. I miss the country and engagement with patients and professional colleagues. However, the philosophy of medicine has been changing and it wouldn't be the same to go back. I am happy to rest on my laurels. My leisure time is spent with grandchildren, sport and aviation.



## Ian Hunter

Graduated in 1974 and worked mainly in general practice in the Hobart/Tasman Peninsula area. Now retired, married to Sue with 2 children.

## Sue Hunter (nee Morgan)

Graduated in 1975 and worked in general practice in the Hobart area. Now retired, married to Ian.



## Robert Iansek

Bob is Adjunct Professor of Geriatric Neurology at Monash University in Melbourne. He is the Director of the Victorian Comprehensive Parkinson Program, the Clinical Research Centre for Movement Disorders and Gait at Kingston Centre, Melbourne. He is also the director of the Parkinson Foundation Center of Excellence, Melbourne.

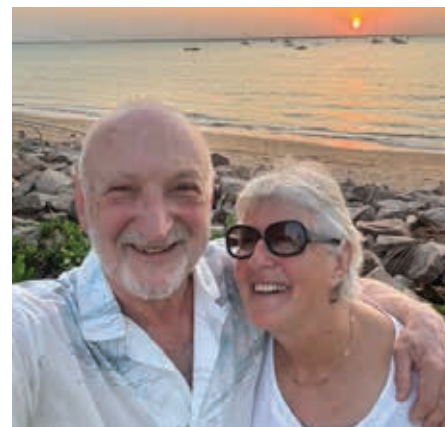
Bob has an established international reputation in Movement Disorders. He has published widely on basal ganglia function and malfunction in Parkinson's disease. He has developed, promoted and established multidisciplinary team management for People with Parkinson's disease for over 30 years and has been involved in promoting the use of multidisciplinary team care including rehabilitation in routine clinical practice of People with Parkinson's disease. He was also instrumental in establishing functional neurosurgery for Parkinson's in Melbourne and was awarded an OAM for services to Parkinson's in 2013.

Bob spends his leisure time doing gardening, Bridge, grandchildren, handyman jobs, and travel.



## Albert Kaminsky

Still happily married with two children, and one grandchild. I am now a retired radiologist, and my leisure time is spent keelboat sailing and racing, and singing in a blokes choir (Men in Suits). I am also involved in a whisky club, and still try to undertake languages. I also enjoy reading and travelling.



## Rosemary King

I retired two years ago and now keep busy helping with the four children and four grandchildren (and one husband – Rob). Between time I enjoy walking, gardening, babysitting, tennis, and having coffee with old friends.



## Norella (Betty) Kong

After physician training, Khalid and I returned to Malaysia and had gratifying careers as clinicians and educators at the National University of Malaysia. We established the local postgraduate program (Master in Internal Medicine), and pioneered our new university hospital in 1997. We were both conferred emeritus professorships on retirement. We have three sons and five grandchildren. Sadly, Khalid suffered a relapse of NHL in October 2022, and died that month. I still do postgraduate teaching, gardening, and travel while still physically able.



## Harry Lee

Still retired and still married. Active in local U3A along with several other retired medical colleagues. Playing bridge. Not playing golf. Grandfather to 4 perfectly wonderful grandchildren.

## Bill Longworth

Now retired from General Practice for three and a half years. Playing golf twice a week, and babysitting our four year old grandson once a week. We are getting down to Rye, our second house, every other weekend if possible. Not missing work at all and since COVID, we are starting to do trips again. We recently travelled to Italy and also visit Noosa at times. I spend my leisure time doing golf, walking, travelling, looking after grandchildren, and being a football spectator.





## Richard Lowen

Rick Lowen is still transitioning to retirement and now only works 10 hours a week for a rural health service as its DMS. Lorelei and Rick have 4 grown up children – 2 who live in Victoria, 1 who lives in Queensland and 1 who lives in Germany. Unfortunately none of our grandchildren live in Vic but we enjoy seeing them at least annually, other than via Skype. Lorelei is happily retired and enjoys her jewellery/lapidary club activities, group walks and choir singing. Rick still enjoys music making, gardening and attending his U3A, table tennis, or 500 card activities.



## Peter Lucas

Retired for three years. Best lifestyle decision ever!! I play and coach tennis twice a week, play golf three times a week, go to the gym twice a week, and travel overseas twice a year.

Lots of coffee with mates each week at the Mens Shed to solve the world's problems. As a former geriatrician you are in God's waiting room! Get out and enjoy it and don't wait for your health to determine what you do.



## John Mackenzie

Since the 2019 reunion, I have fully retired and allowed my medical registration to lapse.

Took a long time to recover from TKR in 2023, but now all good and enjoying playing more regular golf, spending time with family (Pam, children and grandchildren), and friends, and looking forward to more travel without Covid restrictions.



## Howard McCormick

I am still working as a GP in Cowes on Phillip Island. My latest attempt to retirement is scheduled for Easter 2025 having worked 50 years in Medicine. I plan to work as a locum for a couple more years to help fund our lifestyle.

