

Christmas Party

Sunday 5th December 2010



To be held at 12 noon
Halliday Park
Mitcham Road, Mitcham

Melways ref : 48 J 7
Look for the DATA Signs

BYO everything
Table, chairs, umbrella, sunscreen,
BBQ meat, (BBQs available)
drinks,

BBQ, Sweets, tea & coffee, cordial provided.
Father Christmas will come at 3.00pm.
RSVP on the form below by 25th November 2010

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Return to PO BOX 165 Blackburn 3130

Name

Phone

Name of all adults attending

Child's Name

Age

M / F

Childs Name

Age

M / F

Child's Name

Age

M / F

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The Trip.

I am a 72 year old male with my own Hemo machine at home.

On about June 10 I bolted the machine into our caravan , hooked it on to our Falcon 1 tonne ute. with a canopy which I loaded up with dialysis stock , put our Dog in the back and headed off.

I live at Mildura and we went up the Darling river thru Pooncarie, Willcania, camping in the bush the first night and onto Bourke where we booked into a park so as to gain access to water and power and dialysed there.

We went over land to Brisbane , then up the coast to Townsville with bush camps alternated with a caravan park every second night. I did run into the odd spot where I could not dialyse as the bore water at the park had too high conductivity so on those occasions I came off and proceeded to another place the next night .

We left Townsville and headed across via Mt Isa [good water there] and the to Tenant Creek , which also had good water . From Tenant Creek we headed to Katherine, enjoying a swim in the beautiful Mataranka hot springs on the way, Good water at Katherine of course. We proceeded to Darwin where most of our children live so settled back in Darwin for about 4 weeks. I was able to park on our daughter's property and use their water and power so we were free to do all the activities we wanted to do in the top end as long as I was back at the caravan every 2nd or sometimes 3rd night.

I do not fuss too much because I do 8 hours overnight I can afford to go the extra night on occasions.

We left Darwin on about September 12 and headed back. As we have travelled the track up the centre many times we just headed for home, dialising at Katherine then at Tenant Creek, Alice Springs, Port Augusta, and then home.

All in all about 9000 Km's and 3 and a half months , The machine went well and we did not run out of stock as I had carried enough to last the distance

Geoff Schmidt Mildura

Ed : Well done Geoff makes us all green with envy

It was with pleasure and a privilege that I was president for this year. Throughout the year we held our usual gatherings, starting with the Christmas party in Haliday Park. Unfortunately the numbers of children attending, to meet Santa and receive a gift, are dwindling, and we may start holding the party at our house in Blackburn. The weather was just perfect and mainly spent under the big oak tree. Early in the year we held our new members BBQ, which also went very well. We get to show off our house and explain all about our holiday houses and assistance we supply to our members.

Our Christmas in July party, went very well and was as popular as ever. Unfortunately our quiz master was ill and unable to make it, so Sue (our secretary) managed to find a quiz off the internet. Games with balloons meant for a fun filled noisy night. Santa arrived with a bag of lollies for us all. I found the food was really good and many thanks to the cooks (and dishwashers) without whom the night would not occur.

Our garden at Blackburn was getting overgrown so we held 2 working bees. A good turn – up of helpers with their gardening tools meant things were chopped up, cut down and pulled out, and the big bin supplied free by “Better Bin Hire” was filled up. Then we all had lunch after the table was set up along the drive way. Our work being done it was time to socialize.

I would like to thank all of the committee for their work throughout the year; without them there would not be a DATA. We meet just once a month to discuss general business, such as the bills which need to be paid, and plans for our social days. I would like to ask any members here to consider joining the committee. We have committee members who have been active for many years and would like to reduce their commitment, but we often have trouble forming a quorum. This makes it difficult for any committee member to retire. For example, my husband and I have just bought a caravan and wish to spend some time travelling next year.

Coming here today, you may have noticed that the 2 houses next to us have been pulled down. A large block of 52 units is to be constructed 4 1/2 stories high. The street has been reclassified to high density housing. This will increase the number of vehicles and pedestrians along our street.

This may become a big turning point for DATA. *What will we do?*

Stay put and ignore the situation? Increase our off street car parking by pulling the shed down to get cars into the back yard?

Or sell up and move. If we move, where we will go, what sort of house shall we buy? Should we buy a separate office, or a house, like the one we have now, that includes an office, or a unit, for our guests, and an office elsewhere?

