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## December 2023 Update

Welcome to the latest newsletter offered by your Committee.

### **Christmas Closure**

Geelong Ostomy (GO) will close from 12:00 noon on 22 December 2023 and will not reopen until 09:30 on 3 January 2024.

### **January Orders**

For those members who will be submitting a January order; those orders for routine collection close on 13 December 2023.

Collection of routine January orders will be available from 10 January 2024.

### **Postal Charges Update**

The Australian Council of Stoma Associations have been involved in a protracted negotiation with Australia Post for a new Parcel Post contract. Some of the changes were foreshadowed during the negotiations and a 3 Kg postal charge was recently implemented at GO.

The new contract with Australia Post introduces new charges for parcels from 5 Kg upwards using a loading based on the mass of the parcel. The following table details the new changes to the postal charges at GO from 1 December 2023.

<b>Parcel Mass (Kg)</b>	<b>Charge Prior 1 Dec 2023</b>	<b>Charge from 1 Dec 2023</b>
Up to 3 Kg	\$15.00	\$15.00
3 Kg to 5 Kg	\$22	\$22
5 Kg to 8 Kg	\$22	\$27
8 Kg to 10 Kg	\$22	\$35
Greater than 10 Kg	\$22	\$40

The majority of members will see little change to their current postal charges. Members who submit orders with increased quantities will now have their postal charges based on the mass of the parcel determined at dispatch.

We thank you for your continued patience during these changes.

## **Raffle**

GO is proud to announce that we now have two paintings as prizes by well-known local artist Faye Gordon. Faye is a Contemporary Impressionist artist which is described as a modern interpretation of the Classic French Impressionist style.

The two paintings are 750 x 600 mm and 600 x 500 mm respectively and are shown below.



## **Raffle Prizes**

- First Prize: 750 x 600 mm painting of water lilies valued at \$450.
- Second Prize: 600 x 500 mm painting of roses valued at \$400.
- Third Prize 12 month electronic subscription to the Geelong Advertiser valued in excess of \$200.

The remaining seven (7) prizes will be hampers comprised of a variety of food, wine and other items.

The generous donation of \$250 dollars of Dairy products from Fonterra to be included in the hampers is gratefully acknowledged.

Please return all unsold tickets, sold ticket stubs and any cash from ticket sales to GO before 15 December 2023.

Raffle prizes will be drawn at the GO Christmas Breakup BBQ, commencing at 12:00 noon on Wednesday 20 December at the GO premises at 6 Lewalan Street.

Minute steak, sausages, hamburgers, coleslaw and bread will be provided at the Breakup BBQ. It would be appreciated if Members attending could bring a plate to share.

RSVP to [contactus@geelongostomy.com.au](mailto:contactus@geelongostomy.com.au) before 15 December for catering purposes.

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Secretary