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Hello, and welcome to MSK News!

We've got a mixed bag of goodies for you in this issue! We take a look at <u>Raynaud's phenomenon</u>, a condition that affects the hands, especially in the cold. Speaking of hands, hand therapist Catherine shares her top <u>five tips for healthy hands</u>. And if you're looking for more reasons to laugh, we explore the <u>healing powers of a good giggle</u>.

Our fantastic volunteers, Kitty and Lauren, have provided some <u>tasty treats</u> for you to whip up this week - <u>matcha tofu pudding</u> and <u>ginger soy salmon</u>. Yum! I know what I'll be cooking for the family this weekend!

Finally, next week (5-11 September) is <u>Women's Health Week</u>. The theme '*It's all about you*' is a call to action for busy women to make time to look after their health and wellbeing. So if you've been putting off a health appointment, taking time to be active, or even just finding some space in your day to chill, make it a priority. And remember, if you need info or support about your musculoskeletal condition, contact our <u>Help Line</u> or visit our <u>website</u>. You can also get general information about women's health from our friends at Jean Hailes.

Stay safe, stay well, and have a wonderful week.

Rob Anderson, CEO

#### There's still time

Don't miss our free online lecture *Working Wise* on 7 September. Our presenters will provide tips, strategies, and resources to



help you manage your symptoms, stay at work, change jobs, understand your rights and more.



# Raynaud's phenomenon

Apart from having a really cool name - *it*'s *a phenomenon, for goodness sake!* - what is Raynaud's? We look at this common condition, how it affects people and how it's treated.



## Five tips for healthy hands

As an Accredited Hand Therapist, Catherine is often asked about the things people can do to look after their hands. <u>She shares her top tips.</u>



## No kidding!

When the poet Lord Byron said, 'Always laugh when you can. It is cheap medicine'; he was on to something. Laughter really can help you deal with your pain better. Find out how.



### **COVID** antivirals

What's the deal with COVID antivirals? How do they work, and who can access them? Learn the answers to these questions and more at The Health Issues Centre's <u>free online forums</u>.



## A unique gift for Father's Day

Make Dad feel special this Father's Day with a Peninsula Hot Springs gift certificate. There are loads to choose from, and they're valid for 3 years. You can use them at Peninsula Hot Springs and their sister springs, Metung Hot Springs, opening soon. Peninsula Hot Springs are proud charity partners of Musculoskeletal Australia.



## Buy one ticket - win two cars!

How would you like to win a \$250,000 electric duo, including a BMW iX xDrive 40, a MINI Cooper SE Hatch AND \$32,263 in cashable gold bullion? For just \$10 a ticket, all this and hundreds of other great prizes could be yours. Raffle closes 15 September, so hurry to get your ticket today.



### Lauren's ginger soy salmon

This <u>simple and healthy dish</u> is high in omega-3 fatty acids and other good stuff. But it's the combination of flavours that'll really make this dish a family favourite.



from finely ground green tea leaves. You'll love the smooth, sweet and healthy combination of ingredients in this simple but tasty pudding.



#### Advertise with us

Looking to reach people with arthritis and other musculoskeletal conditions? <u>Get in touch with us</u> to discuss the many advertising options we can offer.

## **Dragon Claw**

Our friends at Dragon Claw provide information for people with RA, lupus, JIA and their carers. Check out their latest newsletter.

## **Recruiting now!**

The following research trials are currently looking for participants.

#### Do you have knee pain and/or knee osteoarthritis?

La Trobe University is investigating ways to improve knee pain, function and quality of life through food. For more info and to register, visit <a href="http://semrc.blogs.latrobe.edu.au/feast-study/">http://semrc.blogs.latrobe.edu.au/feast-study/</a>.

## Do you have chronic pain?

Researchers from The University of Queensland are looking for people to participate in a short online survey to understand the thoughts and feelings that might influence pain management. Fore more info or to get started, go to https://redcap.link/UQpainsurvey.

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