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ROXANNE KAVANAGH STEPS DOWN AS CHAIRMAN OF TA VIC /TAS

Roxanne Kavanagh, who has been Chair of Transplant Australia's Victorian/Tasmanian State Committee for the last 24 months, has decided to hand over the reins.

The heart-lung recipient, who received her transplant in 1994, wrote, "After two years, (and a pretty full on 2016), I feel that it is time to take a break. I will still see you at some of the events throughout the year.

"Thanks for all the help and laughs."

The Vic / Tas Committee thanks Roxanne for her time as Chair and wishes her all the best in the future.

Photo Right Roxanne presenting Terry Holyoak with his Most Supportive Male Competitor (at The recent Australian Transplant Games) Trophy.



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017

Happy New Year to all our Members and Friends. Wishing you all a healthy and fulfilling year.

The Committee has already organised and booked a number of events for you, your family and friends to participate in.

20 people attended a BBQ and Petanque day in Geelong on Sunday 22nd January. It was a beautiful sunny day. Great food, great company and lots of laughs teaching how to play Petanque (who needs rules??).

The annual Australia Day is a popular one seeing our group promote Organ and Tissue Donation by walking in the parade along Swanston Street, Melbourne.

Check the Diary for a Picnic at the Blue Lotus Gardens in Yarra Junction in February.

March will see us Barefoot Bowling and getting some coaching at the Yarraville Lawn Bowling Club.

April is a stint at Ten Pin Bowling in Geelong followed by a lunch.

If you have ideas of functions that you'd like to organise or have the committee look into please call one of the listed members above.



We are always looking for new members to sit on the State Committee too, feel free to attend a meeting and see if you are interested. If you regularly attend our functions and are usually present anyway, why not join our committee.

Branch meetings are generally held at 10am on the last Sunday of every second month or prior to a listed function.

Positions on our Committee are: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Donor Family Co-ordinator, Junior Co-ordinator, Community Engagement Program Co-ordinator, Regional Co-ordinators (eg Gippsland, Geelong, Bendigo, etc), Fundraising Co-ordinator and General Committee

Photo Left shows Alan Chrystie (Community Engagement Program Coordinator) and Linda Daws with their tied Trophy awarded to our Outstanding Supporter at the ATG. (All trophy Winners were all listed in the last newsletter.)

A Good News Story on Transplantation from 2016.



Funding boost, organ donor generosity saving a record number of lives, Federal Government says.

By Dom Vukovic and Chloe Hart (ABC News site 15/01/2017)

A \$250 million funding boost by the Federal Government to the nation's organ donation system has seen a 16 per cent increase in the number of Australians deciding to donate their organs.

Last year organs from 503 people who died were donated to almost 1,500 recipients across the country, according to the figures

from the Government's 2016 Australian Donation and Transplantation Activity Report, which is due to be released next month.

Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care Ken Wyatt said it was clear that people's generosity combined with the government's campaign to raise awareness was saving lives.

"The decision to donate is one of the most selfless acts not only for the person receiving a lifesaving transplant but their families, friends and the communities they live in," Minister Wyatt said

"By registering on the Australian Organ Donor Register you are letting your family know your intentions at an incredibly difficult time.

"I think [the Government's campaign] has been effective, it's had people thinking about it."

Mr Wyatt said the previous year also marked a change in living donation rates "with our second-highest number of living donors since 2010".

"In 2016, 267 people received a living donation compared with 245 in 2015, an increase of 9 per cent," he said.

"This included 44 transplants under the Australian Paired Kidney Exchange Program."

Further changes, improvements needed

But despite the positive results, Mr Wyatt said the Federal Government would re-examine the donor system to find more ways to increase donor consent rates going into 2017.

"Look, we are reviewing our campaign now to look at other ways of reaching into broader Australian society and we will make effective use of the resources that we have."

He said momentum was growing for Australia's organ donor register to switch from an "opt-in" system to an "opt-out" one.

Currently, a person has to choose to be a donor or not, and if they sign "yes" on the register then family members still need to give their consent before the organs will be harvested.

Mr Wyatt said there was momentum for talks with states and territories about changing the system so that potential donors can "opt out" of requiring their family's consent as well.

State and territory governments have historically stayed away from making any legislative changes.

"I am prepared to have that discussion — whether they're prepared to put in place legislation for an opt-out policy," Mr Wyatt said.

"These results [increased donor rates] are a testament to what is possible when we work together on a common goal."

