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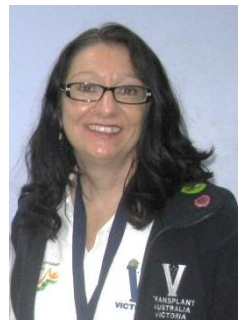
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – ROXANNE KAVANAGH

Big congratulations to all those competitors who travelled to either the UK or Argentina to represent Australia and help spread the word on organ donation at the Transplant Games. If you were lucky enough to come home with a medal, what a bonus. It is events like these which show us how small the world really is and how many friends we have far and wide. And we can all make a difference to the organ donation rate wherever we go.



Back home a big congratulations to the lovely Pollyannar for her outstanding success on The Big Picture. I hope that if you were able to attend the event, you took the opportunity to do so. Never before has anything drawn in the public and made them think the way The Big Picture has done.

In this newsletter you will see that our next event is on the 27 September 2015 at Windy Hill, Essendon. This is an all-rounder with the committee meeting commencing at 10.00am, a Postie Fashion Show and catch up with friends (many stories of travels to be told) in the function room at noon and lunch in the bistro for those who wish to stay and eat. I hope to see you all there, even if you only arrive at noon for the fun stuff. (Postie Fashions are kindly donating 10% of sales to Transplant Australia). Thanks to Cathy Guy for organising this fundraiser.

Roxanne Kavanagh
Chair - Vic/Tas

Transplant Australia is supported by the Australian Sports Commission.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27 th September, 2015	Post Games lunch at Windy Hill, after the committee meeting. RSVP to Chris – gtew2475@bigpond.net.au or 9754 4736 by 21 st September, 2015. Essential as the venue need numbers to reserve tables. "Postie Fashion" fundraising sale just after the meeting (noon) before lunch. WTG participants invited to bring photos, share their experiences and show their medals.
29 th November, 2015	Christmas Function. Camberwell Petanque Club, start time 11am, lunch provided BYO drinks. Santa visiting after lunch! A Petanque competition will follow. Cost free for financial members and \$10 for other participants. More details will be in the next newsletter. Put the date in your diary!
23-30 th January, 2016	Tackers and Friends, a junior skiing competition. More information www.tackers.org or contact the Sydney office on 02 9954 5400.
24 th Sep – 1 st Oct, 2016	Australian Transplant Games – Western Sydney.
2017	World Transplant Games – Malaga, Spain.

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 2015,

Meetings for 2015 – September 27th, 2015 Windy Hill venue, followed by a 'Postie Fashion' fundraiser and Post Games lunch. 27th November, 10am, Camberwell Petanque Club prior to the Christmas function..

Contact the Secretary if you wish to come along, add things to the agenda or have any questions regarding meetings. Brooke Huuskes bhuuskes@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 link <http://www.transplant.org.au/Membership.html>

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"

Latest World Transplant Games Federation Journal is available on www.wtqf.org. Just scroll down the home page.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

Information on how to go about being a 'Community Champion', please contact the CEP Co-ordinators Marg Beattie beattiemarg@hotmail.com or phone 5278 5225 or Alan Chrystie 1969albear@gmail.com

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

THE **BIG** PICTURE



Donatelife Week is over and what a week it was in Melbourne. The whole city Square was dominated by the Big Picture. Huge numbers of people came and looked at this everyday asking questions signing up as organ donors, reading every story and taking photos.

A massive 41m long photograph with 113 people touched in some way by transplantation was on display during Donatelife week in the City Square, Melbourne.

Photographer Pollyanna Gibson came to the Vic/Tas committee of Transplant Australia with her idea of photographing transplant recipients, donors, donor families and those waiting for a transplant a mere 4 months before the final print was exhibited. Our Committee organised photo shoots around the state. We were very happy with the enthusiastic response we had from our members.

The week started with the launch on Saturday August 1 by the deputy Mayor of Melbourne. Many of the participants in the shoot were present including some who travelled from Bendigo.

The display stayed in the City Square day and night until Sunday August 9. It remained upright through wild wind, rain, people sitting on the back, children treating it as jumping castle and a large protest against racism.

It was amazing to see how many people passing by came up for a closer look, took photos and read all of the stories, so many signed or took away donor forms, some came in after seeing it on the news, others came to see their friends in the picture. The whole display was awesome.

Many thanks to Pollyannar for putting together such an amazing work of art that promoted discussion about organ and tissue donation. Thanks too, to all the volunteers who gave up time to 'man the stall' in really cold Melbourne weather!





WORLD TRANSPLANT GAMES 2015 ARGENTINA

The World Games in Argentina are now over.

The next newsletter will have results, photos and reports from our representatives. The next WTG will be held in Malaga, Spain – 25th June, 2017 to 2nd July, 2017.



Australian Transplant Games 2016 – Western Sydney.



The launch of the ATG 16 was held on March 16th in Western Sydney.

A promotional brochure can be looked at on the website www.transplant.org.au or just try this link

<http://www.australiantransplantgames.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Transplant-Aus-2016-Games-Brochure-Final.pdf> if you have no internet please phone Sydney on 1800 827 757 and ask for one to be posted.