SO There is to be a one off committee meeting to be held at our house early in November. If anyone wishes to comment or has any ideas then please write t (our address on the back of SS and these ideas will be considered. This could be a turning point for DATA, in what we decide to do. So all ideas are welcome.

Ros Ball President

HOLIDAY HOMES

Yarrowonga

Current Vacancies Nil until March 2011 We do get cancellations

Fay and myself recently met with the Lioness Club of Yarrowonga to present them with a Certificate of Appreciation for their continuing support of the house in Yarrowonga. Apart from the donation of the microwave oven, the Lioness Club have given DATA a cheque of \$1150.00 to replace the curtains in the lounge room. We thank them for their generous gifts and look forward to their continued support.

If you are on haemodialysis and you need a holiday ring me or Roz Ball for Rosebud first to find out what weeks are available at the house then ring the Yarrowonga or Rosebud hospitals to enquire about if any of these weeks are available for you to dialyse. You need to book well ahead for next year. The area is looking wonderful with Lake Mulwala full, the hills and paddocks as green as I have seen them for many years.

When members arrive at the house for their holiday if they have a complaint about how the house has been left or an emergency with something not working, either let me know straight away or ring Ann Bonser at Yarrowonga, her name and number are on the notice board.

Our policy at DATA is that dialysis members get first preference for a holiday at both houses.

If you have booked the house but have not rung the hospital to dialyse, please, either you or your Renal unit ring the Yarrowonga renal unit 57438189 and book in.

If you have booked the house for a holiday you must confirm your booking within 3 months of going..

YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO SMOKE IN THE HOUSE. ANY MEMBER WHO DOES WILL BE DEALT WITH AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DATA COMMITTEE. WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE A BAN ON USING THE HOUSES.

Alan Rawson 22 Tarwin Drive Croydon 3136 0397233019

BLACKBURN HOME ANNUAL REPORT 2010

This year the house has been used quite a lot by our country members, which is fantastic. Whether you use it for your own pleasure or doctor/hospital visits, doesn't really matter the house is here to be used at reasonable rates so why not use it!

We have been carrying out some maintenance to the house over the last few months. We have had both the front and back wire security doors and inside door locks changed so you can open or lock them without a key. This way you can securely lock yourself in without deadlocking the door.

We have also changed the washing machine and have bought 2 new digital LCD 32" TV for both lounge rooms. We had considerable work done on the upstairs bathroom resealing the shower.

We had two "Working Bees" at Blackburn this year. I thank all that turned up with their garden tools and muscles (there was some very well gardening established weeds!!!) We cut down and trimmed trees, pulled out weeds and put rubbish in the Bin that was supplied by "Better Bin Hire". I thank Ken Smith for organising this as we kept saying "we won't get it all in". Ken (ever the optimist) kept saying "don't you worry I will get it in" and true to his words he did!! We all bought something to share for lunch and the weather was great so we set up the trestle tables in the driveway and sat around enjoying the food and each other's company, but I must say I didn't want to start again—I was quite happy to sit and relax!

Nothing else has happened that I need to report so thank you all that use the house and I look forward to hearing from you when you need to come to Melbourne.

Sue Hatzimichalis.

YARRAWONGA:

This years bookings at Yarrawonga were 41 weeks :

Dialysis 24 weeks Transplant 15 wks 6 weeks were cancelled.

House was closed for 4 weeks for painting.

YARRAWONGA

This year has been a mixed year, quiet a few cancellations mainly due to ill health but with 24 weeks of dialysis members holidaying it has been very successful., This year the house has been painted, and new bed-spreads, also we purchased a full HD Set top box for the TV which has improved the viewing. I thank the members who while on holidays always do the right thing in looking after the house.

We have had a new Microwave oven kindly donated to DATA from the Lioness Club Yarrawonga. Also the curtains in the lounge room were badly torn and needed replacing so the Lioness Club had a meeting and gave us a cheque for the full amount. I would like to thank Liz Ornsby from the Lioness Club for her kindness and her under standing of what these houses mean to people with renal problem, and thanks to all the ladies from the Lioness Club, also to George Robins from the Rotary Club who has a daughter with renal failure who also understands what our holiday homes are all about Thanks also to the Rotary Club, Mulwala Ski Club and the Services Club for donating money for our painting.

We thank Mellissa and the other renal nurses at the dialysis unit at the Yarrawonga Hospital for the job they do for DATA members who dialyze at the hospital.

My thanks go to the 3 Tony's , Skipper, Mosca and Beeston the Technicians from the Austin, Monash and the RMH for always being there for help and advise.

