Come along for some Christmas fun at our Barbie!

Christmas Picnic BBQ

Sunday 26th November starting at 12 noon
Swamp Gum Car Park Picnic Area
Westerfolds Park, Templestowe
Editor’s note

Lucky Stars Australian Transplant Cricket Club

The Australian Transplant Cricket Club was formed in February 2013. The name “Lucky Stars” was adopted to express the gratitude transplant recipients feel in the luck given to them through the generous donation of others. (read more here http://transplantcricket.hitscricket.com/history/default.aspx)

The team travelled to England in July to compete in a series of 5 matches against the Great Britain Transplant Cricket Club and help raise awareness of organ donation.

It was one of the clubs members forth overseas tour, so he must enjoy these trips. It’s a dream many players never thought possible prior to their transplant.

The club played five matches in England, in July, which included a two-day test match, and a 40 – 40 one-day match against England’s transplant cricket team.

The one-day match was played on July 5 for the Hookes – Soldan Shield. (David Hookes, whom the match is partly named after, was an Australian test cricketer who died in very unfortunate circumstances, and his family generously donated his organs)

New friendships are formed with people who have had similar experiences.

The club is a partner of Donate life, who promotes organ and tissue transplant awareness in Australia, and encourage those who have had transplants to live an active life.

Taken from an article in the Bendigo Advertiser

Note: George Said has understated his achievements in his Report on page10. The events organised by the Altona branch were all successful, as reported in previous ShoeString issues.

Those who attended barefoot bowls had a great time and the Pier 35 lunch was one of the most attended activities for the year.

Well done George!

Visit our website at www.datavic.org
Hi everyone,

I would like to thank everyone on the committee for all their hard work over the last 12 months. Charlie our secretary has worked above and beyond his role as secretary and, with some of our committee assisting him, we now have all sorts of policies to refer to. We have a 5 year strategic plan (in the process), we have an accommodation policy, so if you live 100 km from Melbourne and have to make the journey to Melbourne for a hospital visit we may help, just call the office and we will send you the details.

We have updated our Social Welfare program, so if you need help you don’t have to get a social worker to fill in the forms you can get a NUM (Nurse Unit Manager) to help you and get them to sign off on your application. But just remember we can only pay bill to the supplier and we need copies of your bills.

Another policy or rules we are looking at is our Ron Jones Educational Award scholarship program, which students from year 7 to year 11 can apply, we have dropped it to year 6 students as well.

My thanks to our holiday secretaries who do a marvellous job in looking after the houses in Yarrawonga and Rosebud. If anything goes wrong then Alan (and Fay) and Amanda (and Brendon) are on hand to fix the problem. So thank you all for the dedication you show to the houses and members that use them. If you go to either house please be aware that other members will be using the house after you so please leave them clean (and I know you do but no harm in a little reminder)! See holiday report for other information.

With Angela at the helm of our social committee we are working hard to get a social calendar up and running and have planned a full year of activities, which Data will help subsidise. Some of the events will have a minimum booking so please let us know if you are interested in coming along, even if it is a few months away, because if we don’t get the minimum number we will reluctantly cancel the day! Also if you have any ideas of what we can do just let us know and we will try to accommodate your suggestions.

We are in the process of getting a new website which will allow you to pay your membership online and speaking of membership have included a couple of membership forms in this SS. As you all know word of mouth or referral is the best advertising around so if you are at a clinic and start talking to someone to pass the time just mention DATA and offer them a form. Who knows you may have helped DATA grow! Thanks to Ros for sending out the new member’s packs and posters to the Dialysis Units and to Ken Smith for visiting Units with ShoeString’s, every little bit helps.

ShoeString is our main communication with everyone but we would love more stories from members. If you go on holidays or have a good idea to help people on dialysis or to help with thirst write a story, I’m sure Trudy will love to hear from you! Or even if you have some jokes send them in. Thank you Trudy for doing a wonderful job on ShoeString and getting it out on time and putting up with my late reports!

This is our Treasurer Vicki’s first report and she has done a fantastic job over the last 12 months, which has been backed up by Joan if she needed her, so thank you both. I am very pleased to have 2 valuable people doing our books and keeping them in order!

I would like to thank our other members on the committee, who may think they don’t do much but you do and the support you give me and everyone else is great, so thank you very much, I will find you something to do if you want me too! So if you would like to join the committee you will be most welcome, so please don’t be shy, it can be a lot of fun!

I would like to send a big thank you to George Said who has done a great job in getting the Altona branch up and running. Unfortunately George is not well and can’t be with us today but he has sent a written report that Ros will read out later.

On a personal note... as you may all know Nick has been in hospital, it has been 5 months now but he is doing well and we are nearly home just waiting on some renovations on our home in Brunswick but we are having a sea change and will be down a Dromana for a little time until then! If you want to visit us please do, my number is on the back of ShoeString, just give me a ring and “we’ll pop a shrimp on the barby”!

