

Shayne Yates (15.07.1949 – 17.09.2023)



Shayne commenced medicine at Monash in 1969, and graduated in 1975. He had worked in general practice in St Kilda Road and later Castlemaine for only a few years, when in 1984 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 - presentations which took them to hospitals all over Australia and New Zealand. Shayne also produced a weekly online publication called Friday Funnies for 1084 editions, published books and other motivational material, and together with Patricia, he 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, including 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 until the end.