Thanks again to Ann and Frank Bonser and Greg Hoare for their help with the holiday homes. And also the continuing support of Margaret Corboy and Neil Clark from Retravision.

Alan Rawson Yarrawonga

Rosebud House Annual Report for 2010

The Rosebud Holiday House remains very popular with our members. The Rosebud Hospital (with sufficient notice) are happy to dialyse our members. Those members who home dialyse often use The Rosebud Hospital Dialysis' Unit for respite and the machine at the house is only used occasionally, but it is always checked by a renal technician prior to use.

At the beginning of the year a new T.V. aerial was installed, due to the old one being broken by a tree growing through it.

It was time to replace some aging furniture, so a new lounge suit, a new double bed and a single bed (the single bed was donated) were installed and a good second hand large T.V. was donated to the house.

Our holiday members help keep the price of rental low by ensuring the house is cleaned after their visits and this continues to work well.

4 people dialysed at the house, only one of these was on peritoneal dialysis. Perhaps more P.D. people should consider holidays there.

14 weeks were used by people who dialysed at the Rosebud Hospital.

The house was occupied for 44 weeks, with 2 weeks vacant and 6 weeks were cancelled. Despite efforts to fill the house for the full 52 weeks, I still feel this shows how popular and worthwhile the holiday house is.

Ros.Ball

Rosebud Holiday House Secretary.

Dear DATA Members and Friends.

Audited Financial Reports often contain unfathomable words and figures to non – accountants like most of us so I have, using the same figures that are written in the Audited Reports, converted the information to a straight forward CASH basis with the hope that the results will be more understanding to all. The result looks like this:-

1 Dialysis & Transplant Association of Victoria Inc.				
2 Yearly Comparison of Receipts and Payments 2009/10				
3 (Figures extracted from Audited Reports)				
4 CASH BASIS				
5 ITEM	2,010	2,009	NumDiff	%Diff
6 RECEIPTS (Pg10)				
7 donations	15,434	6,665	8,769	131.57
8 Memb Subs	4,981	4,651	330	7.10
9 interest received	29,536	41,772	(12,236)	(29.29)
10 rental income	22,858	27,608	(4,750)	(17.21)
11 grants	1,349	1,300	49	3.77
12 other income	7,270	8,579	(1,309)	(15.26)
13 Total Receipts	81,428	90,575	(9,147)	(10.10)
14				
15 PAYMENTS (Pg2)				
16 depreciation	13,557	15,035	(1,478)	(9.83)
17 insurance	6,225	5,689	536	9.42
18 utilities	5,365	4,989	376	7.54
19 donations	600	4,092	(3,492)	(85.34)
20 postage	2,972	2,778	194	6.98
21 printing & stationery	6,538	4,362	2,176	49.89
22 rates & taxes	4,033	3,807	226	5.94
23 maintenance	4,944	3,349	1,595	47.63
24 telephone	2,473	2,996	(523)	(17.46)
25 travel	4,335	3,245	1,090	33.59
26 social welfare	6,348	2,468	3,880	157.21
27 accounting	13,529	8,647	4,882	56.46
28 fundraising	1,970	2,136	(166)	(7.77)
29 other expenses	2,910	4,351	(1,441)	(33.12)
30 total expenses	75,799	67,944	7,855	221.14
31 SURPLESS				
depreciation removed	5,629	22,631		
32 (line 16)	62,242	52,909	9,333	17.64
33 CASH SURPLESS	19,186	37,666	(18,480)	(49.06)
34				
35 CASH ASSETS (Pg3) without trade receivables				
36 cash	25,877	35,022	(9,145)	(26.11)
37 term deposits	575,481	554,775	20,706	3.73
38 total cash	601,358	589,797	11,561	1.96
39				
40 PROPERTY REVALUATION (Pg3) every 5 years				
41 non-current assets	2,482,953	1,453,187	1,029,766	70.86
42				
43 TOTAL CASH ASSETS OR CASH EQUITY				
44				
45 cash plus property	3,084,311	2,042,984	1,041,327	50.97

Editor's Note: These Financial Reports have been put together by our Treasurer Lloyd Samuel. There will be a complete set of Audited Financial Statements (audited by SAWARD/ DAWSON of Blackburn) posted to our web site ASAP.

I indicated last year that I expected our interest from investments would be substantially less than previously. Line 9 above shows that we received 29.29% or \$12,236 less in bank interest than last year.