My bio is as follows:

Howard McCormick decided to specialise in General Practice a year before he graduated with Honours from Monash University in 1974.

After internship and residency at the Alfred and Austin Hospitals in Melbourne, he travelled to the UK with his wife Helen on the Trans-Siberian Railway. In London, he obtained his Diploma in Obstetrics, travelled for a year, then returned to practice for 23 years in Traralgon in rural Victoria. He currently lives and still works in Cowes, Phillip Island since 2002.

Howard achieved his Fellowship of the RACGP in 1981 and Certificate in Business Studies (Accounting) in 1983. His medical interests include mental health, mentoring and education. He has taught Medical Students and supervises GP Registrars and overseas trained doctors.

As the current Education Chair for Amaco's Medical Conferences, Howard travels the world. Howard has been married to Helen for over 50 years, and has three adult children and two grandchildren. They combine zest for travel with photography.

## Alan McCutcheon

Retired as Staff Specialist in Geriatric Medicine in 2009 after 29 years at Fremantle Hospital. Retired as Medical Director of Alzheimer's WA in 2009 after several decades in the position.

Our 4 Children have produced 9 Grandchildren aged 1-14. General health OK but failing. 62 years of IDDM, Stent 2 years ago, Meniere's diagnosed last year. Still can enjoy a 40k bike ride weekly and golf twice weekly if symptoms controlled. Managing to fit in 8 hours of work a week in between golf, swimming and bicycle ridings. .wishes to the rest of you. I don't travel well.

## Peter McLaughlin

I worked mainly as a general physician with a special interest in respiratory medicine. I initially worked in private/public and then became full time at Monash Medical Centre in general medicine. I then retired from clinical medicine at the beginning of Covid and worked the next three years part time in administration for Jessie McPherson Private Hospital in Quality and Safety with the introduction of EMR. Retired two years ago. My leisure time is spent catching up for lost time with family, walking, pilates, bike riding, tennis, golf, catching up with friends, cooking and reading up with friends, cooking and reading.





## Rob McKimm

After finishing with the flying specialist service in outback Queensland I continued to do short locums around Australia, from Darwin to Burnie to Geraldton and many places in between. It was a great way to see the country. I continued working during the lockdowns although sometimes had to stay within Victoria. I finally stopped working early 2022. Although we still live in Sale we now spend a bit more time at our holiday home (the apartment in Southbank).

I am still on the Board (President) of our Rotary Club, drive less and cycle more, and have become quite good at solving cryptic crosswords. Our garden is better than ever before.



## Nigel Menogue

I commenced medico-legal medicine 25 years ago to augment GP income which was less than I needed (much!). Obtained a master's degree of sports medicine and set up a sports medicine clinic. Appointed as medical assessor conducting tribunals to resolve car accidents injury disputes. I am currently still working with tribunals conducted by the New South Wales Government. I work 25 hours plus a week and not ready yet to cease work. My leisure time is spent with golf, tennis and grading on our one acre cottage at Bowral, New South Wales. I sit on various committees in a voluntary capacity.



## Andrew Miliken

Born 1951 in Brighton Hospital, lived in Sandringham until age 8, then went to Dandenong and Mentone Grammar. After my father's death at age 35 in 1960, our family moved back to Brighton and I attended Haileybury College to year 12, then went to Monash University.

On completion of my MB BS, went to Albury as an intern then on to North Shore Hospital for three years, then worked in Obstetric Hospital in Sydney and obtained my obstetric diploma. Then I returned to Albury in 1979, where I entered general practice. During the next 19 years I worked as an obstetric GP until 1998 when the local obstetric ward closed in Albury and was moved to Wodonga. After deciding to stop obstetrics, the practice became more occupationally focused working in this discipline for the next 20 years.

Our three children remain a major focus of our lives. Our eldest has two children and until June 2024 had been in Barbados for 8 years where she worked with World Food (part of UN) with her husband. They have relocated to the Philippines with their work. Our youngest daughter lives and works in Melbourne. She has three children. Our son continues to live in Albury.

My leisure time is spent cycling three times a week, rotary, golf, grandparent duties and caring for my mother when my brother is on holidays. I am ticking off the travel bucket list with annual holidays and doing some family history through ancestry.com.

## Jim Mullany

I had a wonderful long 40 yr. Career as a radiologist having found the light after a less than satisfying and very short career in general practice and working in New Guinea. I went to Ballarat in 1989 and retired at 6:45pm on the 29th of June 2019. I have not looked back and enjoy every second of retirement,

I spend my leisure time traveling with Lesley to many corners of the earth, fishing, gardening, house renovating, camping, walking 20kms a week with walking mates, more travel, avid coin collector, active in several car clubs, involved in family, grandchildren, socialising, working on the bucket list, and MUMUS stuff.





