

FAAV Newsletter

The Friedreich's Ataxia Association of Victoria Incorporated (FAAV) is a not-for-profit charitable organization.

FAAV's principal purpose is to enhance the quality of life for people that suffer from the neurological, degenerative disease Friedreich's Ataxia.

This Edition

- Grants
- Social Interaction
- Fundraising

On The Agenda

- Golf Day
- FA Family Day (August)
- Annual General Meeting (October)

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2011-12 has been an active year for FAAV, and we continue to build our pipeline of fund raising events and community activities for the benefit of sufferers of FA.

For those interested, it is important to keep us informed of your contact details to enable us to keep in touch. Your feedback is also appreciated. In coming editions we will seek to keep you informed on research developments, support services and activities.

On behalf of the FAAV committee and sufferers of FA in Victoria we wish to pass on our sincere gratitude to all of our supporters. We look forward to keeping in touch.

GRANTS

In December 2011, **FAAV** donated **\$20,000** to FARA (Australasia) to support the funding of a dedicated Friedreich Ataxia stem cell laboratory at the Centre for Neuroscience, University of Melbourne.

Under Doctors Mirella Dottori and Alice Pebay, FARA(A) is funding world leading research into the development of cellular models of FA to correct the inherited mutations found in the frataxin gene locus of FA patients.

These studies have the long term aim of differentiating to specific cell types affected in FA, such as nerve, brain and heart cells, to be used for cell transplantation to restore function in patients. (www.fara.org.au/)

SOCIAL INTERACTION

Sailing at Lysterfield Lake

On Sunday 1st April 2012, FAAV hosted a sailing day and sausage sizzle at Lysterfield Lake Park for sufferers of FA and their families.

As the sailing is 100% accessible, all those with FA were able to experience the fun and freedom of sailing. Everyone also got to relax and enjoy a social BBQ. A great time was had by all, and we're keen to make it a regular FAAV event!



Friedreich Ataxia (FA) is a genetic neurological degenerative condition. Over time, FA gradually affects a person's co-ordination, mobility, speech and heart function. FA is currently a life shortening condition.

FUNDRAISING

The Inaugural Trivia Night

FAAV held it's inaugural Trivia Night on April 28th 2012 at the Matthew Flinders Hotel in Chadstone. The event was fiercely contested by over 150 participants with fundraising surpassing our expectations.

With the victors keen to defend their title we look forward to making the FAAV Trivia Night a yearly event. We thank you for your support.



A Special thank you to all our event donors

- Linde Australia
- Etihad Stadium (*Docklands*)
- Eureka Skydeck 88 (*Riverside Quay Southbank*)
- Smiggle Stationery
- Penguin Group
- The Ivy Restaurant (*Olinda*)
- Cameo Cinemas (*Belgrave*)
- Hogs Breath Café Knox (*Knox Ozone Shoppingcentre*)
- Belinda Jane's Houseware, Gifts & Collectables (*Ashburton*)
- Tranquility Plus (*Ashburton*)
- Envogue Hair Design (*Bentleigh*)
- YMCA Ashburton Pool and Rec Centre (*Ashburton*)
- Ashburton Tatts & Stationery (*Ashburton*)
- Vintage Cellars (*Ashburton*)
- Jazzmatazz (*Mountain Gate Shopping Centre, Ferntree Gully*)
- Mill Park Chiropractic, Dr Kynan Dawes (*Mill Park*)
- David McLean
- David Cannon, Leanne Skinner & Mat Hobson



February 10-11 2012

start anytime over the 2 days

Sprint, jog or walk around the famous Tan and receive your Official Time



Go The Tan

FAAV are proud supporters of 'Go The Tan' - Melbourne's official Annual Tan time trial. This event is conducted by FARA (Australasia) whose sole purpose is to fund research to find a cure for Friedreich Ataxia (FA). We wish to thank all the friends and family of **FAAV** who participated in the event and made donations. This is a fun event and we look forward to your support again next year.



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