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# **Monash Medicine 74**

# **Newsletter**



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**Monash Med 74  
committee**

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Welcome to our August newsletter.

Hopefully, everyone has received their copy of the 50-Year Reunion magazine, for which Jim Mullany has done an outstanding job.

Please contact us if you haven't received your copy, and also note that a PDF of the magazine will soon be uploaded to the Archives section of our website at: <https://monash-med74.dyndns.org>

Whilst mentioning the website, the Home page now has a link to a new Blog page, which will be used for news and announcements.

Also, it would be helpful if everyone could check and update their contact details where needed, including their date of birth. This will both enhance and ensure the accuracy of the information on file.

For those concerned about privacy and security (and we all should be), please note that all our contact information and Blog data is held in encrypted SQL databases (rendering them useless to hackers) on a server with firewall and specialised software (Netdata and Fail2ban) protecting it from the most determined intruders.

Enjoy sleeping soundly

**From the President***Peter Dwyer*

Firstly, many thanks again to Jim and his team who produced the 50-Year Reunion magazine. Their efforts have been wonderfully received and much appreciated.

Looking now towards our future get togethers, Christine Drummond has arranged a casual get together at *The Terrace cafe*, Royal Botanical Gardens, for anyone interested (see later in this newsletter and the Blog page for more information). Many thanks, Chris.

Also, the consensus at our 50th Reunion was for a mini-reunion in March or April 2027, and the incoming committee has already begun contemplating the format and venue.

Preliminary thoughts have been that this could be held as a Saturday (or Sunday) long lunch and afternoon somewhere here in Melbourne, and we have begun scouting venues such as the MCG, RACV Club, Kooyong TC, or even Monash University itself.

Your feedback and suggestions are welcome.



## Casual get together at *The Terrace*



Christine Drummond has kindly arranged a get together :-)

Place: *The Terrace cafe* in the Royal Botanical Gardens

Website: <https://theterrace.melbourne/>

Time: **Wednesday 27th August at about 2.30 PM.**

Note that *The Terrace* closes at 4pm on Wednesdays.

This is the cafe near the Alexander Pde and Park St corner of the gardens.  
If anyone wants to have a light meal, that is also available.

Please let Chris know if you would like to come, and feel free to bring partners or others. If you can't make it this time, suggestions for future times, places and preferred day of the week would be welcome.

Christine's email: [drummondsudan@yahoo.com.au](mailto:drummondsudan@yahoo.com.au)



### The Blog (new)

Our website at <https://monash-med74.dyndns.org> now has its own Blog, which can be viewed by visiting the above website address.

Then, after checking the box to Agree to the Terms & Conditions, you will be taken to the Monash-Med74 Home page, from which you can navigate to the Blog by following the link(s).

For the time being, all comments have been disabled on the Blog, which will be used for Monash-Med74 news and announcements.

We therefore invite you to contact us with any news or announcements that you may like to have publicised. Many thanks.

## The 50-Year Reunion Magazine

More important than the Putin-Trump meetings in Alaska, the accompanying photo shows past-President Jim Mullany handing over a copy of the 50-Year Reunion Magazine and being congratulated by President Peter Dwyer.



*Pete Dwyer congratulating Jim Mullany.*

Much deserved congratulations also goes to Jane Fyfield who collated the survey, and brilliantly presented the results firstly at the reunion dinner and then within the magazine. Thanks also to those who submitted obituaries for colleagues who are no longer with us, and to the many who forwarded their photos and their bio's ...

I must confess that browsing through the bio's in the magazine made me feel proud to be a member of such a distinguished group of colleagues. By comparison, I've been a conspicuous under-achiever ... Even outdone by Rob Hetzel who can boast that he's about to be married for the third time ! Best wishes Rob.

## Updating Your Contact Details

Many thanks to those who have updated their contact details through the website at: [https://monash-med74.dyndns.org/your\\_contact\\_details.html](https://monash-med74.dyndns.org/your_contact_details.html)

I would be grateful if you could re-visit the above web address, and if possible add your date of birth, and also your next-of-kin/ spouse/ partner details ...

1) In future, our website security can be improved by using your Family name field with your DOB to access your own contact information (and by removing the Given name and Salutation options). For the level of security that we require, this will avoid the imposition of introducing passwords.

Just be aware that the SQL database is very fussy about the format used for the date field, so please follow these instructions (and note that if you are receiving this email, then you are already on file):

- At the above web address, use your Family name and your choice of Given name or Salutation, and click or tap "Find My Record" to progress to the database fields, then
- Click or tap inside the DOB field to pop-up the calendar graphic, then
- Click, tap or hover over the Year and select your year of birth, then
- Click or tap on the < or > brackets on either side of the month-year until reaching your month of birth.
- Then, once you click on the day of the month, your date of birth will be displayed within the date field using the correct format needed by the SQL database :-)

2) Secondly, if you have a health problem, then it would help us to have your next-of-kin/ spouse/ partner details on file. This information can be recorded by scrolling down and completing the relevant fields, including the email address and the phone number that your NOK would normally use for themselves.

Please contact us if you have any questions or run into any problems. Many thanks.