## Seng Ng

I have finally retired!! I'm looking forward to our 50th reunion and the fact that Helen and I have been happily married for 54 years this year!

Besides looking after our finances and being my administrator, Helen is busy with her activities for charity. We still practise our martial arts regularly and enjoy our nature walks whenever the weather permits. We enjoy travelling and catching up with friends old and new. Recently, we travelled to Japan and China again. Our eldest daughter continues to dedicate time and effort to caring for her patients, staff members and her fellowship geriatric trainees. Our youngest daughter (and her husband) is back in Australia, dedicating her time and effort to helping the homeless, the disadvantaged, etc. Hopefully, she is home for the long term.

I spend my leisure time with my wife Helen of 54 years, reminiscing and helping out with house work. Attending men's group work and chats with my social media group. Socialising with a grown up family at least once a month.



## Esta Papier

I am currently working part time 10-25 hours a week undertaking civil medico-legal assessments and reports. I find it interesting and challenging. Alan and I are intending to keep traveling overseas and I hope to keep working for several more years before retiring. My leisure time is spent domestically, engaging socially, keeping up with family, enjoying my dog and reading. We travel as much as possible.



## John Parkes

Graduated in 1974, and had a distinguished career in the RAN as medical officer, advisor to the UN, and inspector of nuclear sites. He then became a civilian Occupational Physician which he continues as a subspecialty in occupational aspects of colour vision with his Melbourne Eyecare Clinic located at Melbourne University. He is married to Kaisu, with 2 children and grandchildren.

## Ralph Poppenbeek

Still shuffling Nirvana Road. Enjoying work 10-25 hours a week and the beautiful Patsy and two Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. Still singing, playing guitar and writing. And the endless pursuit of functional perfection of three old and beautiful cars. My leisure time is spent fixing my three old cars and taking them on road trips. Writing and performing music (singing and guitar), cooking and meditation, spending time with Patsy and dogs.

## Bill Pring

Not quite retired from private practice psychiatry but hopefully retired at the end of this year (2024). I have had 43 years as a psychiatrist with 30 years as a general hospital psychiatrist. I worked with my college AMA over the time. Married to Lyn for 52 years. I have 4 children, 9 grandchildren. A lucky life.



## Colin Riess

Since the last reunion I have completely retired from all forms of practice – clinical and teaching. At this stage I still attend some peer groups and occasionally do a bit of clinical writing for my own benefit. Life is still very full, with two growing grandsons, my love of hack golfing, my plunge into art classes, painting and drawing. I enjoy travelling and catching up with family overseas; I am also very grateful for the time spent at our beach house in Inverloch. My health is reasonable apart from evolving obesity.

I spend my leisure time painting, golfing, ergonomic rowing, cooking, choir membership, travel, time at the beach house, exercise with personal trainer, art classes, mosaics and grandparent



## Rozali Warthooth

Retired Surgeon in Malaysia





## Mark Robinson

Currently retired. I spend my time with family, AFL football (Collingwood), sailing on Port Phillip Bay, belong to Geelong Philatelic Club, and travel preferably overseas.

Still married to Jane.



## Nigel Rosen

Unfortunately diagnosed with Myeloma 8 years ago but under the excellent care at The Alfred. I have been on different trials including CAR-T and currently in remission. We moved to be near 2 of our married children with 4 of our grandchildren to Bonbeach. We all enjoy the beach. Involved in U3A enrolled in various courses

## John Salmon

Retired from private practice 2020 (O+G, Wodonga). I stay busy attending U3A, doing some rotary work and meals on wheels. With Lizette retiring at the end of the year we hope to do extended traveling. We have two children Pippa 24, Art Science Graduate from Monash who works with Deloitte, and Jeremy 22 is midway through a Graphic Design Course at Colarts. Yup, I was 49 when I became a parent/slow starter. My leisure time is spent with U3A rotary, caravanning, birding, gardening, walking and biking.



## David Senini

I am still working in general practice 25 hours a week, not ready to cease work. My leisure time is spent on the beach or at my farm.



## George Skowronski

I retired from my clinical practice as an intensive care physician in 2019. I had a long and satisfying career and now I have moved sideways into clinical ethics, pursuing a longstanding interest. It's led to a stimulating second career – but really more like an intellectual hobby that only occupies a day or so per week.

Meanwhile, my wife Lorraine of 44 years occupies her spare time with tennis, and we both spend a fair bit of time pursuing our 3 children (lawyer, diplomat and physio) and 9 grandchildren as they move around the country and the planet. In our spare time, we enjoy heading up to our beach house on the NSW Central Coast. My leisure time is spent travelling, good food and meeting interesting people.



## David Sholl

Still working as a child/adolescent psychiatrist. We have several children and grandchildren. I am still working 10-25 hours a week and still enjoying the work. My leisure time is unstructured.