Other factors helped to contribute to the bottom line but after removing Depreciation (line 16) from the figures we see, at line 33, that the final cash position is in fact \$18,480 or 49.06% less than last year. Mind you, before the world wide financial crash the interest rates were relatively high and after the downturn were actually quite low.

The other factors that brought our cash surplus to about the average over the years were greater Donations to us (line 7) of \$6,665 over last year and fewer Donations to others (line 19) nearly \$3500. (Last year we subsidised nurses in one of the hospitals on a dialysis holiday with their patients that we did not do this year.) However, we did more publicity printing this year and the Accountants have included that expense with the usual printing at line 21.

Further, there was just under 50% more spent on essential maintenance on the homes (line 23). It should be noted that the actual cost to us was considerably less as Alan Rawson obtained many donations from clubs that were targeted to maintenance and replacing furniture (as already mentioned note line 7).

We spent more on accounting (line 27) which includes our paid bookkeeper and our professional Auditor and Accountant.

Note that while our overall Receipts (line 13) decreased by 10.1% our total Expenses (line 30) increase by some 221.14%.

Nevertheless, we had enough surplus to add to our overall Asset or Equity position shown at line 45 to have increased by 50.97%.

So with a reduced surplus than last year how come we had such a big increase in overall Assets? Every 5 years we are required by law to revalue our property assets and this was the year. As you know Melbourne has had a boom in property prices over the last few years and the result is our property assets are worth \$1,029,799 more than 5 years ago (line 41). That is up over 70%.

But, hang on you will be saying to yourself, Melbourne had a boon but it was not that big. And you would be right because there has been an unusual factor that has pushed the value of our Blackburn property here in Queen Street beyond the normal increase. You will have probably heard that the Whitehorse Shire Council has rezoned our Queen Street for higher density living and already several property owners in the Street have joined their blocks together and sold them to developers. Next door to us at numbers 16 and 18 joined together and sold and the new owners have obtained a Council Permit to build 50 flats in buildings 4 and 5 stories high.

The same thing is happening in 3 other joint blocks across the road and up the street. You can imagine the noise and dust and congestion in this narrow street for the next 5 years. We have approached our neighbour on the other side who is interested in looking at the prospect of joining us if we want to sell. The Committee is taking advice and will probably decide soon.

Our Blackburn property has been currently valued at 1.2 million and may be worth more if sold jointly with next door. Then there will be the discussion about what to do with the money.

So DATA is in a healthy financial state at present and we can fulfill our current rolls to our Members. But the Committee needs people to continue the good work. As you can see, we will need people to volunteer to contribute to the challenges we will inevitably face.

I'd like to thank Sue Hatzimichalis and our bookkeeper, John Hulskamp for their assistance in implementing internet banking. Sue's help has been invaluable. We now pay virtually all our bills online in a secure 2 signature system which accords with the requirements of our Rules.

In conclusion, DATA is financially solid but needs direction and people. I look forward to an interesting financial year.

Lloyd Samuel, Treasurer.

FINANCIAL REPORT

To Dialysis & Transplant Association of Victoria Incorporated
ABN: 40 628 284 998

From SAWARD/DAWSON
Chartered Accountants

Independent Audit Report to the members of Dialysis & Transplant Association of Victoria Incorporated
Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Dialysis & Transplant Association of Victoria Incorporated (the association), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2010, and the income statement, the statement of changes in equity, the statement of cash flows, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (Victoria) and are appropriate to meet the needs of members. The committee's responsibilities also include establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report. The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (Victoria). We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

To Dialysis & Transplant Association of Victoria Incorporated
ABN: 40 628 284 998

Independent Audit Report to the members of Dialysis & Transplant Association of Victoria Incorporated

Qualification

Completeness of income

Donations and receipts from memberships and property rentals are a significant source of income for The Dialysis and Transplant Association of Victoria Inc. The association has determined that it is impractical to establish strict controls over the collection of such receipts prior to entry into its financial records. Accordingly, as evidence available to us regarding the revenue from this source was limited to amounts recorded in the bank account, our audit procedures with respect to income were restricted to the amount recorded in the financial records. We therefore are unable to express an opinion on the completeness of income.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, except for the qualifications noted above the financial report of Dialysis & Transplant Association of Victoria Incorporated presents a true and fair view, in all material respects of the financial position of Dialysis & Transplant Association of Victoria Incorporated as of 30 June 2010 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements

Saward Dawson Chartered Accountants

Tim Flowers
20 Albert St Blackburn VIC 3130



Congratulations to the Ron Jones Educational Award winners. This award is given to commemorate Mr Ronald Jones AOM . who worked tirelessly in the early days of DATA raising funds to establish the Association of DATA The winner was Mark Thomson. Encouragement awards to Michaela Pratt, Anna Thomson, and Malin Abeyratne. Mark and Anna Thomson were unable to be at the AGM.

