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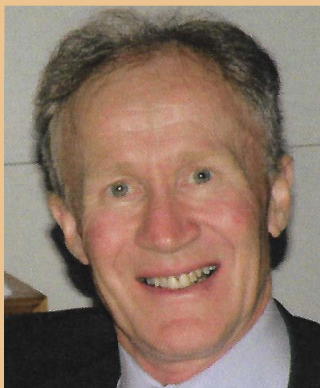


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Welcome to the April 2026 edition of the newsletter.

In this issue, arrangements for the Reunion 2027 are outlined ahead of finalisation. Latest information on the reunion will be posted on the website Blog [here](#).

Next, an article on *Safe Computing* adds to the previous *Cybersecurity* and *Computer Backup* reports in past newsletters. See the website Blog for the full versions of these articles.

Finally, website upgrades are outlined with procedures to access a new Alumni Directory and to update Your Contact Details.

As an aside, I was pleased to track down Felix Lungu who joined us at Monash from Malawi. After graduation, he later undertook advanced training in pathology specialising in clinical haematology.

Felix is now fully retired, and lives with his son Themba, an accountant, in Millville, New Jersey. He fondly remembers his time at Monash with his fellow students.



Lunch at the Botanic Gardens



Eleven Monash Med74 colleagues met for lunch at *The Terrace* in the Royal Botanic Gardens on Wednesday 25th March, thanks to Chris Drummond's superb organisation.

Conversations included our health, work, retirement, families, and holidays, as well as solutions to the world's problems - if only we were pulling the levers !

Reunion 2027



The Reunion 2027 has been booked for **Friday 19th March, 2027** at Monash University.

Presently, no bookings have been made for Saturday 20th March, as feedback indicated a preference for a single day at Monash and that a further long lunch on the Saturday was not needed. (A Saturday function could still be arranged at short notice if there is sufficient interest.)

Venue: The venue for the reunion is the Monash Club, which has been purpose-built for staff and alumni. An area has been set aside at the Monash Club where we can start arriving from 10:30am onwards. This will be our base for morning tea, and before and after Campus Tours.

The Monash Club is located at 32 Exhibition Walk, see Clayton Campus map at:

<https://monash-med74.dyndns.org/Clayton-Map.pdf>

Campus Tours: We are grateful to Monash and the Alumni Team for giving us special permission to tour the campus during the semester, including the Medical and Anatomy Centre. Provision has been made for three tours with a maximum of about 20 people per tour.

Banquet lunch: This has been arranged from 12:30 to 15:30.

Accommodation: If required, you may wish to consider Quest Notting Hill (kitchen, laundry, gym, airport transfers, and walking distance to the Monash Club). More details are here:

<https://www.questapartments.com.au/properties/vic/notting-hill/quest-notting-hill>

Cost: The full cost for the day is expected to be around \$120, including lunch with beverages. Registration, invoice and golf details will be forwarded later in the year.

Date

Friday 19/03/2027

Venue

Monash University, Clayton
Monash Club, 32 Exhibition Walk

Schedule

10:30 Start arriving/ morning tea
12:30 Banquet lunch
15:30 Close

Campus Tours

11:00 1st Tour
11:15 2nd Tour
11:30 3rd Tour

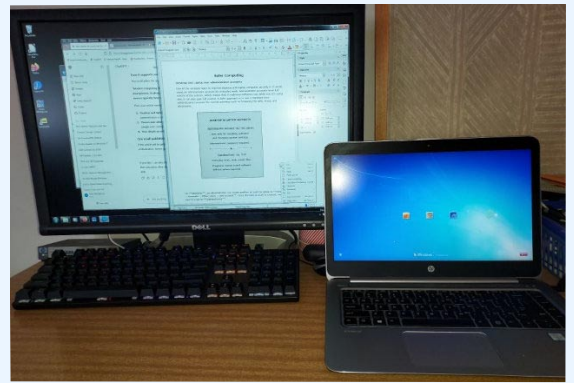
Safer Computing

Desktop and Laptop Accounts

One of the simplest ways to improve desktop and laptop computer security is to avoid using an administrator account for everyday work.

Administrator accounts have full control of the system. This means that if malicious software is encountered whilst logged into an account with Administrator privileges, the malware can also gain full control.

A safer approach is to use a non-administrator (standard) account for normal activities such as browsing the web, email, and documents.



Windows: An administrator can create another account by going to *Settings > Accounts > Other users > Add account*. Set the new account to Administrator.

macOS: Open *System Settings > Users & Groups*, unlock the panel using the current administrator password, and click Add User, then choose Administrator as the account type.

Linux: A new user can be added through the Users section in system settings, and administrator privileges assigned to the new user.

A useful approach is to create this new administrator account first. After creating it, log out of the current account and log in to the new administrator account to confirm it works. Once confirmed by successfully logging in, go again to the *User Accounts settings*, and change your usual everyday account from Administrator to Standard (non-administrator).

