

OUTLOOK

Meet your committee: Michelle

MICHELLE Lawson has been with the DELA committee for about two years, and brings a wealth of knowledge, expertise and experience with her, especially in relation to travel, fundraising and business development. She has a degree in Commerce from Adelaide University, specialising in accounting and marketing, skills we have welcomed on your Committee.

Her background in travel encompasses initially being an agent for Flight Centre, later State Manager for Trafalgar tours for 9 years, and then State Manager for Princess Cruises. This latter experience continues to be of immense benefit to us all: there's nothing like knowing the cruise personnel, the system, all the possibilities,

as Nancy and her team develop your planned escapes each year.

She has now moved on to a position as Business Development Manager for the annual Royal Adelaide Show,

a role that she confirms keeps her busy for twelve months, to pull together all the events of the hectic ten day show!



Her personal life changed significantly in 2009, meeting her husband Karl.... online! She happily embraced her new blended family, with three sons, biological brothers, adopted from India during Karl's first marriage.

Along with her multicultural family (Michelle is of Italian heritage), she shares her life with Bella, her Cavalier King Charles spaniel, whom she describes as "my shadow, all she lacks is the ability to speak, loving people, walks and going out for coffee".

(This theme of dogs features heavily in your DELA committee, but more of that later. Do watch your Facebook page!)

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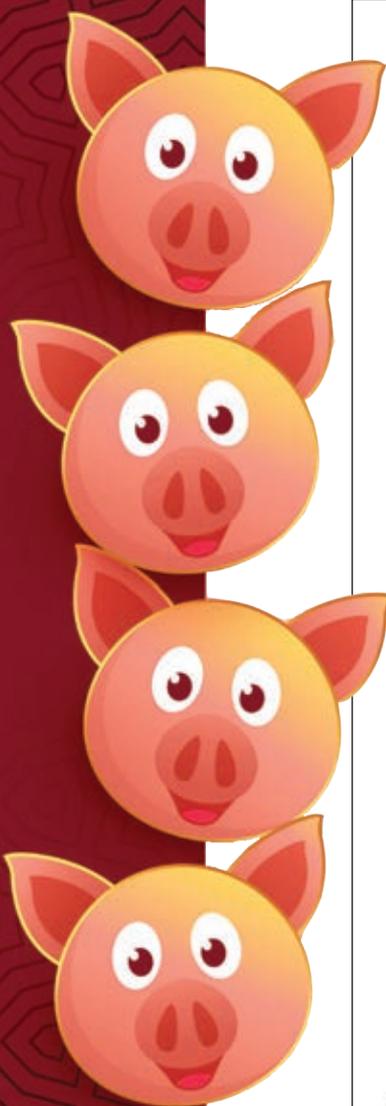


Don't forget to follow us on Facebook - just search for Dialysis Escape Line Australia!

Wishing you all a lovely 2019, with happy homes, tons of travel, and hopefully holistic health.

And an especially Happy Chinese New Year of the Pig!

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HAPPY
NEW YEAR
YEAR OF THE PIG



Fundraising - how you can get involved

Now we have Michelle Lawson on the Board, she is helping us to create an active fundraising cycle, in addition to our annual event.

We are trialling movie nights, and for the first night, we are visiting our historic Capri Theatre (run by volunteers, just like DELA) to watch *The Green Book*. If it is a success, this will become a quarterly event.

We encourage you all to like us on Facebook, so if you are living in Adelaide, you can see what we are doing, and get a group of friends together to support your charity.

And if you are interstate, but with friends here, please encourage them to attend our fundraisers.

It's your charity, and we need to get the news out there about what we do.



Meet your committee

With the sad passing of Wayne Cooper last year, Nancy has introduced a new member to the Board, Christine Russell. Her background is as a dialysis nurse, but more of that in her biography in a future newsletter.

For now, here is a photo of your committee, taken at the December DELA Board meeting. Welcome, Chris!



Many of you generously donate to DELA, as well as maintaining your membership.

Some of you may have heard of My Giving Circle. A banking institution provides funds to be distributed to charities as grants. The top charities, depending on the votes cast by readers and donations made to the charity via that website, receive a grant. DELA has registered with My Giving Circle in an effort to obtain a grant.

The next such grant distribution is the end of March.

Do look at My Giving Circle, and consider sending your donation in that way. It would be wonderful if we could obtain a grant, but of course this also helps spread the word about DELA.

Donations as always can be made via the DELA website, and every donation over \$2 is tax deductible.

Fun at successful quiz night fundraiser

As you know, in 2018 we decided to change the format of the annual fundraiser, and try a quiz night. This proved extremely popular, with about 200 attending the event in October : we filled the hall of the Hungarian Club. Guests came from far & wide, including Pt Elliot , an hour & a half's drive from Adelaide: furthest, however, was a friend from Paris. Yes, DELA is now internationally famous!



The hall was transformed for the night, with a DJ as quiz master, playing music to enhance the ambience. Games interspersed the rounds of questions; there were so many happy faces - especially those lucky enough to win, or to share a prize from the raffle.

Michelle Lawson, one of the committee members, gave a brief opening speech, explaining the work of DELA, but also acknowledging the years of service of the late Wayne



Cooper.

The only sad aspect of the night was the absence of our cofounder, Nancy Douglas-Irving, who was languishing at home, having torn her main tendon in the leg: confined to bed, in a cumbersome brace, forbidden from driving, only discharged from hospital that morning.

Following the success of that night, we have decided to follow with another quiz night this year, so we are currently researching venues.



Welcome to Adelaide

5-12 May 2019

Yes, it's not a cruise. But before you move to the next article, do read on.

Land based escapes are a special experience: more intimate, a chance to make friends easily, an easy option to build your confidence for a longer or more distant holiday. And in this case, a chance to meet your DELA Board!

We would love to introduce you to the sights of our city of Adelaide. We have created an excellent package for you, but in case you are wondering what else could tempt you to come here, here are a few suggestions.



Your City tour (included in your package) will showcase historic North Terrace, with its Art Gallery, Museum, University, Government House and overall, beautiful architecture and gardens.

Adjacent to Government House, the evocative Centenary of Anzac Memorial walk. We are justly proud of our Adelaide Oval, but perhaps consider enjoying a meal in its famous Henschke Hill of Grace Restaurant?

For a "day of degustation", breakfast at Magill Estate, nestled in the vines, ten minutes from the CBD; lunch at Mt Lofty overlooking the city; dine in the evening at Windy Point, taking in the city lights.

We are famous for our wine. Clare Valley and the Barossa are easily reached together, a scenic hour's drive from the city, or you could combine McLaren Vale and Langhorne Creek, driving on to Victor Harbor and Encounter Bay.

Animal and wildlife lovers would enjoy Cleland Wildlife Park, where the koalas escorted to the world-famous Longleat Park in the UK were raised and nurtured.

But if you don't fancy looking for places to visit independently, we have included two lovely trips already arranged for you...the Murray River, and a drive in the Adelaide Hills. So have a closer look at that email!

So what are you waiting for? Contact us now, before it's booked out, and you are disappointed!



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We acknowledge the sad passing of **Loretta Phillips**.

We extend our sincere sympathy to her family.

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