## Lee Slavutin

Graduated in 1974, but moved to New York in 1978 where he practised as a pathologist until 1983, then changed to estate planning and life insurance (chairman of Stern Slavutin, NY). Lee is also engaged in public speaking and education, having published many articles and a text book on Life Insurance. He is married to Dee with 2 children, never wants to retire, and has requested a copy of the Reunion Magazine to stay in touch.



## Brian Smith

Married to Pam Brewster and coping reasonably well with retirement. Helped by a great family. I'm in good health and my leisure time is spent travelling, cycling, reading, gardening and swimming.



## Matt Taine

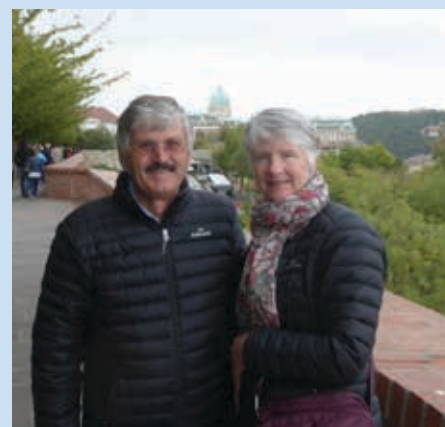
After retiring in 2019 we moved from Melbourne to the beautiful Sunshine Coast where we are enjoying our retirement. We enjoy travel and cruising, and since Covid we have been on 11 cruisers with two more planned. We travel to Melbourne regularly to visit children and grandchildren. Our leisure time is spent cruising the world.

## Peter Tipping

Liz has fronto-temporal dementia and is not doing well. I am managing to 2 day per week in GP in Clayton, with carer supports. Not sure how much longer that will continue but it gives me valuable social connection and some professional satisfaction.

Still living in Blackburn, 4 children all seem to be doing well, and 5 grandchildren.

I maintain interests in gardening, sailing, grandkids and generally keeping busy at home caring for Liz.



## Helen Steward

I am a retired psychiatrist with two children and one grandchild. I spend my leisure time with friends, family, grandchild (1 and half), reading and exercise.

## Peter Warfe

I am still working part time as a specialist in tropical and public health medicine, and still enjoying the work. Now mainly in regulation research. I was a military physician with active service in Rwanda and East Timor, and was recently given an award for my service there. I have had a university appointment at the University of Queensland, James Cook Uni, and Informed Services University USA. Married to Pat for 48 years with 4 successful daughters and 9 grandchildren. I was awarded the conspicuous services cross, Knight order of St John. My non-working time is spent with family contact, traveling and performing arts.

Update: Retired fully 2024.



## Bruce Waxman

MBBS and Bachelor of Medical Science 1974. Trained in general surgery (colorectal) at the Alfred Hospital. Post grad experience at St Mary's London and at Stockton on Tees followed by three months in Minnesota. Appointments with the Austin and Prince Henry's as colorectal surgeon.

Head of Surgery, general and colorectal, at Monash Health for 30 years. Associate Professor at Department of Surgery Monash University. Retired from surgery 2014.

Then medical admin and educator with an appointment at Wonthaggi Hospital; retired at 75 in February 2024. Leisure time is spent rowing, volunteering, working on my flower farm and gym. Numerous children and grandchildren.



## Jane Wischusen

I retired two years ago and loving it. I am grateful for the career I had and now enjoy ordinary happiness with partner John and our families. Lots of babysitting and minor travel. Our leisure time is spent with family entertaining, grandparent duties, reading, walking, ballet, painting and drawing.



## Rob Wishart

Retired developmental and behavioural pediatrician. I had a long career in Canada and now reside in Queensland. My leisure is spent wood working, lapidary hobbies and caring for my dog.







## Rodger Briggs

(1950 – 2024)

By Campbell Hunt – a lifetime friend



**BETTER QUALITY  
IMAGE NEEDED**

Further to my last email, I have enclosed an article from the Myrtleford Times 28/8/2024, as an attachment, outlining a brief synopsis of his life. And these notes from me.

Rodger was born 13/08/1950, the third of 3 boys, in Melbourne, to an intensely musical family living in Oakleigh. He was a musical prodigy playing the piano, and, in 1964, won a musical scholarship to attend Wesley College in Prahran, which is where I first met him, as we shared the Dandenong train to get home. That's now 60 years ago! He became the school pianist remarkably early, I think in year 9, which was unheard of at the time, as it was usually reserved for the best Year 12 student. He was also active in the school orchestra with the clarinet, and was planning a career in a caring profession, given his strong Christianity beliefs (Methodist/Uniting Church).

In 1969, he successfully entered the Monash University Medical School, along with myself, Peter Cowen, Des Guppy, and C K Siew from school. I did not know him greatly through those years, being in different groups, but he graduated in 1974, sending his first two graduate years at Bo Meredith, an architecture student, through their mutual interest in music and the Methodist Youth Choir, and married soon after graduation. After further postgraduate study, they finally settled in the Ovens Valley township of Myrtleford as a rural general practitioner. He worked with Peter

Broughton and together did all the afterhours calls for the district. E Rodger worked at the Standish St surgery for nearly 30 years.