Sue Hatzimichalis

Sue Hatzimichalis
0412 469738
Bookings at the Rosebud Hospital

Renal Unit must be done online email
to: holidayatrosebud@phcn.vic.gov.au

For HOUSE bookings please ring
Rosebud House Secretary Amanda
Pratt   Ph: 9589 4894

Yarrawonga

41 of the 52 weeks let - made up of 22
weeks haemodialysis members using
the hospital, 5 weeks were let for home
dialysis, 2 weeks PD, only 11 weeks let
transplant members. Nice to see nearly
half the year taken by dialysis members
as this is what our holiday homes are
for, so dialysis patients can have a
holiday, near the beach or up on the
Murray.

Partners of deceased members (if the
family still keep the membership going,
are entitled to use the holiday homes).
I thank the members, who while on
holidays, always do the right thing in
looking after the house.
Thanks again to Melissa and the other
renal nurses at the dialysis unit at the
Yarrawonga Hospital for the job they do
for DATA members who dialyse at the
hospital.

Thank you to Tony Mosca from Monash
who will take a Freciania Dialysis
Machine to the houses for those
members who do not use the Gambro
even if they are not Monash patients,
and also the techs from the Austin and
RMH who look after the Gambro.

Alan Rawson
Yarrawonga Holiday Home Secretary

VACANCIES
Booked out until Feb 2018

Bookings at the Yarrawonga Renal
Unit Ph: 5743 8189
Yarrawonga House Secretary Alan
Rawson Ph: 9723 3019
Email: fayal_rawson@hotmail.com

Rosebud

This year the Rosebud holiday house
was used for 16 weeks by transplant
members, 2 weeks for PD members, 3
weeks for members that dialyse at the
house, and 9 weeks where members
got to Rosebud Hospital.

Sadly, 6 weeks members had to cancel
due to last minute illness, and although
I rung around, these dates were not
able to be filled.

Unfortunately, we had 16 weeks
vacant for the year, mainly over the
winter months, where only 1 week was
booked in May and all of June was
available. We highlighted the availability
in Shoestring, but this was not taken up
by members.

We have had many first time members
use the house and I am getting quite a
few calls from people to join up.

A huge thank you must go to our
Techs, who always make sure that our
members are able to use the house for
dialysis.

Our thanks also go to the Dialysis unit
staff at Rosebud hospital, who take
many of our members, allowing them
and their families to have a break.

This year we had a big tree come down
during a storm and damage the fence.
We are in the process of getting quotes
to have the fence replaced.

One of our lovely members also
donated a brand new stove for the
house, which is fantastic.

At present we are fully booked up till
mid February 2018.

I am happy to continue to look after
the house, and look forward to hearing
from more members in 2018.

Thanks.

Amanda Pratt
Rosebud Holiday Home Secretary

VACANCIES
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Annual General Meeting

We had another enjoyable AGM on Sunday 22 Oct at 79 Mahonney’s Road, Forest Hill. We had 21 people present.

We heard reports on all aspects of DATAs work which can be found elsewhere in this ShoeString.

We presented a life membership Certificate to the Yarrawonga Hospital Dialysis Unit.

The Clinical Co-ordinator, Melissa Moat, accepted the award on their behalf. Melissa told us that the Unit has always worked closely with DATA and she was thrilled to accept the life membership for the Yarrawonga Dialysis Unit.

A similar Life Membership Certificate will be given to Rosebud Hospital Dialysis Unit but this will be presented at their Unit in November.

A light hearted interlude was given by Richard Codron who gave us a few laughs to add to our enjoyment of the day. Richard has a connection to DATA through his daughter who has a transplant.

The meeting concluded with the Election of the Committee for 2018

**President**  Sue Hatzimichalis
**Secretary**  Charlie Ball
**Treasurer**  Vicki Abbetangelo
**Vice President**  Peter Collins

**Ordinary Members**

Alan Rawson
Angela Lindsey
Elaine Hennessey
Ron Hennessey
Darren Hennessey
Ken Smith
Christine Coleston
Nick Hatzimichalis
Joan Eastwood
Ros Ball

**Congratulations Committee members.**

The raffle was drawn and the Winners were:

- **First Prize:** $800.00 Voucher
  Graeme Pickering
- **Second prize:** $400.00 Voucher
  Simon David
- **Third Prize:** $150 Voucher
  Heather Barnstable

**Congratulations all the winners.**
## Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

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We don’t pay our volunteers because they are worthless, but because they are **priceless**.
# Statement of Financial Position

**As At 30 June 2017**

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<td>Financial assets</td>
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2017 Annual Treasurer’s Report

We are a Not For Profit Organisation – holding PBI (public benevolent institution) and DGR (deductible gift recipient) status’, registered for GST, Association Incorporated in Victoria. With these status titles comes a great responsibility to be a well informed treasurer, this occurs with guidance from the previous treasurer, access to External Management Businesses and keeping informed about upcoming legislation and changes in the Not For Profit Sector.

