

Annual fundraiser

We will be holding our annual fundraiser on Saturday October 27th, starting at 7pm.

Following on the tradition started by Wayne, with his FUNdraiser Quiz nights at his local bowling club, we plan an EXTRAVAGANZA quiz night, with a professional quiz master from "DJs R Us", snippets on the work of Dialysis Escape Line provided by DELA members, music, raffles, games, the works!

It promises to be a fabulous night, with a wine wall, treasure chest, and many other ways to take home a great memento of your evening.

We hope this change from our usual Gala Dinner will appeal to a new group of supporters, and be a financial success, so that we can continue to support dialysis patients to travel by organising the necessary medical support teams.

Please encourage anyone you know who lives in Adelaide to visit www.eventbrite.com.au to buy tickets to join in the fun.

Or why not come & join us yourselves? We have excellent dialysis centres in Adelaide and with adequate notice we would be happy to help organise your dialysis needs at one of these centres.

We would love to welcome you to our home city.



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OUTLOOK

Vale Wayne Cooper



Sadly, we lost our longest serving board member, Wayne, on Good Friday, aged only in his fifties. To read his story, go to your website, Dialysis Escape Line Australia, and click on "news", then the August 2016 newsletter.

Over the last eighteen months, Wayne had experienced frequent health issues and recurrent hospital admissions. Despite that, he continued to attend Board meetings on a Wednesday night, coming directly from several hours of dialysis and involving himself in the meetings with enthusiasm.

He was our ideas man, often thinking up new plans for fundraising, without which your charity would cease to exist. His was the thinking behind "DELA DAY", on which we encouraged you and your families to hold small (or large!) local fundraisers to assist us with the ever present need for funds to maintain our "Escape" holidays. He "walked the walk", hosting a fundraiser himself, with the help of his wife Helga, at least once a year. He was totally committed to DELA.

He always held out hopes for a further successful transplant, and very generously his sister offered to donate, and after many delays the operation went ahead in mid January. Unfortunately, despite the initial success of the transplant, there was a roller coaster of highs and lows over several weeks, as each new complication was treated, but ultimately Wayne lost his fight.

We will miss him enormously.

Many of you will remember him as a host on your escapes, joining you in dialysis, but always bringing his sense of fun with him.

In Wayne's words.....



"One of the life changing moments for me was joining Nancy and Enzo at DELA. I have seen firsthand that what we do as a charity is one of the best examples of people helping people. With DELA, I have been able to see people of all ages through their eyes and their disease. They have taught me to enjoy what I have, to laugh when you are able and just get on with life."



New member application

\$50 per person

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please circle one of the following:

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Peritoneal

Recipient

Supporter

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Postcards... from Tasmania

In March, a group of 14 dialysis patients and their families, took an 8 day cruise to Tasmania and Melbourne on Diamond Princess.

We welcomed some families, but also some solo travellers.

The group came together with nibbles and drinks, for a meet and greet, but much time was spent with independent travels, including catching up with friends and family in the various ports.

For the first time we were all wearing lanyards acknowledging DELA, as shown in the photos: several other passengers on the ship, seeing the lanyards, enquired about the charity.

Hopefully this can help spread knowledge about DELA to a wider audience.

This was one of the late Wayne's ideas and implementations.



1, 4. CARING: Our lovely nurse Caroline is coping brilliantly with the workload of long days of dialysis, making friends with Allan and Helga, both return "escapees".

2. AMBIENCE: The interior of the ship.

3. SPECTACULAR: Night photo of the ship, by Glenn Cottrell.

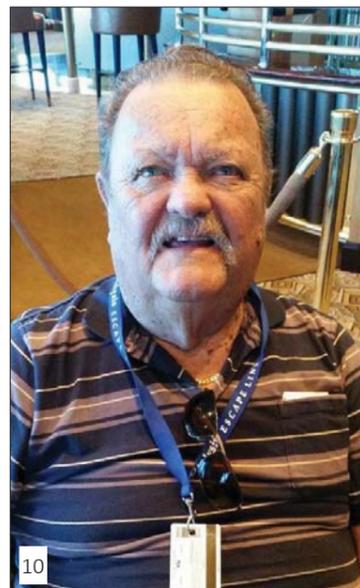
5. HISTORY: The DELA travellers enjoyed exploring the ruins at Pt Arthur.

6. FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD! Warwick and Brenda enjoy breakfast and reminisce about previous DELA trips.

7. THE END: All good things must come to an end. Our hard working dialysis nurse Lisa, technician Glenn and his partner Lynn, handled all the heavy packing up of equipment down in the ship's hold. A very different view of the Diamond Princess!

8, 9, 10. TRAVELLING: Some travel in groups, some travel alone, but all have a great time.

11. HAPPY: Keith agreed to a personal portrait to show his family and friends that he is being well looked after by the DELA nurses.



Peritoneal dialysis patients

The DELA cruise to Tasmania had the pleasure of welcoming two peritoneal dialysis couples, Gil and Marlene, and Geoff and Betty. They live in the country, out from Mildura, Gil and Geoff being retired farmer and orchardist respectively.

They did not know each other until recently, due to the isolating nature of dealing with dialysis in the home, with support from visiting nurses, but not the inclusiveness of a dialysis centre.

Betty set the ball rolling. The visiting nurses could not tell her of other families doing peritoneal dialysis due to patient privacy, so Betty gave her nurse her contact details to give to other patients on whom the nurse called. Marlene answered!

The families supported each other by friendly chats, until Marlene decided it must be possible to break down their isolation further by getting away from home for a holiday. Thanks to Google, she found DELA.

On the cruise, Gil and Geoff had the support of the travelling medical team provided by DELA for our haemodialysis patients: senior nephrologist, experienced renal technician in case of any equipment issues, and the tour hosts to deal with any problems



concerning access to day trips, wheelchair needs etc.

In addition, two excellent dialysis nurses were present in the DELA onboard dialysis centre, to help with weight checking and any other issues that might arise for our peritoneal dialysis travellers.

They had a wonderful time and are now planning further holidays supported by DELA. They have been very happy to have their story told to other dialysis patients, especially those patients on peritoneal dialysis, to encourage them to look at the possibility of a holiday.

DELA hopes more peritoneal dialysis patients will be encouraged to join us for a break from home in the near future.

Adelaide DELA Day

One of our volunteer DELA board members was approaching a milestone birthday in June. The "once in a decade" birthday!

So much had been written in our newsletters about members, or their families, committing to a DELA Day to assist with fundraising. One member had held a "casual dress" day at her work place. Another had made jam to sell. Yet another had donated beautiful handmade quilts to auction at our annual Gala Dinner. It now seemed the time to hold a DELA Day function in our home town.

So she held a "drinks & nibbles" party, and asked her friends to donate to DELA, rather than bring presents, one of the ideas we have suggested in the past as possible DELA Day activities to assist your charity.

To everyone's delight, her extremely generous friends helped raise an amazing \$4870 by donating on the night, or via the website. Even some unable to attend the party made donations.

So why not think about how you or your family could help DELA to continue its good work? Baking cakes or slices for sale, having a garage sale, hosting a games night at your home or social club? It not only helps the charity financially, it helps spread information about renal disease, treatment & dialysis.

One of her friends even commented about how much more interesting and enjoyable it was to be donating to a charity where she felt a level of personal involvement. It's hard sometimes to ask for donations, but comments like this help us to realise that those who know us are often happy to help, if we give them an opportunity.

THANK YOU!

We are always grateful to our supporters, who help us to continue the good work of DELA.

Thank you so very much to the following friends of DELA, who have donated so generously over the last six months.

- Wendy MacDonald
- Wayne Brady
- Angela Ferdinandy & Co
- Brooke Packham & Joe Cook
- Glenn & Wendy Mibus
- Peter Groves
- Caroline Robson
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- Shaun Mitchell
- Alicia Kaye
- Lea Payze
- Jodie & Rod Glen

We are also very thankful to Chris Eitzen & the Kensington Hotel, who donated the use of their function room for our Adelaide DELA Day.