They had two children, David, a physiotherapist, and Ngaire, a primary teacher, both of whom now live nearby in rural Victoria.

They were both very active in their rural community, passionate about nature photography, their beloved Mt Buffalo National Park, camping in their VW Kombi van, their musical groups, and their Christian faith..

Pam and I used to drop in whenever we went to Pam's mother's home in Mt Beauty and enjoyed their company.

However, 18 years ago, Rodger had an unexpected seizure at home, with some hand weakness, and was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumour, needing surgery, and subsequent radiotherapy and chemotherapy, and was unable to work thereafter. He still managed to play the piano, specialising in one-handed pieces for a while! Sadly, despite still enjoying his family and their musical and nature interests, there was slow deterioration, and he ultimately spent the last 5 years in a nursing home environment, and died peacefully on 18 August 2024.



## Raie Goodwach (nee Roth)

(Sept 2024)

By Philip Boltin

Raie Goodwach (nee Roth) was the middle child of Becky and Mottel Roth. Becky was born and raised in Newcastle, whilst Mottel migrated from Poland where his first wife, children and family were murdered in the Holocaust.

Raie attended Mount Scopus College. She was academically and socially gifted, and during her school years made close friendships which endured throughout her life. When Raie was 16 her mother died suddenly, taking the lustre from her adolescence, but driving her to study medicine. She made her way through the Monash course where she again made friendships which spanned disparate groups within the cohort. During the 4th year of the course she married Philip Goodwach, and their family expanded to include daughters Renee and Adina and 7 grandchildren.

After interning at Queen Victoria Hospital Raie considered specialising in psychiatry, but opted to spend more time with her family, and went on to work in family therapy and sexual counselling. She also took leadership positions in organisations catering to female doctors.

Raie became unwell with a rare and difficult condition about 10 years ago. Her health deteriorated over the past 9 months, and she passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, on 27 September 2024.

Raie was blessed with qualities of intelligence, insight, sensitivity and a deep understanding of the human condition – qualities which made her an ideal listener and a wonderful friend. She will be sorely missed.

## Shayne Yates

(15.07.1949 – 17.09.2023)

By Bill Downey

Shayne joined the Monash Medical school in 1969 and graduated in 1975. He practised medicine for only a few years, then with his second wife Patricia Cameron-Hill, he established a successful business conducting motivational and educational seminars for the nursing profession and eventually other health professionals. These presentations took them to hospitals all over Australia and New Zealand. Shayne produced a weekly online publication called Friday Funnies for 1084 editions, published books and other motivational material. He and Patricia presented their work at many health conferences.

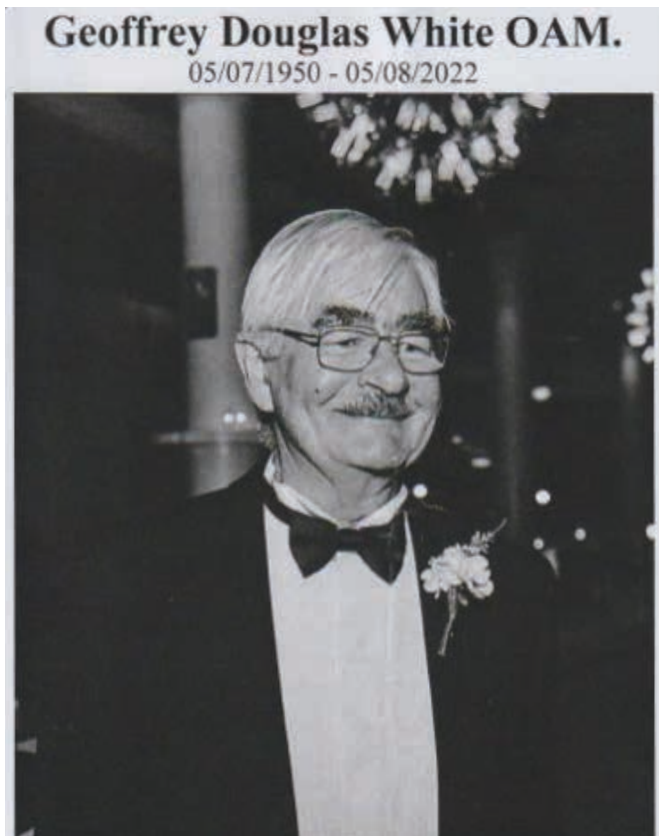
Shayne was a life-long fine singer and guitarist. His band Ratso and the Ratlets performed at times for private functions to great acclaim. His band performed for our 10th Medical Reunion at Ripponlea in 1984. Shayne was also an amateur aviator flying planes and jets and this hobby took him to destinations all over the world. When too old to fly he took to cycling holidays far and wide.

Shayne and Patricia lived in Macedon and he stayed there shortly before he died after developing a cholangiocarcinoma.

