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Welcome to our Summer Newsletter. I trust everyone enjoyed their Christmas break, albeit a brief one for most. I love this time of year. Long days and dry heat. Sadly, it won't be long and we will notice the days starting to shorten. Leaving for work in the dark and getting home in the dark certainly isn't fun! Let's not dwell on that though because there is still time to enjoy the what's left, and autumn is also a lovely time of year.

Cherie turned 60 at the end of the year. Congratulations Cherie! We appreciate all of your hard work at the front desk and behind the scenes. Rumor has it that Tony Abbott plans to increase the retirement age up to 75 if he wins the next election ....

As you know I am currently on leave from the Lyell and definitely enjoying working part time in Private practice only. Trudy hasn't seen much more of me; she is describing herself as a "Cycling Widow" as I notch up the kilometers on the bitumen training towards 3 Peaks in the Victorian Alps, 240kms and 4000+ meters of elevation gained. I appreciate her tolerance of me and my hobbies. She is even letting me keep my new bike in the house! I also appreciated everyone's support during Ride to Cure Diabetes which I participated in again in January. The BUPA challenge was a good day as well, and it was great to see Mark out there comfortably riding the whole 130+kms, I think his biggest ever ride. Next year we might enter a Nunyar House team so be prepared to don the Lycra everyone! As an aside rumor has it that Alex has particularly appreciated admiring the extra well toned cyclists who have been gracing her roads in recent months. Truth has it she told me she nearly knocked me off the road while dropping her kids at childcare!



I believe business at Nunyar has been going smoothly. I recently saw my 10000<sup>th</sup> consultation at our rooms. I think our referrers and patients all appreciate the hard work we put in to trying to keep everyone healthy. Elaine's commitments at the Lyell have grown considerably where she has made huge inroads into moving the Division of Medicine into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Sadly she is no longer taking on new clients. She continues to consult fortnightly. The good news is that we have a new Clinician joining us in March, Dr. Parind Vora, an Endocrinologist and General Physician. He will initially start consulting on an alternate Tuesday for one session, but hopes to increase his time as his referral base grows. Parind promises me that he will be riding his bike by Christmas. I also hope to secure the services of Dr. Wilson Vallatt, a new fellow of the College of Physicians during 2013. He is a General and Nuclear Medicine Physician whose young daughter is enrolled to start school at Trinity College when the time comes. I hope this will be extra incentive to keep him in Gawler in years to come. His services will be appreciated in our rapidly growing community.



Some of you may have noticed the Police Baton in Cherie's top draw. I think the girls have a case of the hebby-gebbies follow the recent hold up at Dodd's deli across the road. Heaven help any potential thug who gets in the way of one of our ex-cop receptionists.



Mark's blood hound nose has detected a funky odor at Nunyara. I did some extra hard sniffing when I called in this afternoon to no avail. I was going to blame it on child vomit on the waiting room floor, but our carpets were cleaned in the last few weeks. I think it is just part of the character of our 100 year old house. I don't think there will be an easy solution to the problem. I urge all to be mindful of what they place in the inside bins. No left over tuna sandwich on a Friday afternoon please.

This week I am getting CCTV installed at Nunyara. I hope this will improve our security, act as a deterrent, and improve peace of mind. Installation should occur over the weekend and not interfere with consulting sessions. The added bonus is that we will also be able to keep an eye on Alex's face-booking and Sue's internet searching... (just kidding girls).

Next week Solar panels will be installed at Nunyara which I hope will reduce our utility bill and decrease our footprint. They are scheduled to go on the roof next Thursday and once again should not interfere with consulting sessions.

Our faithful typist Sue came in today during her week off recovering from cataract surgery to tackle the typing. Sadly Daryl's health has

deteriorated and he is undergoing further chemotherapy and is also expecting to receive radiotherapy in coming weeks. Our thoughts are with both Sue and Daryl. Sue may need to take time off during the year at relatively short notice. We will do our best to ensure that there will be minimal disruption to business at Nunyara. I thank everyone in advance for their understanding.

Finally, it has been some time since we have all got together out of hours. I would like to organize for us to have lunch again perhaps at Uleybury Winery on Uley Road. I was thinking either Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> of April. It would be a good opportunity to meet our new member of the team and also to see how much everyone's children have grown. Please let me know if you have a preference for one of these 2 dates.

I wish you all the best for the year ahead. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to improve your time working at Nunyara.

**Kind Regards,**

**Anthony Zimmermann**

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