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-01-15/govt-funding-organ-donor-generosity-saving-record-lives/8183628>

Transplant Australia is supported by the Australian Sports Commission.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 12 th 2017	Blue Lotus Water Gardens, Yarra Junction. Picnic day at this amazing venue. Check the flyer for details.
March 5 th , 2017	Barefoot Bowls, Yarraville Footscray Bowling Club, Starts at 1.30pm or come earlier for a buy your own lunch. Coaching on the day check the Flyer.
April 30 th , 2017	Geelong Ten Pin Bowling Day. Geelong Bowling Lanes, Reynolds Road, Belmont. Start 10.15am. Followed by lunch at Panache, Waurn Ponds if interested, check the flyer.
May 28 th , 2017	Tombstone Fundraiser.
25 th June, – 2 nd July, 2017	World Transplant Games – Malaga, Spain.
July 29 th , 2017	State Lunch, Christmas in July Theme. Doncaster.
September 17 th , 2017	Ten Pin Bowling, Moorabbin.
October 22 nd , 2017	Badminton come 'n' Try, Keysborough. TBA.
December 3 rd , 2017	Christmas Function. Mini Golf, La Trobe Golf Park, Bundoora.
2019	World Transplant Games – Newcastle Gateshead, UK.

It is essential that anyone attending an event RSVP if requested. Numbers are needed for bookings, catering, etc. It becomes really difficult if people just show up unannounced!

FYI. An accommodation subsidy is available for financial members travelling over 75km (one way) to attend TA Vic / Tas functions and staying overnight. Please submit your accommodation receipt to the Treasurer Karen Knuckey, 20 Holyrood Ave, Newtown, 3220 for a \$50 rebate. Please include your name and the function attended.

MEETING DATES FOR 2017

Meetings for 2017: First meeting of the year to be Sunday 29th January at 10am at Windy Hill. Corner of Napier Street and Brewster Street, Essendon. Contact the Secretary if you wish to come along, add things to the agenda or have any questions regarding meetings. Brooke Huuskas bhuuskas@gmail.com 0417 238 468, Become a social club member at Windy Hill. Collect the membership form at the front desk.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS - Victorian and Tasmanian Members

Family membership is \$30, Single \$20. Donor Families are Free. Living Donors are free, but if the recipient lives in the household and a family membership is requested the fee is \$30.

Transplant Australia has a new Membership Portal powered by RegOnline. All details can be found at the website

<https://regonline.activeglobal.com/register/login.aspx?eventID=1543279&MethodId=0&EventSessionId=>

Please pay your membership fees on this system, if you don't have a computer, credit card or do not use your credit card online you will need to renew your membership or join by contacting Chris on 9754 4736 or ringing the Sydney office on 02 9922 5400. This system sends reminders a week before membership needs renewing and also has the direct debit feature. Cheque payments will be processed by the State Treasurer.

CHECK OUR WEBSITE – www.transplant.org.au

Facebook - www.facebook.com/TransplantAustraliaVicTas

Any member using the EFT payment system must include their name and reason for payment e.g. Jane Smith, State Dinner. Please email Karen Knuckey, the Treasurer, so she can check / confirm the transaction - nuckster@ncable.net.au

EFT – Date funds transferred: Transplant Australia Ltd (Vic/Tas)
BSB 033062 Account 402639 Reference: Your name & “reason for payment”

WELFARE

Please let our Welfare Officer Karen Knuckey, 0423 021 984, nuckster@ncable.net.au

Or one of the committee members knows of any member who is having some problems, there may be some way that TA Vic / Tas can help.

TASMANIA

If anyone from Tasmania is interested in being part of the Vic / Tas Committee or running a function in Tasmania please contact the Secretary Brooke Huuskas. 0417 238 468, bhuuskas@gmail.com

TRANSPLANT AUSTRALIA IS COMING TO TASMANIA!

A function for TA Tasmania members is being proposed for Sunday 19th March 2017.

This would be a tenpin bowling function to be held in Launceston, at Launceston Lanes, Kings Meadows followed by a social lunch. Cost of tenpin bowling will be subsidised by TA Vic/Tas.

This event will only go ahead if there are sufficient numbers of members interested in attending. Please contact Karen Knuckey if you would like to come along: email nuckster@ncable.net.au or text 0423 021 984 by 31st January 2017.

CARER'S GROUP

Get your 2017 diaries out.....

4th Feb 18th March 29th April 17th June

And this year....19th November will be our final meeting of the year.

Usual time – 11am, usual place – Yarraville Footscray Bowling Club.

I will endeavour to send out reminders prior to meetings, if in doubt email or text me 0423 021 984.

Please RSVP your attendance.

Cheers, Karen

RSVP & enquiries or to arrange private counseling, contact Karen 0423 021 984 or via email nuckster@ncable.net.au

If you are unable to attend but would like to in future or wish to receive emails, please register your interest.

DONOR FAMILYS GROUP AUSTRALIA

A Facebook site can be found at - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/219966401436603/>

The webpage is www.donorfamilies.com/news/ - you can view the groups' newsletters here.

Join in the discussion with donor families, recipients, read their stories.

Leanne Campbell (Donor Family Coordinator) on 0422 123 014 / riclean@tpg.com.au if you need to discuss anything or have questions regarding Donor Families.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

Information on how to go about being a 'Community Champion', please contact the CEP Co-ordinator Alan Chrystie 1969albear@gmail.com

To donate life, discuss it today. OK For more information visit www.donatelife.gov.au

BLUE LOTUS WATER GARDEN

2628 WARBURTON HWY, YARRA JUNCTION

SUNDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 2017

Meet in the carpark at 9.45 SHARP.