Dragon Boat Racing is to be included and Victoria would like to have a team! Has any member done this before or have contacts with a club? Let us know.

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.

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 / ricklean@tpg.com.au if you need to discuss anything or have questions regarding Donor Families.

Leanne Campbell speaking on behalf of the Donor Families at the launch of the Big Picture and donatelife week.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Congratulations to member recipients who reach the following milestones in August and September:

Belinda Willoughby, Kidney / Pancreas, 10 years.

David Campbell, Kidney, 14 years.

Tony Wearne, Liver, 15 years.

David Wightman, Kidney 16 years.

Seona Martin, Kidney, 18 years.

Janet Hammond, Liver, 20 years.

Patricia Still, Liver, 23 years.

Carol Rizzo, Kidney / Pancreas, 24 years.

Christine Murray, Heart, 14 years.

Mill Repse, Kidney, 14 years.

Nick Fiamengo, Kidney, 15 years.

Nada Malinac, Kidney, 16 years.

Jan Coates, Cornea, 19 years.

Mitchell McAlpine, Liver, 22 years.

John Mclean, Heart, 24 years.

Barbara Haggett, Kidney, 24 years.

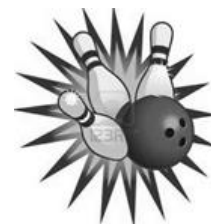
More Donatrelife Week Publicity.

Warwick Duncan had two articles by the RACV – one in the staff magazine and the other in the Royal Auto August edition. You can see the Royal Auto article here -

<http://www.racv.com.au/wps/wcm/connect/royalauto/home/my-membership/my-story/organ-recipient-warwick-duncan>

Karen Knuckey featured in a Geelong Advertiser article (3/08/15). 'Karen waiting for a second precious gift'. Karen has been added to the transplant list for a kidney at present spends up to 40 hours a week hooked up to a dialysis machine. A new kidney could change her life.

State Championship Ten Pin Bowling



State Championship Ten Pin Bowling was held today at Moorabbin. Congratulations to the following winners.

Male: Wes Evans (Gold), Mark Dinnar (Silver), Jose Lopez (Bronze). (Pictured below left)

Female: Donna Curren (Gold), Karen Knuckey (Silver), Christine Murray (Bronze). (Pictured below right)

Supporters Male: Allan Dinnar (Gold), Sean Kavanagh (Silver), Stephen Kennett (Bronze).

Supporters Female: Jenny (Gold), Rebecca Wain (Silver), Lorraine Lopez (Bronze)

Centre photo is of all our terrific junior supporters. Thanks to everyone who attended this event and Roxanne for organising.



STATE DINNER



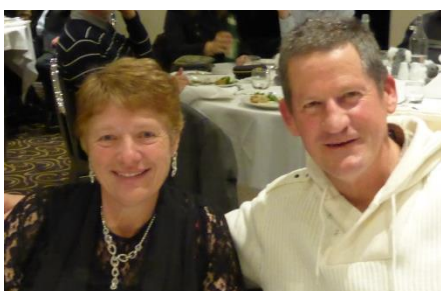
The State Dinner was held on Saturday 8th August at the Watsonia RSL.

Good to see some of athletes who are attending the World Transplant Games in Argentina.

The food was really very nice. Polyannar Gibson, photographer of The Big Picture was the guest speaker (after spending all week at the City Square and having to be back in early the next morning to supervise the packing up – one exhausted lady!) Polyannar told us how the project was started, her ups and downs getting the whole thing up and running, funding (thanks here to all donors and Mrs Holyoak) and having the whole exhibition photography, printing, having the blow up stand made all in 4 months!!!

Thanks also to Peter Wain and Karen Knuckey for organising this event.

WTG representatives at the dinner – photo top left Dave Howard and Nigel Goldsworthy, Centre Brooke Huuskes on the right, Photo top right Willy Labagala and Suzanne Halbish (right).



British Transplant Games 2015

The 2015 British Transplant Games were hosted by Newcastle City with the activities taking place at Gateshead Stadium and accommodation at the nearby University. Seventeen (17) Australians travelled to the UK to take part in sports such as, Tennis, Ten Pin Bowling, Cricket, Fishing (!) - [Gold to Terry Holyoak, what talent, but no fish for tea as he threw it back], Basketball, Volleyball, Archery and Athletics. And in usual form, the Aussies did well. The British were very happy to see us participate and have promised to send a team over to Western Sydney next year to try and get some of their medals back!

Following the conclusion of the games, travel around Europe included visiting places such as Amsterdam, Poland, Paris, Venice, Rome, Florence, Milan, Foggia and Prague. A fabulous time was had by all. We are indeed a new jet-setting family.



Gala dinner



Photos. Row One L to R – Kevin Green, Roxanne Kavanagh and Linda Petrovski, Terry Holyoak, Linda Irene Difesa and Roxanne.

Row Two – Opening BBQ, Kevin, Richard Hayes (QLD) and Terry.

Row Three – Girls Glammed up for the Closing Dinner, Boys Glammed up for the Closing Dinner.

Thank you Roxanne for sending this in.