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**Monash Med 74
committee**



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Editorial

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Welcome to the Monash Medicine 74 newsletter.

In this issue, there is a message from our new President, a synopsis of the 50th Reunion, and a segment "Where are they now?".

We look forward to receiving a copy of the 50th Reunion Magazine, which Jim and his committee are in the process of finalising.

In the past, hard copies of the magazines have been distributed by Australia Post, but many postal addresses and other details are missing or no longer current in our database. We therefore urge everyone to update their details, here:

https://monash-med74.dyndns.org/your_contact_details.html

Please indicate your preference for either a hard copy or digital PDF copy (saving printing & postage) of the 50th Reunion Magazine.

Many thanks in advance.



From the President

Peter Dwyer

I'd like to start by thanking Jim Mullany and his committee, all of whom have contributed too much for too long, and have done a great job - well done and many thanks.

At this stage, Peter McLaughlin has accepted the role of Treasurer, John Mackenzie has the IT role, whilst I have the role of taking all the credit.

Some roles are yet to be filled, but we are keen to keep the committee to a small, hard-working group.

To date, some changes have been made to improve our infrastructure such as a new bank account with online access, upgrading from the old account with no online access where invoices needed to be paid by cheque.

Also, for ease of administration and to save \$'s, the old email list server with the old email address has been replaced by a new gmail account address: monash.med74@gmail.com

Similarly, there is a new website hosted free-of-charge at: <https://monash-med74.dyndns.org>

For backup, a Facebook page has been prepared which could take the place of a website if needed.

Meanwhile, please contact us if interested in a role to assist the new committee, or with any other suggestions. Thank you.



50th Reunion



The 50th Reunion was held at the Curlewis Golf Club on the Bellarine Peninsula, the official program running over Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th November, 2024.

Prior to this, Peter Lucas organised a number of golfing tragics, male and female, who enjoyed an early start to proceedings with 9 holes on the Thursday followed by 18 holes on the Friday.

Others checked in on the Saturday morning in time for an informal BBQ buffet lunch, followed by the Saturday afternoon "Scientific Program":

- John Salmon gave us a glimpse into "Aboriginal Scar and Birthing Trees", something many of us had never heard of.
- Jim Mullany showed a historic surgical movie on varicose veins, and an old rumour was resurrected: that if you strung all the varicose veins end to end that his father had stripped out, that the length of this string of veins would go several times around the globe.
- John Mackenzie spoke of the good, bad and ugly aspects of computer technology, and gave a living demonstration of the ugly side, where anything that could go wrong did go wrong.
- Finally, Richard Gilhome gave an eclectic talk about what he's been doing in retirement, even though he's one of the few who's still working !

On Saturday evening, the gala dinner was held at the Jack Rabbit winery restaurant. This was an excellent venue with brilliant ambience, food and wines ...

After entree, Jane Fyfield gave an engrossing presentation on the results of the survey, which will be summarised in the Reunion magazine.

After our main course, Jim Mullany gave the Chairman's oration, which concluded with his standing down as President, and very smoothly handing the baton (AKA the poisoned chalice) to Peter Dwyer who was elected unopposed. Hearty applause acknowledged the superb governance provided by Jim and his committee since 2009.

Brunch on Sunday morning concluded the reunion, which was an outstanding success.

Where are they now ?

Barbara Jarrad commenced at Monash in 1969 and graduated in 1974. Her bio updates were submitted for the 10 and 20 year reunions, at which time she had reportedly gained her FRACS after working in Hong Kong for several years, but in 1994 she was living in Upwey and working in general practice.

In 2004, she attended the 30 year reunion with her 2nd husband of 16 years, Timothy Conway (pictured), but there has been no contact with Barbara since then.



In August 2004, the W.A. Government Gazette listed Barbara as a practicing doctor with general registration, MBBS Monash 1974, and a PO Box address in Broome.

Most recently in 2016, there was a news report of Barbara having given evidence as a witness in a W.A. court case concerning a colleague. At the time, Barbara was reported to be working at Geraldton Hospital as SMO, and perhaps living at Drummond Cove (just north of Geraldton).

Currently, APHRA does not have Barbara listed as a registered medical practitioner, and no response has been received by contacting her old phone number or email address.

Anyone with further information about our much-loved colleague, please contact us:
<https://monash-med74.dyndns.org/contactus.html>



Felix Nkonda Lungu from Malawi joined us at Monash in 1970 and graduated in 1974.

From 1981-87, Felix was at St Thomas's Hospital, London, where he trained as a pathologist with a special interest in haematology, whilst also finding time to be married and father to twin girls.

From 1987-91, Felix had further training at the University of West Indies Medical School, where he obtained his Doctor of Medicine (MD), and furthered his Laboratory and Clinical Haematology credentials.

From 1991-2005, Felix was consultant haematologist at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Barbados.

Since 2005, Felix has lived in Millville, New Jersey, USA, working as a Physician with special interests in General, Laboratory, and Clinical Haematology. His particular interests include sickle cell haemoglobinopathies, transfusion medicine, clotting disorders, and childhood leukaemias.

A more recent photo of Felix with one of his daughters (taken around 2017) is pictured here.





George Liomba from Malawi commenced at Monash in 1968 and graduated in 1974.

On his return to Malawi, there were no pathologists in the country, and it would take 6 weeks to 3 months to get results back from London.

George was thereby recruited to train in the specialty at St Thomas's Hospital, London, and in 1983, he returned to Malawi as the first specialist pathologist in the country.

Adding to his clinical workload for a population of 10 million people, George became Professor of pathology at the University of Malawi College of Medicine, helping to train other pathologists in Malawi.

He retired from full time practice in May 2016, but was apparently still working in a part-time consultant capacity in 2023. George is married with 2 sons.



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