Jane Wischusen, Helen Steward, Jane Fyfield and Bill Downey remained close friends till the end.

## Geoff White

(1950 – 2022)



"Whitey" as he was affectionately known, died 2022 in Manila near Tamworth in NSW. (Originating at Dandenong high) A much respected GP in the area he was to be married to Brenda had 3 children (Nikki, Rowene and Stephanie), and was a proud Grandad to 6 grandchildren. He was president of the Rural Drs association of NSW and Australia and was awarded OAM for his services to Medicine.

The following obituary appeared in the AMA (NSW) gazette ...

*AMA (NSW) is mourning the loss of Dr Geoff White OAM. Dr White was a passionate advocate for rural medicine and a much-loved and respected general practitioner, who served the small NSW community of Manilla for almost four decades.*

*Dr White was committed to medico-politics. He served as President of the Rural Doctors Association of Australia and is recognised as one of the founders of RDANSW.*

*Dr White was an AMA (NSW) Councillor for many years and represented AMA (NSW).*

*Rural Doctors Network Acting Chief Executive, Mike Edwards said, "Dr White was one of the first board members of NSW Rural Doctors Network (RDN) and for decades he has been a core part of this family. His drive and his passion for rural health helped embed the sense of community and commitment that remain at the heart of RDN to this day."*

*Dr White received an Honorary Fellowship from the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine in 2007 and was recognised by the AMA with a Fellow Award in 2009. He is remembered for being a leader in the rural doctors' movement.*

*Dr White began his medical career as a locum in 1981 and received an award for his long service to Manilla at the Rural GPs conference in Sydney in 2016.*

*Among Dr White's lasting achievements was the development of the rural Doctors Settlement Package*

*Dr White will be sadly missed by his family and friends, as well as his colleagues, his community, and the AMA.*



## Aik Ong

(2024)

He joined us in 2nd year having done a BMed Sc. Renowned member of MUMPS Monash Uni medicine Poker School (with a lot of others from our year). Married to Dianna, 2 boys one girl (did Med and now in public health). He was a GP with Monash health, loved fishing and cards, but got confused with the cards some years ago with early dementia and died recently this year.

## Chris O'Neill

(February 21, 1949 – April 23, 2022)

**By Lilly O'Neill, forwarded by Rick Lowen**

Dr Chris O'Neill died as he had lived, with kindness, acceptance, good humour and love. He wanted to live longer, and he was going to have radiation therapy as little as a week before he died, but when it was clear that the ferryman was coming for him, he accepted it with grace. "I am already over the waterfall, he said. "My nerve endings are all dying. But tell that boat I am not quite ready yet."

Chris was a general practitioner at Collingwood Community Health Centre, now CoHealth, for well over 30 years – and later, part-time, at the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service for two years. He looked after three or four generations of Collingwood and Fitzroy families, saw out the 1990s heroin epidemic, and cared for several waves of migrants who moved in and out of the area. He loved his patients and often said what an honour it was to be their doctor. For many years he was a gentle giant, a bear of man, with a twinkle in his eyes and a mass of hair and a huge beard. And then, as he endured cancer treatment over 17 years, he got thinner, lost his hair and beard, but kept his twinkle.

When he retired from Collingwood Health Centre because of cancer, his patients and colleagues wrote a book of memories for him, made him a quilt, hung a portrait of him in the waiting room and he was asked if he would accept a nomination for an Order of Australia. The first things he accepted with embarrassed grace, humility and gratitude. The nomination he refused: he did not believe in our honours system, he said, it was not egalitarian.

Chris always said that the best decision of his life was marrying his wife Cas. They were together for almost 50 years. Cas, his brother Terry and daughter Lily were with him almost around the clock in the final weeks and he spent loving time with his son Joel, grandsons and close friends. He was able to call his son Richard and others who live far away. We told him many times how much we loved him he said he knew.

Whilst 2 of his children had predeceased him, Chris left behind his wife Cas, 3 children and 3 grandchildren

## Khalid Kadir

(1948 – 2022)

From the Malay Mail, 27th October 2022,  
Petaling Jaya



(And by his wife Norella and from  
his classmates)

He was remembered as a very hard working, bright student who excelled academically at the end of Medical School. After graduation, he was a resident at the Alfred, Physician /Endocrinology training at PPH, followed by a PHD.

Khalid continued an exemplary professional life in Malaysia, and held the chair in medicine, and head of the clinical school at Monash Malaysia. Khalid had 3 sons who did Medicine in Australia and was married to Norella, who was also in our year.

Eminent endocrinologist Prof Datuk Dr Khalid Abdul Kadir died yesterday after a long illness with cancer. He was 74.

With his death, the country has lost a prominent researcher and physician in the field of endocrinology, specifically diabetes.

Most of all, he will be missed for his kindness and empathy in treating people, particularly his patients.

According to a citation delivered when he became the first recipient of The Merdeka Award in health, science and technology in 2008, he was a prolific researcher while still treating patients.

