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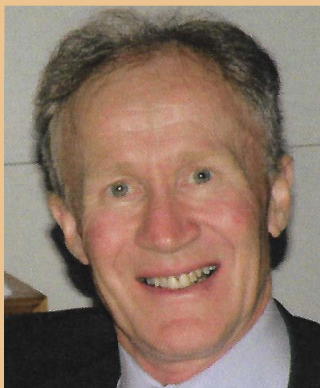


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Welcome to the June 2026 edition of the newsletter.

In this issue, the arrangements for next year's Reunion have been updated. Note that the gala banquet lunch on the Friday will now be at Metropolitan Golf Club, which has wonderful facilities just a few minutes from Monash. Registration and the cost of the Reunion will be available in the next Newsletter.

Also, you may have already noticed the small change to our group's name and logo - not to be confused with the Monash University Medical Poker School (*aka* MUMPS).

Finally, there is an article on securing your home modem-router. The essential first step is how to gain access to the settings interface of your modem-router. And once this has been achieved, then a few simple changes to some of the router settings can improve your online security. For the full, more detailed version of the article, visit the website blog at:

<https://monash-med74.dyndns.org/blog/index.php/category/tech-talk/>

Enjoy.



The Original MUMPS



Pete Lucas, Pete Cowen, Phil Rosengarten, Bill Longworth, Pat Elliott, & Richard Gilhome. Pete Roessler (1973 absent); RIP Bernie and Aik.

Every month since graduation, a group of card sharps collectively know as the Monash University Medical Poker School (MUMPS) has continued to exchange money and banter over a game of cards.

Over this past 52 years, some things have changed, but a lot has stayed the same - such as the betting stakes in a game !

Reunion 2027: Change of lunch venue



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

Venues:

1) The **Monash Club** will be our base for morning tea, and before and after Campus Tours. We can start arriving at Monash from 10:00am onwards, and the last tour should have concluded by around 12:00.

2) **Metropolitan Golf Club** is 5 minutes away by car down North Road. After morning tea and campus tours have finished, we can proceed to Metropolitan where free parking is available. Many of us will have our own cars, and those without should easily be able to hitch a ride.

The ambience, the food and beverages, and the overall cost is far superior at Metropolitan GC (pictured above) than at Monash, and will be better suited to our discerning group.

Date

Friday 19/03/2027

Venues

1. Monash University, Clayton
- Morning tea and Campus Tours
2. Metropolitan Golf Club
- Banquet lunch

Schedule

10:00 Start arriving/ morning tea
 10:45 1st Campus Tour
 11:00 2nd Tour
 11:15 3rd Tour
 12:00 Canapés/ Banquet lunch
 16:00 Close

Change of Name (and Logo)

The Committee felt that our old name - Monash University Medical Undergraduate Society (MUMUS) - was outdated for the simple reason that we are post-graduates. MUMUS itself is still a thriving society, but is exclusively for medical undergraduates with no provision for post-graduates, see:

<https://mumus.org>

The Committee has therefore modified our name to the **Monash University Medical Post-Graduate Society** class of 1974, and our logo to MUMPS 1974. Hopefully we can adjust to this small change.



Securing Your Home Modem-Router

Most homes connect to the internet through a combined modem-router supplied by the internet provider. This device is the “gateway” between your home devices and the internet, for which a few simple changes to the settings can greatly improve online security.

Accessing Your Modem-Router Settings

Most modem-routers have a built-in web interface that allows you to view and change these settings. To access it:

1. Connect a computer, tablet, or phone to your home network (WiFi or wired).
2. Open a web browser such as Chrome, Edge, Firefox, or Safari.
3. To obtain the login screen, enter one of these addresses in the address bar:
 - 192.168.0.1 , or
 - 192.168.1.1

If these addresses don't work, then look on a label underneath the modem-router, or check the instruction booklet, or search online for the model number and default login address.

Change the Default Administrator Password

The first important security step is to change the administrator password.

Many modem-routers are shipped with simple default passwords such as admin or password, which can be found online. Instead, change to a password that:

- is long and difficult to guess,
- includes letters (upper and lower case), numbers, and symbols,
- is different from your Wi-Fi password.

Store the password somewhere safe, such as a password manager (eg. Proton Pass or Bitwarden), or keep a written record securely at home.

Change Wi-Fi Name and Password

Change your Wi-Fi name and create a new unique secure password (rather than keep those on the sticker), and keep these in a password manager or written down and stored securely. Most importantly, check that the security mode for the password is WPA2 (or WPA3 if available), and not outdated WEP security.

Disable Remote Management

Some modem-routers include a feature called “Remote Management”, “Remote Access”, or “Web Access from WAN”. This allows the modem-router settings page to be accessed from outside your home internet connection - a feature most households rarely need. For better security:

- disable remote management if it is enabled, and
- do not enable it unless you fully understand why it is needed.

Disabling remote access reduces the risk of attackers being able to log in to your modem-router from the internet.

Disable WPS (Wi-Fi Protected Setup)

Many modem-routers include a feature called WPS (Wi-Fi Protected Setup). This allows devices to connect to Wi-Fi by pressing a button on the modem-router instead of entering the Wi-Fi password. For better security:

- disable WPS if it is enabled, and
- use the normal Wi-Fi password method to connect devices instead.

Most households infrequently need to connect a new device, so disabling WPS is a sensible precaution.

Keep the Modem-Router Firmware Updated

If firmware updates become available, then install them when practicable, and only download updates from the manufacturer’s official website.

Final Thoughts

A few simple checks — changing the default password, disabling remote management, turning off WPS, etc — can significantly improve the security of your home network.



Telstra modem-router