Tickets for entry will be issued.

BYO: Lunch! Bring a picnic or buy food from the Café.

We have a sheltered, seated area reserved for our group.



Cost: \$5 for financial members, \$17 for non members

RSVP ESSENTIAL: Email Karen nuckster@ncable.net.au

by 1st February 2017.

No late replies accepted. Cheques/money orders payable to "Transplant Australia"

To Karen Knuckey, 20 Holyrood Ave, Newtown 3220

Or direct deposit:

BSB 033062 Acc 402639

Reference: Your surname & "Lotus"

bluelotusfarm.com.au



BAREFOOT BOWLS

When: Sunday 5TH March 2017
12noon – Lunch in the Bistro (buy your own)
1.30pm – Barefoot Bowls



Where: Yarraville Footscray Bowling Club, 339a Francis Street, Yarraville.
Price: \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members
Includes: 2 hours Barefoot Bowls, coach & equipment
R.S.V.P. by 26th Feb to Karen text 0423 021 984 or via email nuckster@ncable.net.au

Cheques/money orders payable to "Transplant Australia" to Karen Knuckey, 20 Holyrood Ave, Newtown 3220 or direct deposit: BSB 033062 Acc 402639 Reference: Your surname & "Bowls"

** Bowlers must be over the age of 13 **

Geelong Tenpin Bowling



When: Sunday 30th April 2017, 10.15am
Where: Geelong Bowling Lanes, 49 Reynolds Rd, Belmont
Price: \$5 for members, \$15 for non-members
Includes: Two games and shoe hire
R.S.V.P. by 23rd April 2017 to Karen via text 0423 021 984 or via email nuckster@ncable.net.au

Please advise whether children require Bumpers.

Lunch following for those interested at Panache, Waurn Ponds Shopping Centre.





21st World Transplant Games, Malaga, Spain 2017

Start Date 25th June 2017

End Date 2nd July 2017

The WTGF President and Council are pleased to announce that the 21st World Transplant Games will be held in Malaga, Spain in 2017. <http://wtgmalaga2017.com/>

On Sunday 25th June 2017, in the Malaga's unique Plaza de Toros, the opening ceremony will feature a team parade and opening speeches, together with several performances intended to surprise participants.

Registration Information. <http://wtgmalaga2017.com/en/registration/>

Registration is now open, Medical Certificates can now be downloaded and need to be filled in, your transplant specialist is required to fill in one of the forms and they are to be sent to Transplant Australia by February 28, 2017 to allow time for them to be approved by the Team Doctor and be forwarded to the Local Organising Committee in Malaga.

For information about the medical forms please click on the link: <http://wtgmalaga2017.com/en/medical/>

Pay prior to 10th February, 2017 and you will get an early bird discount of 60 Euro, All payments are due by 16th April, 2017.

Travel Insurance:

We are pleased to inform you that Transplant Australia has now secured travel insurance with Malton Road Insurers for all members of the Australian team.

The Sydney office can supply you with details of this policy.

Contact the Sydney office for any information you require on 02 9922 5400.

Team uniforms are being 'fine-tuned' a list will be sent to all members who have expressed an interest in attending the WTG, once you gain you can request the Sydney office to email this or post. Alternatively the Team Manager Marg Hill would be happy to send it - Mag.Hill@bigpond.com



GAMES FUNDING PROGRAM

All financial members are eligible to apply for the TA Vic/Tas Games Funding program.

The funding program is operated as a points system – you accumulate points for any branch activity you attend or by participating in Organ Donation promotional activities (this does not include activities organised by other organisations).

Points are then converted into money paid to you as a refund after the next Games.

Points may be held until used for 3 years. Accumulation of Points begins from the date of your application to the program. If points are not used within the 3 year limit, they are deleted.

Anyone who received a Games Refund for the Western Sydney Games will automatically be kept in the Games Funding Program.

If you wish to apply to be part of the Games Funding Program for future Games, or have any questions, please email the Treasurer Karen Knuckey nuckster@ncable.net.au

CONGRATULATIONS.

Congratulations to member recipients who reach the following milestones in November and December.

January

Jean Martinuzzo, Kidney, 21 years
Andrea Bryce, Kidney, 20 years
Gail Smyth, Kidney 15 years
Debbie Slater, Cornea, 11 years
Paula Hales, Kidney, 10 years

Jon walker, Bone Marrow, 20 years
Irene Difesa, Kidney, 19 years
Andy King, Double Lung 13 years
Marg Beattie, Liver, 11 years

February

Alan O'Meara, Liver, 26 years
John Purvis, Kidney, 21 years

Wayne Kelly, Kidney, 23 years
Sue Horsman, Liver 21 years