He was also awarded the Tun Abdul Razak Research Award and Asia Pacific Society Clinical Nutrition Award and the National Science Award Malaysia.

"With nearly 300 published articles on diabetes and endocrinology, and with his continuing research efforts, Professor Khalid has significantly improved the understanding of endocrinology,"

The citation also said that he graduated from Monash University, Australia with first-class honours B.Med.Sc. in 1973 and first class honours in MBBS in 1975.



## Rod Bond

(1951 – 2023)

By Pete Lucas (with comments from Richard Gilhome, Pat Elliot, John Mackenzie, Dave Senini and Jim Mullany)



Rod Bond was a natural leader, and a dedicated expert in his chosen field of Oncology. Rod after training as an Oncologist and Marilyn as a Gynaecologist, they went to south Africa and then to USA. They finally settled in Gippsland and then Ballarat.

He was a generous, loyal friend to so many, previous committee member, always giving of his time and self. He was a wonderful raconteur with a great sense of humour and a ready, large laugh.

Rod was passionate about his farm, his wine, The Demons, his Lancias but above all about his family. He adored his wife Marilyn and daughters Katherine, Jennifer and Stephanie ( 2 are med grads.) and his grandchildren, Archie and Harriett.

We trust the chefs in heaven can satisfy Rods expert palate for wine and food at “regular” mealtimes.

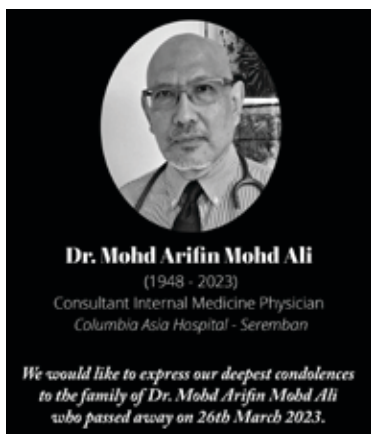
## Raewyn McDonald (Fraser)

(1951 – 2021)

Raewyn appears to have lost touch with most of the people in our year. She did however have a practice in Ascot Vale and was the wife of James (deceased), mother to Clare and Ben, grandmother to Oliver and sister Andrea and Warren.

## Mohd “Harry” Arifin

(1948 to 26.03.2023)



Harry commenced medicine at Monash in 1969, and graduated in 1974.

There has been little contact with Harry since his graduation, but after graduation he trained as a Physician in the UK, obtaining his MRCP in 1979.

In 1984, at the time of our 10 year reunion, he was working as a specialist physician in Malaysia, and in 2005, he became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (FRCP).

Most of his working life has been as a Specialist Physician in Malaysia at the Negri Medical Centre and the Columbia Asia Hospital in Seremban (63 km south of KL).

The Columbia Asia Hospital posted this tribute to Harry:

*Dr. Mohd Arifin started his services at Columbia Asia Hospital – Seremban from 1999 till 2022. He also served as the Group Medical Director of Columbia Asia. He was instrumental in guiding and leading the hospital to its present achievement.*

*The team would like to thank the late Dr. Mohd Arifin for his dedication, contribution, and services to the hospital during his tenure.*

*The loss to the hospital is immeasurable and irreplaceable. Dr. Mohd Arifin will forever be remembered as a kind and caring doctor to his patients and everyone around him.*

In addition, there were hundreds of tributes posted by grateful patients and colleagues.

Harry is survived by his wife and 4 children.

## Lawrence Lum

(d. late 2024 or early 2025)

Lawrie commenced medicine at Monash in 1969, and graduated in 1974.

He then did his residency at Queen Victoria Hospital, and later established a general practice in Boronia, where he was working until his recent sudden death from ? CVA (according to the new GP in his practice).

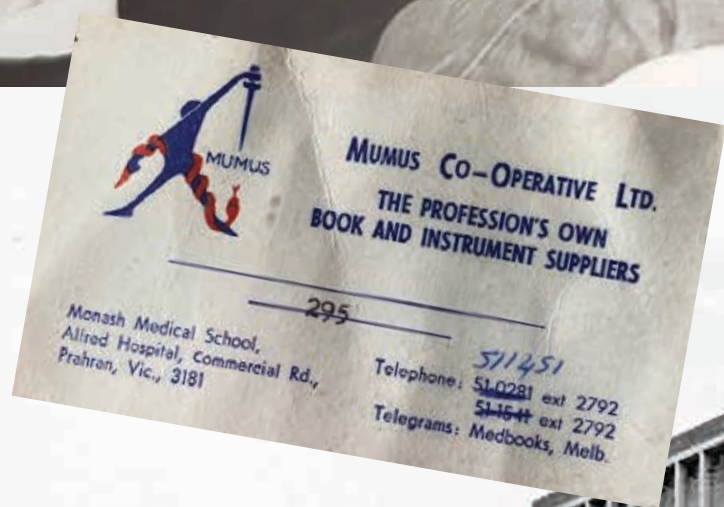
Online comments were very complimentary, including:

