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Easter Newsletter

Well, it now feels like we have been in Nunyara House for ever! 18 months of consulting, and the battles with Gawler council, well and truly behind us. Hopefully you have all settled in.

Opening of the Northern Expressway has made Elaine's day a little more bearable (my words, not hers). I think she would argue that it would have been of more value if it was being used to transit patients away from, rather than to us; and if it had a Book shop and Tea House at the end of it!

Christmas eventually arrived with relief. This provided us with a brief and well earned break.



Practical joke of the year went to Trudy and Ron, with Cherie playing along! A Hirsute, sweaty, fatigued lady also requesting advice on weight management was booked in to see me on Christmas Eve as my last patient. The authentic referral (or so I thought) was provided in advance. Quite stubbornly she refused to be rebooked to an alternative appointment earlier in the week. For 2 weeks I whined to anyone who

would listen that this was how I would be finishing my consulting year! Fortunately when the time came she handed me a Beer rather than a list of excuses as to why she couldn't lose weight!

I don't think we have had too many hiccups over the last 6 months:

One computer on the front desk "fried it's hard drive" in the New Year. There are several theories why this occurred:

- Typing Mark's letters on "War and Peace"
- Rapid turnover of Screen Savers
- Down loading of the latest Wallmartians from the internet

Last year we had Bees in Mark's room, this year a dove, which was rescued by Cherie. I was assured that our Chimney tops were sealed over. A Volunteer to check if this is actually the case is welcome. Perhaps Mark pulled it out of his hat to impress a family?

January brought out the Lycra and Razors. Mark and I competed in the Mutual Community Challenge ride to Strath. I also rode another 160kms the following day in "Ride for a Cure".



On the Tuesday morning before, I arrived at 8am unannounced with Balloons and Streamers to decorate Nunyara House for Stage 2 as the Pellaton rode through Town. Cherie tried to argue that blowing up Balloons was not in her Job description. We didn't win a prize, but I felt better that we did our bit for the town!

We welcome Raj Singh and Kumaril Mishra to Nunyara House. Raj hit the ground running, picking up the pieces and the private practice of

Dr. Satha who finished consulting in town last year. I think it has been a shock for him coming from the Public system into a busy Private Practice, but he has settled in well. His presence alone should answer any inquisitive questions about why boxes of KY jelly have been arriving on our doorstep! (It's in our Land management agreement with Gawler Council that our Premises are to be used for Specialist Consulting only). Kumaril has started at a slower pace, but I am sure that it will not take too long for business to pick up. There has been a local culture of referring to the RAH and the expensive Adelaide Cardiology Service for several decades. This is now being challenged by the excellent support that LMH cardiology, which Kumaril is a member, has been providing the region, especially with rapid access for advice and management of Acute Coronary Syndromes.

I have had a few enquires from potential new tenants but I have not pursued them until thinking further about employing more support staff. I do not want to overload our girls on the front desk.

Elaine and I have been supervising an Advanced Endocrine Trainee on Mondays and Fridays, and also the occasional medical student. I must admit that this does add to the stress of keeping on time, which I define as running my usual 45minutes behind schedule.

The year ahead:

Our beloved front desk girl, Cherie has a hip replacement scheduled on the 10th of June. Our thoughts will be with her during her recovery. Elaine and I thought we would reduce the burden on the front desk during this time by taking a trip to New York City, Boston and Hawaii. Mark has followed suit and will be touring Europe. I am currently making enquiries into casual relief for Cherie (big shoes to fill, particularly her loyalty staying on with me during my 630pm finishes!). We anticipate that Cherie will be on leave for at least 6 weeks.

Sue is currently on leave soaring high in the skies somewhere.



Social Calendar:

Some of us managed to catch up at Uleybry Winery in December to celebrate the end of year. Christmas Eve was also celebrated at Nunyara House with afternoon tea and an abundance of Cheese and Cake. It will be nice for us all to catch up again including our families and the new members of the team perhaps in the Spring, which when you think about it isn't too far away.

On a final note, it is always nice when we are appreciated by our patients for the hard work we put in trying to look after them. One of us received Christmas greetings which included reference to a likening between them and world wrestling champion Chris Jericho. Kids do have wild imaginations!



Kind Regards,

Anthony Zimmermann

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