Left is Malin Abeyratne receiving his award from Mrs Jones . And on the right is Michaela Pratt.and Mrs Jones



At the AGM

On the left Chairperson Ros Ball and our longest living Transplant (40 years) Barbara Noom at the AGM in October 2010. Barbara is a sprightly as ever!

Below:

At Yarrawonga

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation given to the Lionesses Of Yarrawonga (As mentioned in reports pge 4) From left to right Jan Stephens, President, Alan Rawson DATA Anne Bonser DATA , Jennifer Dyson, Secretary, and Fay Rawson DATA.



Sorry to hear that

Rosie Oliveira from Geelong passed away in September. Rosie was wife to Bert, and mother to Nicholas.

Rosie had several transplants, and had had her share of dialysis too. Rosie was a member of the DATA Committee at Geelong. We appreciate the ten years she worked with that Committee. She will be sadly missed both by the Geelong Committee and by her friends in Melbourne DATA.

FRANK PHELAN

Passed away in September.

Frank was always supportive of Committee, always present at working bees, packing Shoe String, and BBQs at Blackburn. Frank was a transplant patient but suffered with other ailments. Frank was always cheery and non-complaining. We will miss his happy face at DATA. Our thoughts are with Elizabeth and the family as she faces life alone.

Annual Report from Editor of Shoe String

Shoe string is the backbone of the Dialysis & Transplant Association.

The information we provide is vital to our members. The Holiday Homes information, up and coming events, personal stories and a few funnies to brighten your day.

I, as Editor, would like to say I truly appreciate the contributions I have had throughout the year. Unfortunately I sometimes find items with information arrives too late for the appropriate edition of Shoe String, and for this I apologise.

The entire committee helps with the production of Shoe String my thanks to Sue for standing in for me when I was unavailable, and for all those Holiday Homes updates Alan and Ros. To Elizabeth Phelan who organises the packing of SS often under very difficult circumstances. We are grateful.

I would like to thank the team at Copy Cat Printers who get the magazine printed and to packing stage.

To all the packers every second month big thank you. It is a most enjoyable day to catch up with friends and chatter while packing the mags. in the envelopes. We will miss Frank Phelan from this happy tribe.

We post over eight hundred Shoe Strings to members in Victoria and some interstate and a few overseas. We have six editions every year – January, March, May, July, September, November.

We desperately need someone who can take over as Editor. My circumstances have changed somewhat, and I am not as 'in touch' with kidney disease as I was. I would like to spend more time at Rawson and more time in the garden so I will retire at the end of this year 2010. I feel it is time that I moved on. I would like to see Shoe String continue to be a vital part of Dialysis & Transplant Associa-

Dad's Car -negotiations

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said he'd make a deal with his son: 'You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car.'

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, 'Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut. The boy said, 'You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair...and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair.'

You're going to love the Dad's reply:

'Son, did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?'

Examination Brilliance!

If, as claimed, the following information was genuinely taken directly from exam papers completed by 16 year old students, we should be very, very, worried.

Q: Name the four seasons

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar

Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink?

A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like

grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists

Q: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire

Q: What causes the tides in the oceans?

A: The tides are a fight between the earth and the moon. All water tends to flow

towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature abhors a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins the fight

Q: What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on?

A: If you are buying a house they will insist that you are well endowed

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental

Q: What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A: He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery (So true)

For girls only - Why men aren't allowed to take messages note on the fridge says:

Someone from the Gyna Colleges called . They said the Pabst Beer is normal . I didnt even know you liked beer

Dates to Remember



Christmas Party Halliday Park 5th Dec 2010
see front page for details

Carers get together Friday 26th November

At Blackburn 6.30pm BYO plate of food to share. You must ring DATA and tell us you are coming 9894 0377 leave a message.

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Our thanks to all who contributed to this edition.
We would like to hear your story please write and tell us how you deal with kidney failure.
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The views expressed in the editorial and contributed items are those of the authors and are not necessarily the opinions of D.A.T.A. Inc.

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