This method has an advantage: your normal desktop layout, files, and settings remain unchanged. The only difference is that the account you use every day now has fewer privileges. As a result, if malware is encountered, then this will be less likely to infiltrate your system.

Phone and Tablet Security

iPhones, iPads, Android phones and tablets work differently from desktop and laptop computers. They normally have only one main owner account with full control of the device.

Security relies heavily on careful app selection before additional apps are installed:

- Apps should be installed only from trusted stores such as the Apple App Store or Google Play. Avoid downloading apps from unknown websites.
- Reading reviews and checking the reputation of the developer can help identify suspicious apps.
- Tools such as ChatGPT can also help as a quick research assistant before installing an unfamiliar app. For example, you might ask whether an app has a good reputation or whether there have been reports of malware. While this can help highlight possible warning signs, it should be treated as general guidance rather than a guarantee.



Key Message

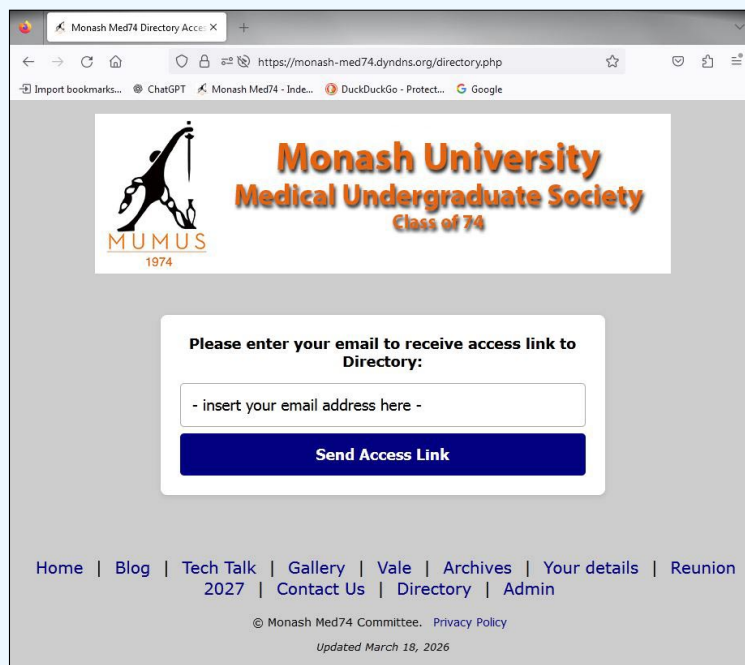
Desktop computers improve security by separating everyday users from administrators, while phones and tablets rely on careful app selection and regular system updates to stay safe.

See the Blog for the [full version of this article](#).

Website Upgrades

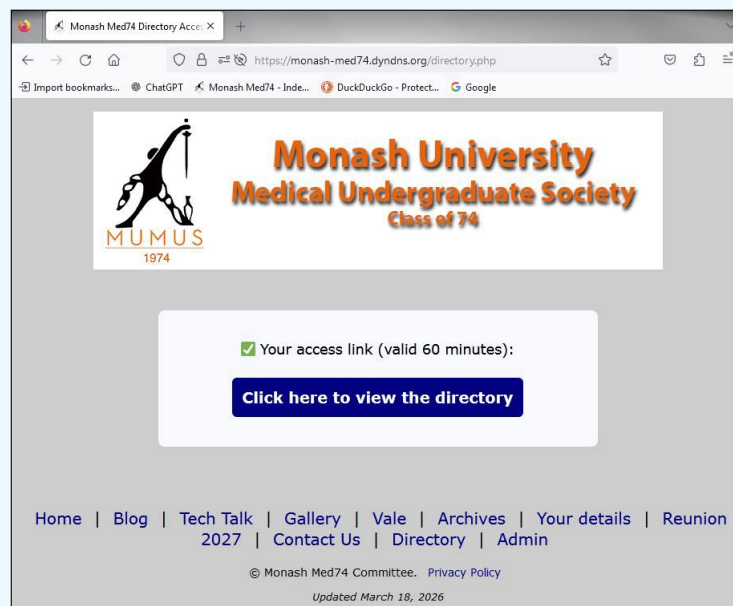
Alumni Directory: I'm occasionally asked by colleagues for the contact details of Monash Med74 alumni. For this reason, a simple Directory has been created on the website with alumni name, email address, and phone number - details which were once commonly listed in the White Pages phone book. The procedure to access the Directory is as follows ...

1) Go to the Directory web page here: <https://monash-med74.dyndns.org/directory.php>



.. Then enter your email address (recorded in our database), and click Send Access Link.

2) The system checks for a match in the database, and if so, launches this page with a temporary one-hour access link.



.. Again, click to view the Directory. If you don't wish your name and contact details to appear in the Directory, then please contact us at: <https://monash-med74.dyndns.org/contactus.html>

Your Contact Details: A similar procedure is used for updating your contact details here: https://monash-med74.dyndns.org/your_contact_details.php

These procedures provide a level of privacy and security for our group. Enjoy.