*“He was such a loving and kind man that made me feel so genuinely cared about. I’ve never known such a wonderful medical professional. I’ll really miss him. RIP”*









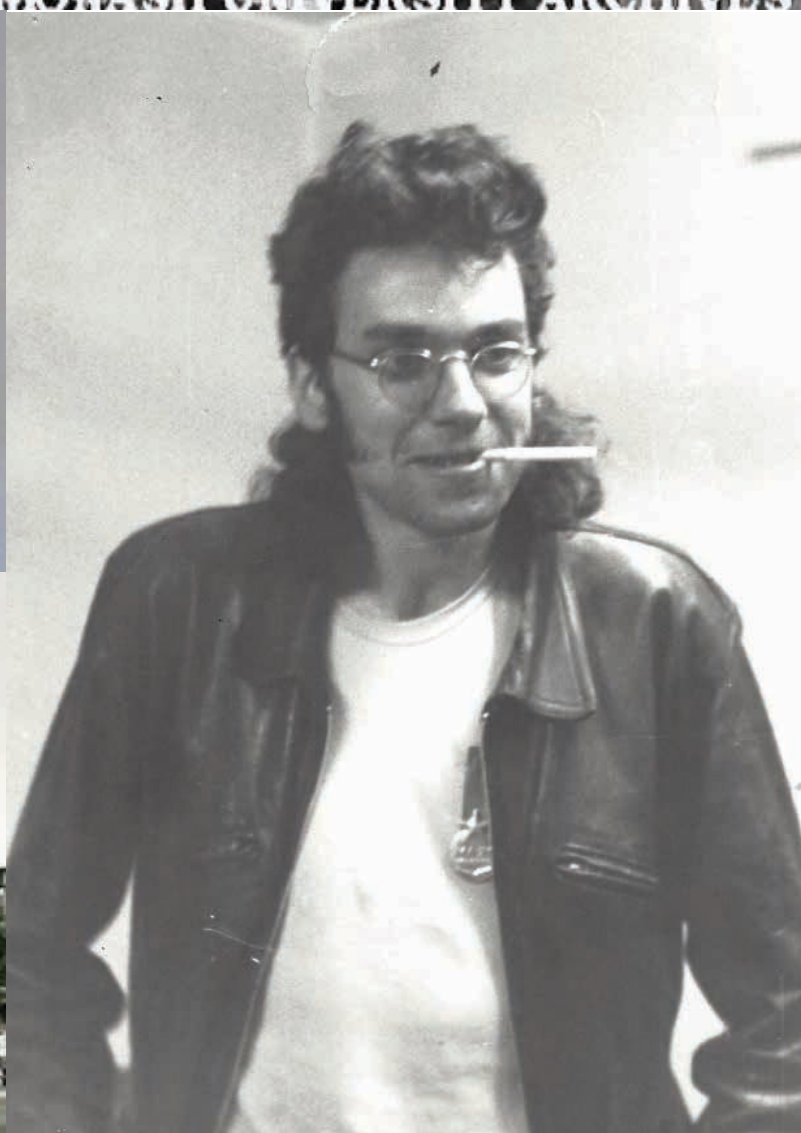














## CRISIS IN SUDAN

# Doctor on a mission heads off to heat and

Liz Gooch

Chris Drummond knows what to expect when she arrives in Sudan this week. Sick adults with malnourished children queuing up, desperately hoping she can help save their lives.

It will be 45 degrees in the shade. She's seen it before. And now she's going back.

The Melbourne doctor is on her way to the Darfur region of Sudan, where an estimated 30,000 people have been killed and more than a million have fled their homes to escape militias — the Janjaweed.

Between treating people for measles, malaria and polio, she hopes there'll be a chance to see her husband, also a doctor, who arrived in Darfur a few weeks ago.

Last week, between packing bags and organising visas, Dr Drummond was still juggling her work between three Melbourne hospitals and teaching medical students.

The infectious diseases and public health specialist will fly via Bangkok, where she will run a course on how to control diseases in emergency zones, before going on to Nyala, a town in southern Darfur.

As a health project manager for CARE Australia, Dr Drummond will assess how best to meet the staggering health needs of more than a million displaced people, many of whom have been left with nothing after the Janjaweed terrorised them and burnt their villages.

The work will involve feeding malnourished children, supporting children who have been traumatised and women who have been raped. Mobile health clinics may be set up to reach those who haven't made it to the refugee camps.

"The problem is the people who are still travelling," she said. "They're the most vulnerable and the most difficult to find."

The human devastation in Darfur will not be entirely new to Dr Drummond, an aid worker since 1985. In February she passed through deserted villages in Sudan where huts had been destroyed in the conflict.

"We need to act quickly and to help these people. Otherwise it's going to be as bad as Rwanda," she said.

After working across the world from Cambodia to Zaire, Dr Drummond feels obliged to try to make a difference.