A big thank you to Joan Eastwood for her guidance, support and friendship as I have completed my first year as Treasurer. At times, I have felt that I could have been annoying her with my questions and queries, however she was ever gracious as she is ever patient. Thank you Joan, and thank you to the rest of the Committee members (especially Charlie and Sue) for their patience and understanding as I became more familiar with the day-to-day business activities. I am looking forward to continuing to serve you, the DATA members, to the best of my abilities.

Financial Position comparing 2016 vs 2017

1. DATA’s Assets remain the same as previous year.
   • 5 Term Deposits to the value of $1,699,650.
   • 2 Holiday Homes – Rosebud to the value of $700,000 and Yarrawonga to the value of $348,000.

2. Analysis between 2016 and 2017 – essentially DATA:
   • Saved $16,000 on renting Blackburn – with thanks to John Podolak sourcing and securing our Forest Hill office site at a special Whitehorse Council Community rate.
   • Saved $3,000 by changing from an Audit to a Review (Saward Dawson) – which still required the same preparation and level of interaction between DATA and Saward Dawson.

   Allowing us to spend on:
   • Spent $4,000 extra on an office facilitator which helps us comply to the tenancy rules under the Whitehorse Council Community rate. Big Thank You to our Office Facilitator Gwen Lever who does a wonderful job keeping our office running smoothly and is always ready to assist the Committee members with additional tasks – her dedication is commendable.
   • Spent $4,000 extra on up-grading our ShoeString publication – Thank you to Trudy Robson’s inspired ideas and execution.
   • Spent $10,000 on the holiday homes – improvements and garage repairs in Yarrawonga (which was negated by the other parties insurance claim).

3. Grant Income of $1000 will be explained by Altona Group Representative’s report.

4. Rental Income will be explained further by the relevant Home Secretaries’ reports.

Please ring the office if you would like a copy of DATA’s financial report from Saward Dawson to read at home and I will be happy to answer any questions/queries you may have. Please make contact through the DATA Office on Ph: (03) 9894 0377 or email: info@datavic.org

Additional information: The Saward Dawson Management Letter (11 pages) is also available to take home to study. This document is a managerial study of DATA which includes a number of matters to be considered, together with recommendations for improvement. This letter also lists upcoming changes and regulatory reforms as outlined by the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission (ACNC).

I have had a lovely year getting to know the other Committee members and the Altona Group and hope to widen this association with other DATA members in the coming year.

Vicki Abbatangelo
Treasurer

FANTASTIC EVENTS IN THE PIPELINE FOR 2018

February
Coffee & Cake at the Forest Hill office.

March
Lunch at Frankston with a visit to the sand sculptures on the foreshore.

April
Day outing. Docklands to Port Arlington and back on the Ferry.

May
Coffee & Cake at Fairfield Boathouse.

June
Maribyrnong River Cruise.

July
Christmas in July.

August
Indoor bowls or ten pin bowling.

September
Day Rail & Sail: Steam train to Geelong and return by the Victoria Star Ferry (or vice versa).

October
Royal Botanical Gardens Cranbourne.

November
Christmas Party.

We always appreciate any ideas from you for other events or outings.
**Christmas Picnic BBQ**

Sunday 26th November starting at 12 noon
Swamp Gum Car Park Picnic Area
Westerfolds Park Templestowe

Bring your own meat, salad etc. We will supply some slices and fruit platters, tea, coffee and cordial.

Vehicle entry is from: Fitzsimons Lane, Templestowe (Melway 33 G2)

**RSVP by Wednesday 22 November**
by calling the office on 9894 0377 or email to info@datavic.org

**The Diamond Valley miniature railway is just a short distance away**
(5 minutes by car) at Lower Eltham Park. Add to the days excitement and take a ride on one of the 1/6th scale trains. Tickets are just $3.00.

**Public Transport Options:**
The 901 Smart Bus and the 902 Smart Bus both run past the park along Fitzsimons Lane. The 901 connects with the train at Greensborough Station and the 902 connects with the train at Eltham Station. Let us know if you plan to come by public transport as we may be able to arrange to pick you up from the station or bus stop.

Check out the Parks Victoria web site for more details about the park:
Have a laugh

OLD FRIENDS
Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years, they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards. One day, they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad at me. I know we've been friends for a long time but I just can't think of your name. I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is." Her friend glared at her. For at least three minutes she just stared and glared at her. Finally she said, "How soon do you need to know?"

SENIOR DRIVING
As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 77. Please be careful!" "Hell," said Herman, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"

I don't care what day it is. Four hours is four hours.
Coffee & cake at Fed Square

Lunch at D’Lish Fish
Christmas Picnic BBQ
Sunday 26th November
Keep a look out in upcoming issues for our great line up of events for 2018

Some web pages of interest
www.homedialysis.org/news-and-research/blog
www.nwkidney.org
www.peninsulahealth.org.au/
www.worldkidneyday.org
www.carl.org.au
www.australiandialysisbuddies.org
www.greendialysis.org
www.transplant australia.org.au
www.homedialysis.org/news-and-research/blog
www.bigdandme.wordpress.com
https://scribeschool.net/urinary-excretory-system-info-for-scribes.html

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